

BOLIVIA'S AVIAN RICHES (Kania group)

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The Bolivian Andes is a big and magnificent place, and a place that one could bird for years and still find new wonders. Well, we had 14 days—5 fewer than our normal Bolivian Andes tour—and I don't think we could have done much better with respect to the birds and just sheer delight of traveling through some of the most beautiful highland country that South America has to offer. Denis and I tailored this trip to fit the time-constraint needs of our private group that was full of long-time (and new) friends in need of a shorter trip. It worked wonderfully, and we connected with most of the target birds so special to Bolivia, as well as many of the more widespread species that make South America the true 'bird continent'. Sure, there were a few misses—not at all surprising considering the shortened tour—but we made the best of our time here, seeing more than I had even expected!

We didn't waste any time when we hit the ground running and had a phenomenal start right at the Santa Cruz airport on our first morning during our first look around with a family group of Greater Rheas, Red-winged Tinamou, and a pair of Red-legged Seriemas—all three of which were missed on my previous Bolivia tour! I think this an experience that none of us will ever forget. We covered a lot of ground on this tour, birding the flat semi-deciduous lowlands around Santa Cruz, the rain-shadow valleys around Tambo and Comarapa, the humid Chapare and dry high-elevation habitats to be found out of Cochabamba, the high altiplano plain of Oruro, the gorgeous slopes of the Yungas out of La Paz, and of course, Lake Titicaca...and the various ecotonal zones in between!

The list of highlights is a long one, and certainly somewhat personal, but I'll do my best to try and point out what I consider to be the birds that made our trip extra special—aside from the above-mentioned goodies—whether rare, range-restricted, or just visually pleasing...so here they are: perfect views of the Ornate Tinamou that we weren't about to let get away, flightless Short-winged Grebes on Lake Titicaca, thousands of flamingos on Lake Uru-uru, a male Ringed Teal apparently way out of range, super looks at a couple of Cinereous Harriers, beautiful perched Aplomado Falcons along the roadside, close Plumbeous Rails, Giant Coot on their traditional nesting grounds, Andean Avocet, both Rufous-bellied and Gray-breasted seedsnipes under perfect conditions, the successful Golden-spotted Ground-Dove hunt, Mountain Parakeet in gorgeous morning light, many bizarre Guira Cuckoos, the endemic Black-hooded Sunbeam, Blue-capped Puffleg, great views of calling White-eared Puffbirds, a sneaky but cooperative Black-streaked Puffbird, knee-buckling studies of several Hooded Mountain-Toucans, White and White-fronted woodpeckers, a last minute Rufous-banded Miner, the singing Bolivian Earthcreeper, Tawny Tit-Spinetail, the White-lored Spinetail right overhead, both races of Light-crowned Spinetail, the extremely local Berlepsch's Canastero, a pair of responsive Iquico (Maquis) Canasteros, Bolivian Slaty-Antshrike, Yellow-rumped Antwren a couple of times in the huge Chapare mixed flock, crippling views of Bolivian Antpitta, Slaty Gnateater, a male of the recently described Diademed Tapaculo, White-tipped Plantcutter, the vivid Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher, Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant, Spectacled Tyrant for the first time on this tour, Plush-crested Jay, Orange-browed Hemispingus in our faces, Black-goggled Tanager, Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager, a Short-tailed Finch stalking the high puna boulder fields, Bolivian Warbling-Finch, Cochabamba Mountain-Finch, Citron-headed Yellow-Finch, Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch, Rufous-bellied Saltator, and

Bolivian Blackbird.

And it wasn't just the birds and scenery that made the trip a smashing one, but also some interesting mammals as well, such as the pair of Mountain Viscachas perched up on a tall cliff face and the elegant Vicuñas wandering the barren altiplano. What made the birding even more enjoyable was the almost constant laughter and supreme companionship, and I can't wait to get into the field with all of you again in the near future...Pantanal anybody?

List total: 461 bird taxa and 6 mammal taxa

*If marked to left of list, * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic*

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Rheidae

GREATER RHEA (*Rhea americana araneipes*)

It's not every trip that the group hops off the plane and encounters a family of five Greater Rheas casually strolling along an airport side road! Certainly an auspicious beginning.

Tinamidae

* BROWN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus obsoletus punensis*)

Heard only in the Cerro Siberia and Chapare.

* UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus undulatus*)

A common voice in riparian areas around Santa Cruz.

* SMALL-BILLED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus parvirostris*)

Heard at Lomas de Arena.

* TATAUPA TINAMOU (*Crypturellus tataupa tataupa*)

Heard calling close-by during our morning birding near Tambo.

RED-WINGED TINAMOU (*Rhynchotus rufescens rufescens*)

Great views of a flying bird right at the airport after the group's arrival into Santa Cruz. Yet another superb way to start the trip.

ORNATE TINAMOU (*Nothoprocta ornata ornata*)

Sometimes, ya gotta just do it! Running after tinamous is probably not the textbook way to see them, but this time it sure worked for us, and he was just about to slip away behind the thick bunch grass... anything for you guys. Although we did have some good views from the bus, the final views of it between me and the group were sensational and worth all of the effort.

ANDEAN TINAMOU (*Nothoprocta pentlandii pentlandii*)

Some folks got on the one that was in a direct path with the left front well of the bus before it flushed off of the roadside in the arid zone of Cerro Siberia. We also heard them a few times in the same area.

* DARWIN'S NOTHURA (*Nothura darwinii agassizii*)

Particularly tough this trip and heard only.

Podicipedidae

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

Common in the Santa Cruz lowlands.

WHITE-TUFTED GREBE (*Rollandia rolland chilensis*)

Some nice studies of this handsome grebe at Lakes Uru-uru and Titicaca.

SHORT-WINGED GREBE (*Rollandia microptera*)

After some searching the perimeters of Titicaca, we scored with a couple of birds at close-range through the scope. This flightless grebe is endemic to Titicaca and a couple of smaller lakes nearby.

SILVERY GREBE (*Podiceps occipitalis juninensis*)

Excellent views at the small lake at La Cumbre.

Phalacrocoracidae

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasiliensis olivaceus*)

Seen in the lowlands at Lomas de Arena and at Lake Alalay in Cochabamba.

Ardeidae

WHISTLING HERON (*Syrrhax sibilatrix sibilatrix*)

Right at the airport for some nice views.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

The neotropical answer to the Great Blue Heron. We had them well at Lomas de Arena.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba egretta*)

The three "J's" - Joe, Jack, and Jon - had one on our second day at Lomas, but we all caught up with it on our Titicaca day.

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula thula*)

A few in the lowlands and highlands.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

Denis had one on our first day; also at Lake Titicaca for all.

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata striata*)

A few seen with even a couple of fly-bys along the lower Tunal road.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*)

First seen at the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens and then again at some of the highland lakes where they are common.

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum marmoratum*)

Very nice scope views at an adult at the Botanical Gardens.

Ciconiidae

MAGUARI STORK (*Ciconia maguari*)

Our first sightings were of a group soaring over at the Botanical Gardens, and then again at Lomas de Arena. This species has apparently not been recorded on our previous Bolivia trips, but I am starting to see them with some regularity.

Threskiornithidae

WHITE-FACED IBIS (*Plegadis chihi*)

Lake Uru-uru.

PUNA IBIS (*Plegadis ridgwayi*)

A common and stocky ibis of the Andean highlands where we had them on many occasions for some nice studies.

Phoenicopteridae

CHILEAN FLAMINGO (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*)

By the thousands at Lake Uru-uru.

ANDEAN FLAMINGO (*Phoenicopterus andinus*)

Only a few birds mixed in with the Chilean Flamingos at Lake Uru-uru, but the scope views we had were beautiful, especially when the afternoon light hit them just right.

Anatidae

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

Common on Lake Alalay

ANDEAN GOOSE (*Chloephaga melanoptera*)

Our first ones came as distant birds through the scope at Lake Uru-uru, but we had smashing views of a pair with 7 chicks up at the lake at La Cumbre, out of La Paz.

RINGED TEAL (*Callonetta leucophrys*)

Probably the biggest surprise of the trip, especially this far out of range - remember that this is supposed to be a lowland duck of swampy forest! We had nice views of a male through the scope at Lake Alalay.

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis ipecutiri*)

Perched and flying birds at the lake at Lomas de Arena.

SPECKLED (SHARP-WINGED) TEAL (*Anas flavirostris oxyptera*)

It took some searching to find them, but once we did, we had plenty of them!

CRESTED DUCK (*Anas specularioides alticola*)

A strange looking duck with the yellow eye and odd head shape.

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

Superficially similar to the Speckled Teal, but more slender in shape and with a light cinnamon-brown cast to the plumage.

WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL (*Anas bahamensis rubrirostris*)

A few groups at Lomas and at Lake Alalay.

PUNA TEAL (*Anas puna*)

Common on highland lakes.

CINNAMON TEAL (*Anas cyanoptera orinomus*)

A few on highland lakes.

RED SHOVELER (*Anas platalea*)

This species has not traditionally been a regular to hope for on this tour in the past, but (at least) a pair has been hanging around on Lake Alalay on our last couple of trips. A handsome duck indeed!

ANDEAN DUCK (*Oxyura ferruginea*)

A relative of the Ruddy Duck, and considered conspecific by some authorities.

Cathartidae

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura ruficollis*)

ANDEAN CONDOR (*Vultur gryphus*)

Some spectacular views of this Andean classic!

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

Seen soaring over near Samaipata when the thermals heated up enough to get some raptor activity.

Accipitridae

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus leucurus*)

Lomas de Arena.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*)

Seen in huge numbers as they were presumably migrating in a northerly direction in the Santa Cruz and Comarapa areas. I had never witnessed this phenomenon previously on my other trips since I hadn't been in Bolivia this time of the year. Apparently the southern populations are migratory and are regularly seen in large congregations of up to 600 birds!

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

A few seen soaring over us at the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens on our first day.

CINEREOUS HARRIER (*Circus cinereus*)

Some of the best looks I've ever had at this sometimes hard-to-find raptor thanks to Renee and Joe.

PLAIN-BREASTED HAWK (*Accipiter ventralis*)

Seen briefly flying by on our drive from Comarapa to Cochabamba. This species was once lumped with the Sharp-shinned Hawk.

HARRIS' HAWK (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)

Fairly common in drier zones of the lowlands and highlands.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris saturatus*)

The birds in this part of this species' range are more of chocolate color, rather than the grayer birds found further north.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus brachyurus*)

A soaring bird seen near Samaipata.

WHITE-THROATED HAWK (*Buteo albiguila*)

Seen along the drive from Comarapa to Cochabamba. Apparently this hawk is migratory and disperses northward after the austral breeding season.

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albicaudatus albicaudatus*)

Seen on our first two days in the Santa Cruz area. It was nice to scope that pair that perched for us at Lomas de Arena.

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*)

The fairly common highland Buteo of the puna zone.

Falconidae

MOUNTAIN CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*)

A gorgeous and strikingly patterned caracara of the highlands in both high elevation humid forest and barren habitats.

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

Split from birds of northern South America and further north mainly due to some differences in their plumage patterns - this one being more boldly and extensively barred than the Northern Caracara.

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima chimachima*)

Seen at Lomas de Arena.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius aequatorialis*)

Common in drier habitats of the lowlands and highlands.

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*)

Our first wasn't all that satisfying as we drove into Cochabamba for the first time, even though we noted its distinctive long-winged and slender shape. Later on though we caught up with them for incredible views, such as the pair that we braked for near Oruro that calmly perched or us right along the roadside.

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus cassini*)

One swooped in for good flight views at Cerro Tunari up near the high puna crest.

Cracidae

ANDEAN GUAN (*Penelope montagnii sclateri*)

First seen briefly when a few scurried across the road at Cerro Siberia, but some caught up with them later on in the Chapare for better looks.

Aramidae

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna guarauna*)

Seen well at Lomas de Arena and then again along the Tunal road near Comarapa where it seemed to have been hanging around a watering hole.

Rallidae

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajanea cajanea*)

One came out onto the road as we made our way to the Samaipata Trail on our way out of Santa Cruz.

* ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Porzana albicollis albicollis*)

We heard them but they were just in too thick to hope to get them in for a view.

PLUMBEOUS RAIL (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus tschudii*)

Phenominal views of a responsive pair at Lake Alalay.

COMMON MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus garmani*)

ANDEAN (SLATE-COLORED) COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca ardesiaca*)

The most common coot in the highlands, such as at Lakes Alalay, Uru-uru, and Titicaca.

GIANT COOT (*Fulica gigantea*)

Wonderful studies of this monster on its breeding grounds on an isolated lake above Titicaca.

Cariamidae

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*)

We were certainly lucky to have nailed this one early on - or even at all - on our first round of birding after the group's arrival when we spotted a pair distantly feeding out near the main highway from the airport grounds. That evening chorus of them on the following afternoon was also a nice treat along the Camiri rd.

Jacanidae

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Common in the Santa Cruz lowlands and Denis even spotted one in the highlands in Cochabamba where they are unusual.

Recurvirostridae

WHITE-BACKED STILT (*Himantopus melanurus*)

A common waterbird of highland and lowland lakes.

ANDEAN AVOCET (*Recurvirostra andina*)

Smashing views of the beauty on the highland lakes out of Cochabamba, Oruro, and La Paz.

Charadriidae

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis lampronotus*)

Seen first right at the airport parking lot in Santa Cruz.

ANDEAN LAPWING (*Vanellus resplendens*)

First spotted for good views out on the altiplano flats near Oruro.

PUNA PLOVER (*Charadrius alticola*)

Fairly common at Lake Uru-uru this year.

Scolopacidae

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularia*)
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER (*Calidris bairdii*)
PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)
STILT SANDPIPER (*Calidris himantopus*)
WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*)

Thinocoridae

RUFOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE (*Attagis gayi simonsi*)

Great spotting Renee! We had awesome views of them feeding out on the brain coral-like composite growth at La Cumbre on a spectacularly clear morning.

GRAY-BREASTED SEEDSNIPE (*Thinocorus orbignyianus ingae*)

The smaller cousin of the previous species, and one that also gave us crippling views up at La Cumbre when we found a small family group quietly foraging about. It was a good thing that we chose the day we did to bird La Cumbre since the rest of the days were soggy and fogged in, leaving us with almost no visibility at the top... whew!

Laridae

ANDEAN GULL (*Larus serranus*)

The common highland and resident gull.

Columbidae

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

Seen every... single... day...

SPOT-WINGED PIGEON (*Patagioenas maculosa albipennis*)

Seen well north of Oruro and on the north shore of Lake Titicaca.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*)

Seen a few times, such as in the Cerro Siberia, Cerro Tunari, and Chapare, but certainly less common than on my previous trips.

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis sylvestris*)

Seen on our first day at the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea pallidescens*)

Seen along our lower Chapare side road.

* RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea bogotensis*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata virgata*)

The most widespread and common dove of the trip.

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti talpacoti*)

Common in the Santa Cruz area.

PICUI GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina picui picui*)

Most common around Santa Cruz and in the drier hills further west, such as around Comarapa and Tambo.

BARE-FACED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia ceciliae zimmeri*)

We encountered this handsome little dove on numerous occasions for nice looks.

BLACK-WINGED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia melanoptera melanoptera*)

Seen well at Cerro Tunari and in the Lake Titicaca region.

GOLDEN-SPOTTED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia aymara*)

We had to sweep some large expanses of altiplano grasslands before we were rewarded with good looks at this snazzy little ground-dove north of Oruro.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi decipiens*)

Fairly common in the Santa Cruz and Samaipata regions.

Psittacidae

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Aratinga acuticaudata neumanni*)

The highland form of this species which we saw around Comarapa and Tambo.

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Aratinga acuticaudata acuticaudata*)

The common parakeet this trip around Santa Cruz.

MITRED PARAKEET (*Aratinga mitrata mitrata*)

Seen at the Samaipata Trail.

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalmus leucophthalmus*)

A few groups seen flying over at Lomas de Arena.

GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura molinae molinae*)

Seen first by some very well along the Samaipata Trail and then again commonly in the lower Chapare.

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola*)

A loud group came screaming over in the Cerro Siberia area on our first morning there, but as usual, they were too high and fast to see any key marks.

GRAY-HOODED PARAKEET (*Psilopsiagon aymara*)

Denis spotted our first ones when they flew in and perched in an agricultural field on some drier slopes of Cerro Siberia. Later on we had a number of encounters with them for repeated good looks.

MOUNTAIN PARAKEET (*Psilopsiagon aurifrons margaritae*)

Superb views of this tiny altiplano parakeet north of Oruro when found a few perched on some vertical bluffs for scope views.

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET (*Forpus xanthopterygius flavescens*)

Common in and around Santa Cruz.

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri behni*)

Also common in the Santa Cruz area.

BLACK-WINGED PARROT (*Hapalopsittaca melanotos melanotos*)

We never got them perched, but we did have them scream by a couple of times for glimpses.

RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*)

Chapare.

SCALY-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus maximiliani siy*)

Seen fairly well along the Samaipata Trail.

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (*Pionus tumultuosus tumultuosus*)

Seen best in the Yungas. Some authors split this southern form out and call it the Plum-crowned Parrot.

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria mercenaria*)

Some large groups of this one around Tambo, and a few in the Cerro Siberia.

Cuculidae

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*)

Not a commonly seen bird in Bolivia, but had nice scope studies of a bird perched in a bush on the drier slopes of the Cerro Siberia.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*)

A few migrating birds seen in the Santa Cruz area.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

Most common around Santa Cruz.

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

A bird seen in the dry valley near Comarapa was bit of a surprise, but I guess they are prone to wander since I have even seen them in the high and humid temperate zone in Ecuador well away from their normal lowland habitats.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Common in the Santa Cruz area.

GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*)

A bizarre cuckoo species that is found in a large range in southern-central South America, and we enjoyed many nice studies of it during our stay in the Santa Cruz area where we observed their interesting behavior and heard their strange calls.

Tytonidae

* BARN OWL (*Tyto alba tuidara*)

Strigidae

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*)

Common around Santa Cruz and La Paz.

Apodidae

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*)

*Upper Chapare. It is interesting to note that species was once placed in the genus *Cypseloides*, but was changed over to *Streptoprocne* due to nest study comparisons.*

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura brachyura*)

Right over our hotel on the first afternoon of birding in Santa Cruz.

ASHY-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura andrei andrei*)

Also seen over our hotel on the first afternoon with the previous species.

WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT (*Aeronautes montivagus montivagus*)

I think I was the only one to get on this species on our drive between Comarapa and Cochabamba.

ANDEAN SWIFT (*Aeronautes andecolus andecolus*)

Some magnificent views of veryclose soaring birds that whizzed by at eye-level in the dry highlands out of Cochabamba.

Trochilidae

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris bolivianus*)

Seen briefly by some folks in the Chapare when one came in and buzzed us.

PLANALTO HERMIT (*Phaethornis pretrei*)

Samaipata area.

* GREEN VIOLET-EAR (*Colibri thalassinus crissalis*)

SPARKLING VIOLET-EAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)

Fairly common in the Cochabamba region, such as around Cerro Tunari where there seemed to be an explosion of flowering shrubs.

GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris aureoventris*)

This beautiful hummer was common in the dry scrub and desert habitats in the Comarapa and Tambo areas.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata boliviana*)

Seen along the Samaipata Trail.

WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus chionogaster hypoleucus*)

A relatively dull hummingbird that we saw well around Tambo along the Tunal rd. and near Cochabamba.

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys inornata*)

A common hummer of shrubby undergrowth in humid highland areas, such as Cerro Siberia and the Chapare.

BLACK-HOODED SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis pamela*)

A tough one this trip, but luckily one of my regular spots was good for them, even if somewhat fleetingly for some.

ANDEAN HILLSTAR (*Oreotrochilus estella estella*)

The form we saw out on the altiplano around Oruro.

ANDEAN HILLSTAR (*Oreotrochilus estella bolivianus*)

Fairly common on Cerro Tunari.

GOULD'S INCA (*Coeligena inca*)

Very nice close-encounters with this beauty in the upper Chapare. This species was once considered conspecific with the Collared Inca, but that rufous chest patch really makes it a distinctive looking bird.

VIOLET-THROATED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena violifer violifer*)

Many nice studies in the humid temperate forests in the Cerro Siberia, Chapare, and Yungas.

SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*)

My first in Bolivia, and we had good looks in the upper Chapare.

GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus peruvianus*)

Scope views in the high temperate forests of the upper Chapare.

GIANT HUMMINGBIRD (*Patagona gigas gigas*)

We certainly had a rash of this largest of hummers at Cerro Tunari with the explosion of flowering bushes!

AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus amethysticollis amethysticollis*)

Common in the Yungas.

BLUE-CAPPED PUFFLEG (Eriocnemis glaucopoides)

We finally tracked down this little gem in the upper Chapare when we ambushed them at their preferred fuchsia flowers.

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (Ocreatus underwoodii addae)

Seen in the lower Chapare.

GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER (Lesbia nuna nuna)

Tom had a look at one near the end of the trip in the Yungas.

RED-TAILED COMET (Sappho sparganura sparganura)

A real stunner and common bird in the Cerro Siberia.

TYRIAN METALTAIL (Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis)

The violet-tailed southern race.

SCALED METALTAIL (Metallura aeneocauda malagae)

This race, of the C. Bolivian Yungas (Cochabamba), has a longer bill and bronzy-red tail. We saw it on one day in the upper Chapare.

BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL (Chalcostigma stanleyi)

We had to write this one in since it is mostly an uncommon bird on this route - we were hopping for the more range-restricted Olivaceous Thornbill around Pongo, but got this one instead... not too bad a trade though!

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (Aglaiaocercus kingi smaragdinus)

Common in the Chapare.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (Chaetocercus mulsant)

Seen in Cerro Siberia and the lower stretches of the Yungas that we birded.

Trogonidae

* **COLLARED TROGON (Trogon collaris collaris)**

MASKED TROGON (Trogon personatus submontanus)

Seen on one day when we birded the lower Chapare area.

Galbulidae

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (Galbulia ruficauda)

Very nice looks of a bird on our first afternoon at the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

Bucconidae

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (Nystalus chacuru)

We had to dig a little to get this, but were finally successful when we ventured into a side road south of Santa Cruz and found a few calling birds for outstanding views.

SPOT-BACKED PUFFBIRD (Nystalus maculatus)

Incredible looks at a pair at Lomas de Arena in a scrub forest patch, and then again between Santa Cruz and Comarapa.

BLACK-STREAKED PUFFBIRD (Malacoptila fulvogularis)

A more forest-based (and sneaky!) puffbird which we all finally saw well along the Samaipata Trail.

Capitonidae

VERSICOLORED BARBET (Eubucco versicolor)

Not everybody got on this one in the fast-moving mixed flock in the Chapare, but those that did saw it well. Surprisingly scarce this trip.

Ramphastidae

BLUE-BANDED TOUCANET (Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctus)

Denis and Joe got on one first in the upper Chapare, and then Joe spotted one for most in the huge flock in the lower Chapare.

CHESTNUT-EARED ARAÁARI (Pteroglossus castanotis)

Lomas de Arena.

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (Andigena cucullata)

A range-restricted mountain-toucan of the Yungas. We had mind-blowing views of a few at very close range right in the town of Chusipata. Certainly one of the highlight birds of the trip.

Picidae

OCELLATED PICULET (*Picumnus dorbygnianus dorbygnianus*)

We called in a pair along the Tunal rd.

WHITE-WEDGED PICULET (*Picumnus albosquamatus albosquamatus*)

Fairly common in the Santa Cruz lowlands. We had our first looks at a responsive bird at the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

WHITE WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes candidus*)

I missed this one on my last trip to Bolivia, but we had close calling birds feeding at a fruiting tree at Lomas de Arena... spectacular!

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

Fairly common around Santa Cruz.

WHITE-FRONTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cactorum*)

Also known as the Cactus Woodpecker, this species is almost always found perching on tall columnar cactus in the dry central valleys, such as around Tambo and Comarapa.

STRIPED WOODPECKER (*Picoides lignarius*)

Fairly common in the dry desert scrub around Tambo.

BAR-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis nigriceps nigriceps*)

Joe spotted our only one on the last day of the trip on the Yungas.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

Seen at Claudio's hacienda during our very enjoyable and tasty lunch there on the outskirts of Santa Cruz.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Piculus rubiginosus canipileus*)

Lower Chapare in our large flock.

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Piculus rivolii atriceps*)

Joh spotted our only one of the trip in the upper Chapare.

GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros melanochloros*)

Another one that I haven't had the best of luck with on previous trips, but we had a very responsive and visible one in the same tree with the White Woodpeckers.

GOLDEN-BREASTED (GREEN-BARRED) WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanolaimus*)

Some consider this species conspecific with the previous one but the two are so different visually, vocally, and ecologically, that the split certainly seems valid. We had good looks at this handsome woodpecker at Cerro Tunari in the polylepis woodlands.

ANDEAN FLICKER (*Colaptes rupicola rupicola*)

Jack had the first one on our drive from Comarapa to Cochabamba, but later on we all had super views of this flashy flicker out on the high open puna grasslands on a few occasions.

CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris campestris*)

Great looks at this beauty in the Santa Cruz lowlands.

* LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*)

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucus melanoleucus*)

We tracked down a drumming bird at Lomas de Arena.

Furnariidae

COMMON MINER (*Geositta cunicularia titicacae*)

As its name implies, this is the most common and wide-spread of the miners on this trip. We had fine studies of this one in the Oruro altiplano and near Lake Titicaca.

PUNA MINER (*Geositta punensis*)

Prefers the most desert-like and barren habitats of the altiplano, where it tends to outnumber the previous species in some areas. We found them right at their regular spot at the "Oruro golf course" just north of town where they stalk about on the "greens".

RUFOUS-BANDED MINER (*Geositta rufipennis fasciata*)

We finally managed excellent looks at a couple of birds - after much searching - right along the steep rocky cliff faces just before we headed out of their habitat. We were lucky to have spotted that one bird walking right along the roadside, jump out of the bus, and then call it in for a big score!

SLENDER-BILLED MINER (*Geositta tenuirostris*)

With this one, we made a clean sweep of the possible miners on this trip when we called one in from a long distance right at La Cumbre one cold afternoon on our way back into La Paz.

PLAIN-BREASTED EARTHREEPER (*Upucerthia jelskii pallida*)

Very nice studies of this high puna earthcreeper at Cerro Tunari.

STRAIGHT-BILLED EARTHREEPER (*Upucerthia ruficauda*)

A responsive bird in the polylepis forests of Cerro Tunari. According to Dave Stejskal, the birds here sound very different from the ones he is used to hearing in Argentina.

ROCK EARTHREEPER (*Upucerthia andaecola*)

The most common earthcreeper on our route, and one had many nice views of as they sang and foraged about.

BOLIVIAN EARTHREEPER (*Ochetorhynchus harterti*)

The Bolivian endemic earthcreeper that is found in the dry scrubby forests of the intermontane valleys west of Santa Cruz. We finally had luck calling one in for superb views along the entrance to the Tunal rd. after much searching.

BAR-WINGED CINCOLODES (*Cinclodes fuscus albiventris*)

Common in the high puna. Note that the birds here have a white wingbar and may be one day split from other races.

RUFOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus commersoni*)

Abundant in dry areas around Santa Cruz and Cochabamba.

PLAIN-MANTLED TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura aegithaloides berlepschi*)

We had good luck calling in a pair of the race berlepschi for nice views as they fed about in the scrubby growth along the edges of Lake Uru-uru. This species complex is currently comprised of a few very different and allopatric forms that are likely to be split in the future.

BROWN-CAPPED TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura fuliginiceps fuliginiceps*)

Common in scrubby Polylepis woodlands of the highlands around Cochabamba.

TAWNY TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura yanacensis*)

There rarer relative of the previous species that we tracked down in the dry shrub-ladden valleys west of Cochabamba when we successfully called in a pair for quality views. We had spent a lot of time searching for this, so it was nice to finally nail it on one of our last opportunities.

WREN-LIKE RUSHBIRD (*Phleocryptes melanops schoenobaenus*)

A common and loud skulker of the rush beds on highland lakes. We had great looks at a responsive bird at Lake Alalay.

CHOTOY SPINETAIL (*Schoeniophylax phryganophila*)

Seen right around the corner from our hotel in Santa Cruz, of all places, in a vacant lot. This is a beautiful spinetail that has a comical and very recognizable call.

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae carabaya*)

The form of the Yungas out of La Paz.

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae azarae*)

The nominate form of the Chapare.

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae superciliosa*)

Sometimes split out as the "Buff-browed Spinetail". In Bolivia this form is restricted to the southern-most Andean slopes, such as Cerro Siberia. We had knock-out encounters of a pair along our forest trail birding there.

SOOTY-FRONTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis frontalis fuscipennis*)

A very responsive pair was seen well right at the soon-to-be-extinct Tambo School.

WHITE-LORED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albilora*)

Once considered conspecific with the Plain-crowned Spinetail, this species seems to be a worthy split with its distinctive plumage, vocalizations, and habitat preferences. We had wonderful views of a responsive bird in the native deciduous/gallery forests of the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens when we called one into a tree right over our heads.

LIGHT-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca albiceps albiceps*)

The white-crowned form that we saw out of La Paz.

LIGHT-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca albiceps discolor*)

The orange-crowned form that forms an integral part of mixed flocks in the temperate forests out of Cochabamba.

STRIPE-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca pyrrhophia striaticeps*)

Common in the desert woodlands around Tambo and Comarapa.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*)

Beautiful looks at a pair that we called out of a small swamp at Lomas de Arena when they came to sit of a barbed-wire fence.

BLACK-THROATED THISTLETAIL (*Schizoeaca harterti harterti*)

Another Bolivian endemic. This northern race shows more rufous in the face, but has less black in the throat. We had good looks at one right near Chuspipata.

BLACK-THROATED THISTLETAIL (*Schizoeaca harterti bejaranoi*)

This race has the blacker throat. We saw it well in some temperate shrubbery in the Cerro Siberia.

CREAMY-BREASTED CANASTERO (*Asthenes dorbignyi*)

A common Canastero of drier habitats in the highlands. We had them a few times in the scrubby in Cochabamba and Oruro.

BERLEPSCH'S CANASTERO (*Asthenes berlepschi*)

Our group was game for the long drive into this species' very remote and tiny range northeast of Lake Titicaca. We had excellent scope views of a responsive pair almost immediately once we tried in the same spot as my previous tour. Note that this species is sometimes considered conspecific with the previous species, although they sound quite different.

IQUICO CANASTERO (*Asthenes heterura*)

A Bolivian endemic that has played hard-to-get on my last couple of tours, but we had tremendous luck and quality studies of a pair a few hours east of Cochabamba in the stunted Polylepis woodlands.

CORDILLERAN CANASTERO (*Asthenes modesta rostrata*)

Very nice views were had of this species in the highland grasslands in Cochabamba and Oruro.

STREAK-THROATED CANASTERO (*Asthenes humilis robusta*)

This one inhabits the boulder fields of humid, high, and jagged slopes. We had great looks at a very responsive bird near Pongo, out of La Paz.

PUNA CANASTERO (*Asthenes sclateri punensis*)

Seen along the drive from Cochabamba to Oruro.

SCRIBBLE-TAILED CANASTERO (*Asthenes maculicauda*)

A boldly-marked canastero species of humid grasslands that we saw well out of Cochabamba.

STREAK-FRONTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus striaticeps striaticeps*)

Common in the dry woodland around Tambo.

GREATER THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

A striking member of the genus that we saw right at the entrance of Lomas de Arena.

SPOT-BREASTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus maculipectus*)

This one always takes some work to dig out since it is much less common than the Streak-fronted, but occurs right next to it. We did finally manage some decent views of a responsive but skulking pair on the drier slopes of Cerro Siberia.

* SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens stictonotus*)

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger squamiger*)

The race here has much yellower spots than the birds further north in its range. This species is common throughout its range in temperate and subtropical flocks.

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

Seen along the Samaipata Trail and in the Chapare.

MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia striaticollis yungae*)

Seen in our large mixed flock in the lower Chapare.

STREAKED TUFTECHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii carabayae*)

Ne of the most beautiful furnariids in my opinion, and one we saw well a couple of times.

* STRIPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes holostictus moderatus*)

* BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata oleaginea*)

Dendrocolaptidae

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus viridis*)

Seen on our first afternoon when one was spotted hitching up a small tree at Botanical Gardens, and then again with a flock in the Chapare. This is a species to watch taxonomically since it is likely to be split several different ways, so keep careful track of where you have seen it!

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus lineatocephalus*)

Cerro Siberia and Chapare.

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)

Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

Also seen well in the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis bangsi*)

In the Chapare with a mixed flock.

NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris hellmayri*)

One of the most well-marked of the family, and a common bird in the Santa Cruz and Tambo areas.

SPOT-CROWNED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes affinis bolivianus*)

Fairly common with mixed flocks in Cerro Siberia and the Chapare. South American birds are sometimes split out as the Montane Woodcreeper.

Thamnophilidae

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus subradiatus*)

Great looks at the Botanical Gardens.

UPLAND ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aroyae*)

We were lucky enough just to locate them, but they were maddeningly hard to see, although Betsy and Renee had decent views; Chapare.

BOLIVIAN SLATY-ANTSHPRIKE (*Thamnophilus sticturus*)

Very nicely at the Botanical Gardens on our first afternoon.

VARIABLE ANTSHPRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens aspersiventer*)

This species certainly lives up to its name... VARIABLE!!! According to range descriptions in the Handbook of the Birds of the World, vol. 8, this was the subspecies that we were seeing out of Cochabamba, and it seems to fit the plumage description with the male being more boldly-marked black-and-white.

VARIABLE ANTSHPRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens dinellii*)

I am now convinced - after reading through the Handbook of the Birds of the World - that we were seeing this race in the dry valleys around Tambo and Comarapa, and not "connectens" as was previously thought.

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHPRIKE (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus cochabambae*)

We enjoyed nice views of this race in the dry Saipina valley one afternoon when we called in a male.

PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

Seen very well along the Samaipata Trail when we called in a responsive pair.

STRIPE-CHESTED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longicauda*)

Nice looks at a pair in the lower Chapare.

BLACK-CAPPED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus atricapillus*)

A last minute pair of this species was found in a canopy flock along the Samaipata Trail thanks to Denis' good spotting.

YELLOW-RUMPED ANTWREN (*Terenura sharpei*)

Most had decent views of this hard-to-find and range-restricted canopy antwren in the large mixed flock in the lower Chapare.

WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leuconota*)

A responsive pair was seen well in the native deciduous forests on the back side of the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

Formicariidae

* SHORT-TAILED ANTHRUSH (*Chamaea campanisona*)

* RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula occabambae*)

* RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula cochabambae*)

* RUFOUS-FACED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria erythrotis*)

We were close a few times, but just couldn't cajole one out for a view.

"BOLIVIAN" OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris boliviiana*)

Fabulous studies were had by all who decided to crawl into that deep dark hole in the lower Chapare when we called in a responsive, but very sneaky bird.

Conopophagidae

SLATY GNATEATER (*Conopophaga ardesiaca ardesiaca*)

Somewhat of a last minute bird along the Samaipata Trail when we lucked into a skulking pair on our way out!

Rhinocryptidae

OLIVE-CROWNED CRESCENT-CHEST (*Melanopareia maximiliani argentina*)

Incredible views of this gaudy little tapaculo relative on the dry slopes of the Cerro Siberia.

TRILLING TAPACULO (*Scytalopus parvirostris*)

Some had good looks on our first attempt in the Cerro Siberia, but we really nailed it when we called in a presumable pair in the upper Chapare.

BOLIVIAN TAPACULO (*Scytalopus bolivianus*)

Only glimpsed by some in the lower Chapare. This one seems to be the most reclusive of the tapaculos on this tour.

PUNA TAPACULO (*Scytalopus simonsi*)

Denis was quick on the draw and picked it out first when it popped out briefly across a ravince in a high Andean Polylepis grove on our way to Oruro, but we were able to relocate it for good views for most.

DIADEMED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus schulenbergi*)

Tremendous views were had of a male in the high temperate forests near the small town of Chusipata when it sneaked into a very visible mossy hole just above us from the roadside. Remember that this species is a recently-described bird that was first discovered by Bret Whitney in the early 90's during some pre-tour scouting... now that's what I call real scouting!

Phytotomidae

WHITE-TIPPED PLANTCUTTER (*Phytotoma rutila angustirostris*)

A characteristic and very distinctive bird of the drier intermontane valleys and high Andes along much of our route. Joe spotted for us our first one as we made our way to Comarapa from Santa Cruz.

Cotingidae

RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristata*)

Seen well in the Cerro Siberia and at Cerro Tunari where it inhabits temperate forests.

BAND-TAILED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola intermedia signata*)

Oh, we were so close! We knew where it was sitting since it was calling right above us from the roadside in a thick tangle, but by the time we spotted a piece of it, it flew off never to be heard from again.

BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata viridicauda*)

Glimpsed in the Chapare, but Jack spotted one for some to see in the upper Yungas out of La Paz.

Pipridae

YUNGAS MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia boliviana*)

Most had quick but decent looks of this attractive bird at a lek in the lower Chapare.

Tyrannidae

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)

Fairly common along the Tunal rd.

LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

One perched and presumably migrating bird was seen along the Tunal rd.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

Lomas de Arena.

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia albiceps albiceps*)

Common in the Cerro Siberia along our forest trail.

SMALL-BILLED ELAENIA (*Elaenia parvirostris*)

An austral migrant that we had good views of around Santa Cruz.

"GRAY-CROWNED" TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga "griceiceps"*)

Good studies of this confusing little tyrannid at the Botanical Gardens. Here is a quick run-down on this species' convoluted taxonomy in the words of Al Jaramillo: "Currently we should go ahead and call this bird 'Serpophaga griceiceps', the Gray-crowned Tyrannulet. The discovery was made by Roberto Straneck in the 80's when he realized that while White-crested and White-bellied Tyrannulets differed visually, their vocalizations were very similar, but additionally there was a third taxon in Argentina [this one] that looked somewhat like White-crested Tyrannulet and had a different song. Unfortunately, specimens of this critter were not compared to the types of the 'Gray-crowned Tyrannulet' and confusion has occurred since because of this. It appears that the type of the 'Gray-crowned Tyrannulet' may be a juvenile of White-crested Tyrannulet and if this is the case, the bird we saw has no name. Dave Stejskal has dubbed the bird 'Monte Tyrannulet' since it appears to breed largely in the Monte scrub of western Argentina. Future publications will certainly set the taxonomy straight, but currently it's very confused and for the time being it would seem best to call it the 'Gray-crowned Tyrannulet'.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis striaticollis*)

Seen well in Cerro Siberia, the Chapare, and Yungas.

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus amaurocephalus*)

Fairly common in the undergrowth of the Samaipata Trail.

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris albiventer*)

Lower Chapare.

MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ottonis*)

Poor views of this very different southern form in our large mixed flock in the lower Chapare.

SCLATER'S TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias sclateri*)

Also seen high in the canopy as it moved with the large mixed flock in the lower Chapare.

* TAWNY-RUMPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*)

BOLIVIAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius bolivianus bolivianus*)

Common in the upper Chapare and Yungas, especially around mistletoe patches.

SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus modestus*)

Common in the desert scrub along the Tunal rd.

CHACO SUIRIRI (*Suiriri suiriri suiriri*)

Less common than on my previous tours, but we were fortunate at one of our random roadside stops near Tambo when we almost immediately called in a responsive pair for excellent views.

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys leucophrys*)

Common with flocks in the humid temperate forests of Cerro Siberia, the Chapare, and Yungas.

BUFF-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus hellmayri*)

This one danced around us during our first attempts, offering only poor glimpses, but later on we had very satisfying views when we found a small family group with a flock in the Yungas along the roadside at eye-level.

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus taeniopterus*)

Most common in the upper Yungas where it is a common member of mixed flocks.

GREATER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura budytoides budytoides*)

A snazzy looking little tyrannid and one that we had superb views of in the desert scrub around Tambo a few times.

YELLOW-BILLED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes flavirostris flavirostris*)

Some very responsive birds on the drier slopes of Cerro Siberia.

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus*)

This perky little tyrant was seen well few times.

MANY-COLORED RUSH-TYRANT (*Tachuris rubrigastra alticola*)

This one certainly breaks the standard bordering-flycatcher rule! We had wonderful views of this gem of a flycatcher at Lake Alalay.

YUNGAS TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus spodiops*)

Not very responsive this year despite being so close in! I thought we'd get them to pop out into view at some point, but they just weren't interested. Renee had decent looks at one briefly though.

PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*)
Common in the drier habitats of lowlands and hills of Santa Cruz.

OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum plumbeiceps*)
It took some work, but we all finally had very nice views of this smart little tyrant in the dense bamboo clumps of the lower Chapare.

* YELLOW-OLIVE FLATBILL (FLYCATCHER) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens*)

OCHRACEOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus ochraceiventris*)
Very nicely with a high temperate forest flock in the upper Yungas.

BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
Drier valleys of the Tambo area.

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomylas cinnamomea cinnamomea*)
Common in the Cerro Siberia.

CLIFF (SWALLOW) FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*)
Seen near Tambo at a favorite spot right along the highway where they frequently perch on wires.

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus fumigatus*)
Chapare.

WOOD-PEWEE SP. (*Contopus sp.*)
Lower Chapare. This species seems to prefer hilly areas on its wintering grounds, whereas the Eastern seems to like lowland forest.

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans latirostris*)
Seen well along the rocky riverbed next to the Samaipata Trail.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
Lomas de Arena.

PERUVIAN CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca spodionota boliviiana*)
Renee and Jack had a look in the upper Yungas.

MAROON-CHESTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca thoracica*)
This recent split from the Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant was seen well in both the Chapare and Yungas.

D'ORBIGNY'S CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca oenanthesoides oenanthesoides*)
First seen at Cerro Tunari right at a small settlement along the roadside, but we kept finding them in the high barren habitats with scattered shrubs around Oruro and La Paz - certainly the best turnout for this species that I've ever experienced.

RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis rufipectoralis*)
Common in the humid temperate forests of the Chapare and Yungas.

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes straticollis pallidus*)
A large flycatcher that we had good looks at at Cerro Tunari.

BLACK-BILLED SHRIKE-TYRANT (*Agriornis montana intermedia*)
The race we saw in western La Paz.

BLACK-BILLED SHRIKE-TYRANT (*Agriornis montana montana*)
We only glimpsed this race distantly as we made our way from Cochabamba to Oruro.

SPOT-BILLED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola maculirostris maculirostris*)
Very nicely on some shrubby slopes adjacent to Lake Uru-uru.

PUNA GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola juninensis*)
We had a nice turnout and wonderful studies of the relatively plain ground-tyrant at La Cumbre.

CINEREOUS GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola cinerea cinerea*)
Seen well in the high barren puna of Cerro Tunari.

WHITE-FRONTED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola albifrons*)
This large species was seen briefly at Cerro Tunari, and then much better at La Cumbre.

OCHRE-NAPED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola flavinucha*)
This was a particularly nice treat for me since I had never hit the right migratory window for this austral migrant, but we had spectacular views of a few migrating groups this trip - all moving in a northerly direction by the way - at Cerro Tunari and La Cumbre.

ANDEAN NEGRITO (*Lessonia oreas*)

We almost missed this one, but Tom spotted one at the eleventh hour in a roadside marsh as it scurried along for nice looks just before we headed back to La Paz.

WHITE-WINGED BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus aterrimus*)

A common bird of the dry intermontane valleys west of Santa Cruz.

SPECTACLED TYRANT (*Hymenops perspicillatus*)

Having looked through many previous triplists, this is the first time that this species austral migrant has been recorded - in recent years anyway - on any of our tours here. We had great studies of males and females along the edges of the back lake at Lomas de Arena.

BLACK-BACKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola albiventer*)

Running around on the sandy roads at Lomas de Arena.

CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosus*)

One of the first birds of the trip when we had one in an enclosed garden compound at the Viru-viru airport in Santa Cruz right upon the groups arrival. Also common around Santa Cruz.

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

Lomas de Arena.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

We had the lowland form around Santa Cruz and then the duller highland form on the outskirts of Cochabamba.

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)

Lomas de Arena.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

Common in the Santa Cruz lowlands.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus solitarius*)

Another common bird of the Santa Cruz lowlands and foothills.

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*)

This austral migrant was certainly coming through in full force this time of the year. It was also interesting to have many opportunities to study the yellower immature plumage as well.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Also abundant around Santa Cruz and the foothills further west.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Numerous migrating birds for killer views.

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor meridionalis*)

Seen with a mixed flock in the Cerro Siberia.

CRESTED BECARD (*Pachyramphus validus*)

Seen with same flock as the previous species in the Cerro Siberia where we had good looks at males and females of this largest of becards.

Hirundinidae

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera fusca*)

Santa Cruz area.

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

Also around Santa Cruz.

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)

Fairly common at mid-elevations.

PALE-FOOTED SWALLOW (*Notiochelidon flavipes*)

Some good views - as good views go for this species - in the high temperate humid forests of Cerro Siberia and the Yungas.

ANDEAN SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx andecola andecola*)

We hit a few nice groups of this high-Andean swallow at Cerro Tunari and in the Yungas.

TAWNY-HEADED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx fucata*)

Fairly local, but regular around Tambo.

CLIFF SWALLOW (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)

Many migrating birds around Santa Cruz.

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Another high density migrant.

Motacillidae

HELLMAYR'S PIPIT (*Anthus hellmayri hellmayri*)

It took some field stomping, but we finally had satisfactory views of a few out on the Ouruo altiplano.

YELLOWISH PIPIT (*Anthus lutescens*)

We had 'fun' trying to spot them during their high-flying displays out at Lomas de Arena. It was tough at first, but most folks finally locked onto them for decent views.

Troglodytidae

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus unicolor*)

Seen at the Santa Cruz Botancial Gardens and at Lomas de Arena.

FULVOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia fulva*)

Good spotting Denis! The first group we located proved to be less than cooperative, but we caught up with a second group that even offered up some scope views... before that big truck came roaring by!

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Thryothorus genibarbis bolivianus*)

We had bird on territory along the entrance to the Samaipata Trail.

FAWN-BREASTED WREN (*Thryothorus guarayanus*)

Frustratingly hard to see, but most folks ended up with nice views of a responsive bird at the Botanical Gardens.

* HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon puna*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon rex*)

Common around Santa Cruz.

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis frater*)

A common arboreal wren of humid forests.

* GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys boliviana*)

Mimidae

CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)

Common around Lomas de Arena.

BROWN-BACKED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus dorsalis*)

Good looks for most in the roiling grassy puna zone dotted with candelabra-cactus west of Cochabamba... in between random bathroom stops!

Turdidae

* SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus fuscater mentalis*)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*)

Samiapata Trail. Nice to see familiar friends along the way.

CHIGUANCO THRUSH (*Turdus chiguanco chiguanco*)

The nominate brownish form that just barely gets into extreme western Bolivia. We saw it in the altiplano around Lake Titicaca.

CHIGUANCO THRUSH (*Turdus chiguanco anthracinus*)

The darker form that inhabits much of the drier Bolivian highlands.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater fuscater*)

A browner form than I am used to seeing in Ecuador, and a fairly common bird in the humid areas out of La Paz.

RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris rufiventris*)

Seen well by the group around the Tambo School.

CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)

Fairly common around the Tambo area.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

A common thrush around Santa Cruz in gallery woodlands.

Polioptilidae

MASKED GNATCATCHER (*Polioptila dumicola saturata*)

A beauty of a gnatcatcher, and one we saw wonderfully along the Tunal rd. in the desert scrub.

Corvidae

PURPLISH JAY (Cyanocorax cyanomelas)

"Purplish" is stretching it... maybe purplish-brown on a good day! We had good looks at this loud and conspicuous jay at Lomas de Arena.

PLUSH-CRESTED JAY (Cyanocorax chrysops)

Many nice views of this gorgeous jay in the vicinity of the Samaipata Trail.

Passeridae

HOUSE SPARROW (Passer domesticus)

Tons!

Vireonidae

RED-EYED (CHIVI) VIREO (Vireo olivaceus chivi)

A common bird in the drier forests at the beginning of our trip.

Fringillidae

THICK-BILLED SISKIN (Carduelis crassirostris amadoni)

I was busy making lunch, but the group was very confident of their identification of this patchily-distributed bird at our stop near Soledad in the Oruro altiplano.

HOODED SISKIN (Carduelis magellanica boliviana)

Many in the hills around Cerro Siberia and the Chapare.

BLACK SISKIN (Carduelis atrata)

A handsome siskin with large golden patches in the wings. We them numerous times in the highlands in western Bolivia.

Parulidae

TROPICAL PARULA (Parula pitiayumi melanogenys)

Seen along the Samaipata Trail and in the Chapare.

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (Myioborus miniatus verticalis)

Seen in the flocks in the Chapare.

BROWN-CAPPED REDSTART (Myioborus brunniceps)

Cerro Siberia and the Chapare.

SPECTACLED REDSTART (Myioborus melanocephalus bolivianus)

Occurs at higher elevations than the previous redstart species. We had them numerous times in the high elevation flocks.

TWO-BANDED WARBLER (Basileuterus bivittatus bivittatus)

Seen best along the Samaipata Trail and in the Chapare.

PALE-LEGGED WARBLER (Basileuterus signatus flavovirens)

A southern replacement of the Black-crested Warbler. We had our first best looks in the Cerro Siberia when called in a very responsive pair.

CITRINE WARBLER (Basileuterus luteoviridis euophrys)

The black-crested form of the southern Andes that we saw in the Yungas.

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (Basileuterus tristriatus punctipectus)

Denis and Tom saw it in the Chapare, but the rest of us caught up with it in Yungas.

Coeribidae

BANANAQUIT (Coereba flaveola)

Surprisingly, only along the Samaipata Trail.

Thraupidae

CINEROUS CONEBILL (Conirostrum cinereum)

Cerro Tunari.

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (Conirostrum sitticolor)

Common in the upper elevation mixed flocks in the Chapare and Yungas.

CAPPED CONEBILL (Conirostrum albifrons)

Seen once in a large flock in the lower Chapare. Unlike most other conebill species, this one is sexually dimorphic.

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii boliviana*)

An unbelievable tanager of the Andes that we saw in the Chapare and Yungas.

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus bolivianus*)

Yungas.

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus fulvigularis*)

The form we saw the most of, and the one that occurs on the humid slopes of Cochabamba.

YELLOW-WHISKERED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus parvirostris parvirostris*)

Seen on our last day in the Yungas.

ORANGE-BROWED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus calophrys*)

Our first looks were not even less than satisfactory during a foggy and rainy morning in the upper Chapare, but we certainly made up for it in the Yungas near Chusipata when we called in a very responsive pair as they foraged with a mixed flock for crippling views.

SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus superciliaris urubambae*)

Jack was the only one to get them in the Cerro Siberia area, but we all caught up with them in the Yungas.

THREE-STRIPED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus trifasciatus*)

Common in the upper Yungas with mixed flocks.

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)

I was a little surprised to see this species along the forested Samaipata Trail since I'm used to seeing them in riparian woodlands in Ecuador, but they apparently do frequent more forested habitats in Bolivia.

RUST-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thlypopsis ruficeps*)

Very nicely as they foraged through the thick cover of the understory in the upper Chapare.

SLATY TANAGER (*Creurgops dentata*)

The light wasn't the best, and this isn't the most colorful tanager, but we did end up with excellent views of this foothill species in the lower Chapare.

BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER (*Trichothraupis melanops*)

A beautiful pair along the Samaipata Trail as they foraged with a canopy flock just as we were about to throw in the towel there.

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera ardens*)

Chapare for some.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

Fairly common around Santa Cruz (Botanical Gardens) and in the Chapare.

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca obscura*)

Replaces the Blue-gray Tanager - that many of us are more familiar with - further south into southern South America.

BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanocephala cyanocephala*)

Common in the upper Chapare and Yungas.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thraupis bonariensis composita*)

A flashy and common tanager of the drier highlands.

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana montana*)

Loud and noisy in temperate forests throughout the Andes. This subspecies is particularly beautiful with its silvery-blue nape.

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris igniventris*)

Common in the high temperate forests.

BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus flavinuchus*)

It is fascinating that this subspecies has such an elaborate song while others seem to only sing a series of jumbled and very unmusical "jeet" notes. Common in the Chapare, but not as common, or even as vocal, as I'm used to.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Delothraupis castaneoventris castaneoventris*)

Many stellar views of this handsome highland tanager.

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*)

Seen only once by some along the trail in the Cerro Siberia.

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

Common around Santa Cruz and up into the foothills where it is frequently heard giving its two-noted calls.

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

Denis had look at a clean male in the Chapare.

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)

Seen fairly well in the Chapare as a pair foraged in a tall, gnarled tree.

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

Chapare.

BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia cyanea longipennis*)

Tom had one in the Chapare, unfortunately, the rest of us didn't get on it in time.

ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea fulgentissima*)

Seen foraging in the same flock as the Bronze-green Euphonias in the lower Chapare.

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus sophiae*)

Lower Chapare.

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala lamprotis*)

This southern race has a much more intense head color that approaches a rich orangy color. We had nice looks at them in the Chapare.

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

Also mixed in with the flocks in the lower Chapare.

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix fulvicervix*)

Renee had a look at them in the Chapare.

BLUE-BROWED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanotis*)

This can be a tricky one, but I've had good luck recently in the Chapare where it seems fairly regular with mixed flocks in the foothills.

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis cyanicollis*)

Chapare... tanager heaven!

BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis berlepschi*)

Renee has look in the Chapare.

BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii atrocoerulea*)

Finally seen well by all - after a little initial id confusion - in a large mixed flock in the Yungas. What makes the id confusing is that if one is familiar with the mostly solid blue-and-black northern Andean forms, this southern 'atroceraerulea' race - with its light nape and spotting underneath - looks like an entirely different bird, but at least they do sound similar.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

Seen along the Samaipata Trail with a small canopy flock.

PLUSH-CAPPED FINCH (*Catamblyrhynchus diadema*)

Mostly young birds in an understory flock in the Yungas.

Emberizidae

BLACK-HOODED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus atriceps*)

One of the common sierra-finches at Cerro Tunari, and a stunning bird as well.

PERUVIAN SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus punensis punensis*)

Tends to replace the previous species further west, such as in the highlands out of La Paz.

MOURNING SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus fruticeti peruvianus*)

We enjoyed some nice views of a couple of birds right along the edges of Lake Titicaca in cultivated habitats.

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus unicolor tucumanus*)

A fairly common and chunky, all grey sierra finch that we saw at Cerro Tunari and at La Cumbre, out of La Paz.

BAND-TAILED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus alaudinus excelsus*)

Out on the dry altiplano around Oruro.

ASH-BREASTED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus plebejus plebejus*)

Prefers drier and lower elevations than many of the other sierra-finches.

GRAY-CRESTED FINCH (*Lophospingus griseocristatus*)

Common in the desert scrub around Tambo and Comarapa.

WHITE-WINGED DIUCA-FINCH (*Diuca speculifera speculifera*)

This species prefers the very high elevations in barren and rocky areas, such as at Cerro Tunari and La Cumbre.

SHORT-TAILED FINCH (*Idiopsar brachyurus*)

A last minute bird was seen pretty well after our lunch stop at Cerro Tunari when we spotted one for scope views across a small valley as it foraged amongst the boulders and man-made rock walls. Since this species is all grey, like some others, the marks to go by are the longish bill and short tail which give it an odd proportioned look.

BOLIVIAN WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza boliviana*)

This Bolivian endemic was seen very nicely and easily on the drier shrubby slopes of the Cerro Siberia and Cerro Tunari.

RUFOUS-SIDED WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza hypochondria hypochondria*)

The most common of the warbling-finches in the Bolivian highlands.

BLACK-AND-CHESTNUT WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza whitii*)

Seen by a lucky few enroute to Comarapa in the dry woodlands along the roadside. Unfortunately it slipped away before we could get everyone on it.

COCHABAMBA MOUNTAIN-FINCH (*Poospiza garleppi*)

Beautiful views of this range-restricted Bolivian endemic at Cerro Tunari early on during our birding there.

RINGED WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza torquata torquata*)

Common in the desert scrub forests around Tambo. Also seen at Cerro Tunari.

BLACK-CAPPED WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza melanoleuca*)

Seen well by the whole group at the Tambo School when a group came foraging through the undergrowth.

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

Common around Santa Cruz.

DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila caerulescens*)

Some had it at Lomas de Arena, but everybody else caught up with it later in the Tambo area.

WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila leucoptera bicolor*)

Only Renee had a view of this fancy seedeater at Lomas de Arena.

GRAY-AND-CHESTNUT SEEDEATER (*Sporophila hypochroma*)

Also known as Rufous-rumped Seedeater. We had good looks at them on our second day of birding our of Santa Cruz.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*)

Also seen out of Santa Cruz on out second day of birding.

BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia analis analis*)

A common highland seedeater that we saw repeatedly in the Cerro Siberia area. It's interesting to note that this species seems to inhabit more humid zones here in Bolivia, while it prefers drier zones in Ecuador.

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata*)

A highland seedeater that prefers grassy areas, such as those at Cerro Tunari.

DULL-COLORED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris obscura*)

A grassquit of drier areas. We had it in the Tambo area. This is a mostly featureless bird, best identified by its dark maxilla and light mandible.

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides sittoides*)

Common this trip in the flowering garden shrubs on the lower slopes of Cerro Tunari.

MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa mystacalis mystacalis*)

Nice scope views of a single bird - once the fog cleared a bit - in the high shrubby temperate zone of the upper Chapare.

BLACK-THROATED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa brunneiventris brunneiventris*)

Gets into extreme western Bolivia where it can be abundant on semi-humid slopes and in cultivated areas. We had many nice encounters with this handsome flowerpiercer along the road into Sorata for the Berlepsch's Canastero.

GRAY-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa carbonaria*)

Another Bolivian endemic that we found commonly in the intermontane valleys in the central part of the country.

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossopis cyanea melanopsis*)

Fairly common in the humid temperate and subtropical forests of the Chapare and Yungas.

PUNA YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis lutea*)

Seen by most out on the dry and flat Oruro altiplano. This species has no strong distinguishing marks other than its overall bright yellow plumage.

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola flaveola*)

The highland form that we saw around Cochabamba.

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola pelzelni*)

Abundant around Santa Cruz and the adjacent hills.

GRASSLAND (MISTO) YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis luteola luteiventris*)

Seen well by some in a roadside pond out on the Oruro altiplano.

BRIGHT-RUMPED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis uropygialis uropygialis*)

This very distinctive yellow-finches is common in the highlands around Cochabamba and La Paz.

CITRON-HEADED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis luteocephala*)

Way to go Denis! It was nice to nail this near Bolivian endemic early on during our drive from Comarapa to Cochabamba, and what superb views we had when that family group foraged right along the roadside in excellent light.

GREENISH YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis olivascens olivascens*)

Common and widespread in the highlands.

WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH (*Emberizoides herbicola herbicola*)

Seen well on our first two days in the grasslands around Santa Cruz... such as at the airport shortly after the groups arrival.

GREAT PAMPA-FINCH (*Embernagra platensis olivascens*)

Wonderful views of this gaudy finch as they ran around on the road at Cerro Siberia.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (*Paroaria coronata*)

Jack spotted a beautiful male for us at Claudio's hacienda.

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

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BOLIVIAN BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes rufulus*)

A member of the "Rufous-naped Brush-Finch" group, and fairly recently split off from it. We had them numerous times in the highlands of the Chapare and Yungas.

FULVOUS-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes fulviceps*)

This can be a difficult bird to get on this tour since it is often shy and only occurs in a few small patches of alder forest. We got lucky and had one bounce right out into the open for us though on the slopes of Cerro Siberia for terrific views.

SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon flavirostris dorbignii*)

Very nicely for most in the undergrowth along the Samaipata Trail.

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

Lomas de Arena.

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

At mid and high elevations throughout.

Cardinalidae

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Seen by most at Lomas de Arena.

GOLDEN-BILLED SALTATOR (*Saltator aurantiirostris hellmayri*)

The common highland saltator that seemed to be within earshot almost constantly.

RUFOUS-BELLIED SALTATOR (*Saltator rufiventris*)

A gorgeous and range-restricted saltator of the Polylepis woodlands in Bolivia and extreme northern Argentina. We had an unbelievable experience with them when they came dashing in almost immediately after some tape play on the lower slopes of Cerro Tunari.

BLACK-BACKED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus aureoventris*)

Common in the drier woodlands around Tambo.

ULTRAMARINE GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa brissonii*)

A skulker that we saw along the Samaipata Trail.

Icteridae**YELLOW-WINGED BLACKBIRD** (*Agelaius thilius alticola*)

Common along the edges of Lake Titicaca.

BAY-WINGED COWBIRD (*Molothrus badius bolivianus*)

A gregarious and non-parasitic cowbird of drier intermontane valleys.

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis bonariensis*)

Seen a number of times in the Chapare, among other areas.

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis pyrrhopoterus*)

Some had a quick look at this canopy-dwelling species in some riparian woodlands at Lomas de Arena, but we couldn't draw it in again for the rest to see.

SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN-CACIQUE (*Cacicus chrysonotus chrysonotus*)

Most authorities now consider this a species distinct from the birds of the northern Andes - southern birds lack the bright yellow patch in the wing and have a duller yellow on the rump, and also sound very different. We encountered this species - a bird that we have on occasion missed in the past - in the upper Chapare and Yungas for nice studies.

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus maculosus*)

Fairly common around Santa Cruz and in the lower Chapare.

*** DUSKY-GREEN OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius atrovirens*)

This one gave us a hard time this trip, and we only managed to hear distant and unresponsive singing birds in the lower Chapare... don't know where they were this time!

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons alfredi*)

Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens.

CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi chopi*)

A loud and very common bird on the Santa Cruz lowlands.

BOLIVIAN BLACKBIRD (*Agelaioides oreopsar*)

I had never seen this bird as far east as the Saipina area, so it was nice to have such excellent looks at this Bolivian endemic in a new area and early on in the trip. We also encountered them in the dry valleys west of Cochabamba where we usually count on getting it. This blackbird is interesting because it nests on the jagged and steep cliff faces only in central Bolivia.

MAMMALS**BOLIVIAN SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus ignitus*)

Seen at Lomas de Arena and in the Chapare.

CAVY SP. (*Cavia tschudii*)

This little rodent was finally seen by all at one point or another as they scurried about through grasses and amongst rock piles.

CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)

One at the pond near the entrance to the Santa Cruz Botanical Gardens. While this habitat seems natural enough, I can't vouch for this individual's origin!

MOUNTAIN VISCACHA SP. (*Lagidium viscacia*)

Wonderful studies of this strange rodent on the rocky cliffs west of Cochabamba... always a treat to see this one.

CULPEO FOX (*Pseudalopex culpaeus*)

Highlands above La Paz.

VICUÔA (Vicugna vicugna)

Tom spotted our first ones just north of Oruro out on the altiplano where wild herds still roam about unmolested.