# **BOLIVIA TOUR REPORT 2023**

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Bolivia is a somewhat neglected South American destination and I have no idea why!? It is an amazing country with a huge list, just as good infrastructure as Peru and a long list of specialities! It is a land-locked country, but it is the biggest list for any such a country in the world with a total of 1457 bird species recorded, and 17 of those are endemics. Not a very high list of endemics but this is only because many species creeps over the border to Peru, Brazil, or Argentina. However, many of these are way much easier to see in Bolivia, so the actual number of key birds are high and even well-travelled South America listers can see up to 100 new birds! Even so, many people only visit Bolivia once, and our tour is trying to give the most comprehensive visit to this fascinatingly diverse country if you want to go! In 2023 we offered a pre-tour and a post-tour extension to our main tour, and we recorded 729 species, which included a long list of goodies. We also had 27 species of mammals during the tour and Giant Anteater was the highlight followed closely by the Bolivian River Dolphin. This tour has many special birds, but probably Blue-throated and Redfronted Macaws stand out as the prime target for most visitors! Talking about parrots, they have an amazing diversity in Bolivia, and we recorded a total of 30 species which included 10 species of macaws! Wow! However, we had a wide range of other highly sought-after birds like Huayco and Black-capped Tinamous, Red-faced and Yungas Guans, Razor-billed and Bare-faced Curassows, Stripe-faced Wood Quail, Titicaca Grebe, Scissor-tailed and Spot-tailed Nightjars, White-chested and White-chinned Swifts, Buff-thighed and Blue-capped Pufflegs, Wedge-tailed and White-sided Hillstars, Pheasant Cuckoo, Ocellated Crake, James's Flamingo, Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle, Blackand-chestnut Eagle, Hooded Mountain Toucan, Pale-crested and Cream-backed Woodpeckers, Cliff Parakeet, Black-winged Parrot, Tucuman Amazon, Bolivian Recurvbill, Berlepsch's and Scribbletailed Canasteros, Black-throated Thistletail, Light-crowned and Ochre-cheeked Spinetails, Upland and Bolivian Slaty Anthsrikes, White-throated, Bolivian, Rufous-faced and Masked Antpittas, Slaty Gnateater, Bolivian and Diademed Tapaculos, Yungas Tyrannulet, Yungas Tody-Tyrant, Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant, Palkachupa Cotinga, Scimitar-winged Piha, Andean Slaty Thrush, Bolivian and Rusty-browed Warbling Finches, Orange-browed Hemispingus, Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer, Grey-crested Finch just to name but a few!

Our tour started with a short pre-tour extension around Riberalta in the far north-east corner of the country. The main target of the two-days birding was to track down the Masked Antpitta, a species inhabiting riverine habitat, and which has not been found anywhere else apart from a very restricted area in Bolivia. We wasted no time after arriving to the sweaty lowlands, dropped our bags off in a lovely posada and hit the trails in a nearby gallery forest. Although we noticed a lot of the forest disappeared since our last visit (before covid) but one of our stake-out was still working and we had superb looks of the much-wanted Masked Antpitta in the afternoon light! Fantastic! Pressure off we could plan now what we would do for our full day birding which was not a big

challenge with so many types of habitats available around Riberalta. We were off to some cerrado habitat early next morning where we had an excellent early morning birding with Ocellated Crake, White-eared Puffbird, Rufous-sided Scrub Tyrant and White-rumped Tanager while a proper Amazonian Forest patch nearby produced Cinnamon-throated and Long-billed Woodcreepers, Black-spotted Bare-eye, Band-tailed Antbird and Flammulated Bamboo-Tyrant. In the afternoon were back to check the river where Orinoco Geese, Tui Parakeet, the local form of White-bellied Seedeater as well as from one single spot four species of nighthawks were seen at dusk. Our last short morning birding was spent on foot on the edge of town where we got cracking looks of Pheasant Cuckoo, Purus Jacamar, Black-tailed Trogon, Johannes's Tody-Tyrant, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Band-tailed Manakin and Lemon-chested Greenlet. Our swift stay in Riberalta ended and we were off to Beni!

We arrived in Trinidad slightly later than anticipated. Next morning, we still had time for an early morning birding near town before the rest of the group was arriving for the official tour start later in the day. We drove out of town to look at some nearby wetland habitat. This department of Bolivia is one of the most fascinating and bird-rich areas in South America, a bit like the famous Pantanal in Brazil! It never fails to impress, and we had several days to explore the different habitats. Our morning birding was a great introduction, and the most exciting bird was a fine Ashthroated Crake which we lured into view and some migrant Upland Sandpipers. Yet again some delayed flights but eventually the rest of the group has also arrived, and the main tour has started! We drove from the airport to a gallery forest habitat for our first birding in Beni. We drove to an oxbow lake and took a secluded trail into the gallery forest. It was a hot afternoon, and the forest was dry, very dry! As soon as we stepped out of the bus, we saw some Large-billed Terns over the oxbow lake, and we were greeted by Yellow-chevroned Parakeets and a flock of Velvet-fronted Grackles of the local boliviensis race (perhaps Bolivian Grackle one day) on a flowering tree! The next bird we saw was a party of Plain Softtail of the local fusciceps race (perhaps Bolivian Softtail one day). We got great looks of these fast-moving furnarids with such a distinctive song. We continued on a nice wide forest track, where some Bolivian Red Howlers were showing, and we soon found a forest pool where many birds were coming to drink. Decision was made to stay around this spot for the last hour of the day and it was a great decision! Fantastic male Band-tailed Manakins, Grey-fronted Doves, Creamy-bellied and Black-billed Thrushes, Bolivian Slaty Antshrikes, Band-tailed Antbirds, Plush-crested Jays, more Velvet-fronted Grackles, Yellow-rumped Caciques, Grey-headed and Silver-beaked Tanagers and even hummingbirds came to drink. We identified and photographed three species of hermits including the rather scarce Buff-bellied Hermit. The surprise came when it was getting dark, first a Razor-billed Curassow and then a Giant Anteater turned up at the waterhole! How fantastic first afternoon for the tour! On the way out of the forest Common Pauraque, Tropical Screech Owl and feeding Azara's Night Monkeys were seen while Little Nightjar was also tracked down.

We left early next morning towards a hacienda, where we were hoping to find the 'Critically Endangered' Blue-throated Macaw. We arrived just after dawn and walked along a track where we soon spotted the first Blue-throated Macaws. They were backlit but we could see them properly. We also had Greater Rufous Woodcreeper, Red-billed Scythebill, Grey-crested Cacholote, Chotoy Spinetail and Plain Inezia. We drove to a nice lagoon where we enjoyed yet another splendid field breakfast and got to see two more Blue-throated Macaws perched. Superb looks of these top targets, what an amazing experience it was! We also had Cobalt-rumped Parrotlets, Yellow-chevroned, Peach-fronted and Dusky-headed Parakeets, Turquoise-fronted Amazon and Chestnut-fronted Macaws in addition to the two species of yellow and blue coloured species! After breakfast,

the macaw-show finished and after a short detour (to fix a flat tyre) we were heading back to Trinidad seeing Jabirus, Plumbeous Ibises, Black-collared Hawks and many more birds along the way. In the afternoon we were back to a gallery forest in search of Unicolored Thrush but despite much effort only Hauxwell's and Creamy-bellied Thrushes were showing. We had a tame Little Cuckoo, some eye-level Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakins and a party of the rare Rio Beni Titis. It was a great action-packed day in the Llanos de Moxos!

Next morning, we were birding around the Laguna Belen area. Still before it got light, we managed great looks of Spot-tailed Nightjar and some Crab-eating Raccoons. Weather was overcast and there has been rain overnight, so we could bird a long morning session. It was particularly amazing to see eight species of hirundines in a few hours including several Tawny-headed Swallows and many migrant American Cliff Swallows. Throughout the morning we had a great selection of birds like Greater Rheas, numerous Southern Screamers, Jabirus, Maguari Storks, Plumbeous, Buffnecked and Green Ibises and large numbers of herons and egrets. We also saw Sunbittern, Palecrested Woodpecker, Golden-collared Macaws, White-rumped, Grey and White Monjitas, Yellowbrowed Tyrant, Hudson's Black Tyrant on the roadside wires while the sky was full of Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures. Our main target was Great-billed Seedfinch but we could not find any despite extensive search – there were no recent sightings from the area. A nice pair of Long-tailed Reed Finches were found however and Muscovy Ducks, White-browed, Unicolored and Scarletheaded Blackbirds as well as Screaming Cowbirds and Rusty-collared Seedeaters. In the afternoon yet again, we were back to a gallery forest in search of Unicolored Thrush. This time a different location again but no luck. We probably heard one distant bird near dusk on the other side of an oxbow lake but that was all. New birds at this location included White-chinned Sapphire, Rustybacked Spinetail, Moustached Wren and a skulking Southern Tamandua on a tree!

Our last morning in the Trinidad area was spent around another lagoon area still in search of the seedfinch but yet again it eluded us. Nacunda Nighthawks, a fine pair of Rufous-sided Crakes, Hoatzin and both Pampa and Wedge-tailed Grass Finches were seen while we could also get excellent looks of White-bellied Seddeaters and a South American Coati. Before the flight to Santa Cruz we still visited the Rio Mamoré where we located Mato Grosso Antbirds and Bolivian River Dolphins. Ot was time to leave the Beni and head to Santa Cruz. Our connecting flight at Cochabamba was late so it was a rather late arrival to Santa Cruz. Nevertheless, we were up early morning and visited the airport area where we eventually managed to see Red-winged Tinamou and also some of us seen a White-bellied Nothura. On some nearby ponds we had Ringed Teals and also found a Ruff which is the first record of the species in Bolivia and a pretty good South America tick for the keen listers! We still made a short visit to the local botanical garden where we had White-wedged Piculet, Green-cheeked Parakeets and Golden-crowned Warbler before we had to get moving and headed to Los Volcanes to explore the semi-humid foothill forests adjacent to the famous Amboro National Park. The setting of the lodge is spectacular, a little clearing surrounded by forested towering red cliffs, very impressive indeed. Los Volcanes is always a real pleasure to go birding and our visit was no exception. We arrived to the entrance area with our bus and were transferred down towards the lodge with 4×4 cars. The bus stop area gave us an amazing vista to the picturesque valley, and we still had time for a short birding along a newly cut trail. Here we quickly connected with some of our targets like Ochre-cheeked Spinetail, Bolivian 'White-crowned' Tapaculo and Black-capped Antwren. Some of us even got glimpses of a Barefaced Curassow along the main track and we had about 16 Military Macaws in flight at the end of the day. We settled into our rooms and have the first of many delicious meals in the lovely lodge.

We had two full days to explore this amazing area and we had many exciting birds and great looks of some real goodies! There are several key birds here but probably the most elusive is the scarce and shy Bolivian Recurvbill. They are usually not easy to see but we were delighted to lure one into view on our first day. It showed reasonably well for this species, and everybody was happy! Other highlights included both Brown and Black-capped Tinamous, White-throated Piping Guan, Rufous-breasted Wood Quail, Yungas Dove, Rufescent Screech Owl, Grey-throated Leaftosser, Ocellated and Black-banded Woodcreepers, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Western Fire-eye, Short-tailed Antthrush, several Slaty Gnateaters of both sexes, Sclater's and Buff-barred Tyrannulets, Yungas Manakin and a nice selection of raucous parrots and parekeets. We also had some great encounters with mammals such as Bicolored-spined Porcupine, Spectacled Slender Opossum and Lowland Paca.

It was time to move on and we drove to the nearby Samaipata the following morning and continued to Quirusillas for some afternoon birding. It was quiet around the 'Emerald Lake' but brilliant scenery! After our field lunch we found some feeding Tucuman Amazons in the canopy and had great looks of Mottle-cheeked and Sclater's Tyrannulets side by side. A distant Whitethroated Antpitta made us bushwacking and after much effort we gave up. By the late afternoon we took a small side road and a trail into the bushes which was a great decision with fantastic looks of Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, Ocellated Piculet, Pale-legged Warbler, White-browed Brushfinch and eventually a superb White-throated Antpitta! It turned out to be a great afternoon and just as we were to leave the area a Red-faced Guans was spotted by some. It did not stay long enough for everybody to see it but we new where to return next morning! And sure enough, we were back next morning! Just as it got light, we tracked down a singing Huayco Tinamou which was followed by the tricky-to-find Dot-fronted Woodpecker pair. We also found the Red-faced Guans and this time one perched up for everybody to see it well. Throughout the morning we did very well with our remaining targets which included great looks of White-vented Violet-ear, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Spot-breasted Thornbird, dinelli race of Variable Antshrike, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Bolivian Tyrannulet, Black-and-chestnut and Ringed Warbling Finches, a fantastic pair of Straw-backed Tanagers and best of all a confiding pair of Bolivian Earthcreeper was found by Leo which was a great bonus! In the afternoon we drove to Comarapa but our birding was hampered by gale forced wind. Still, we managed to see Yungas Guan, Red-tailed Comet, Stripe-crowned Spinetail and Pampa Finch.

Siberia was our birding plan for today and some considerable time before dawn we started climbing up to the cloud forests. Unfortunately, weather was grim with gale forced wind and low clouds (mist). Well, I know it can be good in the cloud forest not to have sunshine, but this was a bit too much! The first sign of actual life was two Molina's Hog-nosed (Andean) Skunks walking along the track though we could only see them when they were within 2 meters. A welcome mammal for sure! A cooked breakfast on the field was certainly heart-warming while still only silhouettes of birds were 'visible' but at least we certainly knew the bird like shapes being an Andean Guan, then a White-eared Solitaire and Andean Slaty Thrush. Not good looks. We had a little window with less wind and maybe less mist when we managed to lure Trilling Tapaculo, Rufous-faced Antpitta, Light-crowned Spinetail and Bolivian Brushfinch into view! A quite large mixed flock – which we only saw bits in the mist – had Pearled Treerunner, Mountain Woodcreeper, Buff-banded and White-throated Tyrannulets, Barred Becard and Mountain Wren. Suddenly a male Blue-capped Puffleg showed up and eventually gave stunning looks to all! Despite the horrendous weather we were getting some real goodies and until lunch we still saw Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant, Plumbeous Tyrant and Rufous-bellied Bush Tyrant as well as got better looks

of a singing Andean Slaty Thrush. In the hope of better weather, we drove even higher and spent considerable time to get the bejaranoi race of the endemic Black-throated Thistletail which eventually most people saw. The weather at higher elevation was not better at all! We descended back into a nice patch of cloud forest and spent the late afternoon in a rather silent cloud forest. The wind was still strong but at least we got some visibility and soon found Pale-footed Swallows as well as Tyrian Metaltail, Speckled Hummingbird, Rust-and-yellow Tanager, Blue-winged (Bolivian) and Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanagers. It was difficult birding, but Siberia was kind to us and all in all it was a successful bird-packed day!

Next morning, we birded some dryer habitat above Comarapa. In the twilight a Lesser Horned Owl was seen perched on a road sign but quickly disappeared when we put the torch on it. Our first stop in bushy terrain was good, a fantastic Olive-crowned Crescentchest was called in and we could admire this beautiful little bird only a few meters away! A sunlit hillside was chosen for our breakfast spot and there was good activity. While scrambled eggs and other goodies were prepared, we had great looks of the near endemic Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer, Rusty-vented Canastero, Green-barred Woodpecker and Rusty-browed Warbling Finch. A nice male Red-tailed Comet with the long streamers were also seen very well. We left the Comarapa area and drove towards Perereta. As we made our way into progressively drier country dominated by cacti and acacia woodlands, we made a few roadside stops and found Streak-fronted Thornbirds, Greater Wagtail Tyrant, White-tipped Plantcutter and Black-capped Warbling Finches. In the afternoon we arrived at the Lodge run by the local community in the Red-fonted Macaw Reserve. A great initiative started by Armonia to help the macaws and get the local villages and communities involved in eco-tourism. What a place! As soon as we stepped out of the bus, we could scope Redfronted Macaws on the towering cliff face right from the lodge balcony! After we enjoyed the scope looks of this very top Bolivian target, we settled into our rooms, had a nice coffee, and then made our way closer to the parrot cliff. There are two more Bolivia endemic species found in this arid valley, the Bolivian Blackbird, and the Cliff Parakeet. Naturally these were our targets! We spent a superb hour with around 35 Red-fronted Macaws, hundreds of Cliff Parakeets, Turquoise-fronted Amazons and Mitred Parakeets. A noisy lot but it was stunning! Back around the lodge Bolivian Blackbirds and Grey-crested Finches showed well and after dinner two male Scissor-tailed Nightjar was tracked down.

Still before breakfast we took our bus to the top of the immense cliff where we were expecting to see the endemic Red-fronted Macaws from a different angle. We had to wait a little bit for the first macaws to fly in as this time of the year they are not roosting on the cliff face. Gradually we made our way down a narrow trail towards the bottom of the cliff. We got excellent perched and flight views of the Red-fronted Macaws and counted as many as 51 birds when they landed to feed on peanuts. No wonder it came on the top on the 'Bird of the Tour' competition! This reserve is likely to be the last stronghold of these magnificent birds as most peripheral populations continue to decline in the face of persecution and trapping for the bird trade. Chaco Puffbirds, Andean Swifts and Southern Martins were also seen along the cliff face. After this macaw experience, we returned for breakfast and from our dining table we could watch a fine selection of birds coming to the feeders such as White-fronted Woodpecker, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Bolivian Blackbird, Sayaca and Blue-and-yellow Tanagers and Grey-crested Finch. It was difficult to drag ourselves away from this location, but we had a long drive to Cochabamba. A few stops produced Creambacked Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant and Brown-backed Mockingbird. Closer to Cochabamba we also visited a high Andean lagoon where Giant Coot, Andean Avocet, Rufousnaped Ground Tyrant and Andean Negrito.

Our first day on the famous Chapare road was misty and wet again. It looked like our unluck with the weather at high altitude cloud forest continued. A massive weather system (the same as in Siberia) was still around the east slope. Nevertheless, we kept trying and we had some great birds. Our first stop by a lagoon was promising as we quickly found Black-hooded Sunbeam and a surprise Stripe-faced Wood Quail. The latter is a seldom seen bird and I believe the mist was helping us to see this shy ground-dwelling species, even though visibility was limited so the views could have been better. Up and down the mountain we were looking for our targets and managed to find Hooded Mountain Toucan, Scaled Metaltail, White-collared Jay, Plushcap and Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer but all in all it was a struggle. We were hoping that on our second day here we will get luckier! We decided to visit Cerro Tunari the next day as it is a dry inter-Andean valley, so even with such weather it should be ok. Our plan worked fine though it was overcast and slight drizzle for the morning we had fantastic time and found all our targets. Highlights included fantastic a male Wedge-tailed Hillstar, Giant Hummingbird, Yungas Pygmy Owl, Striped Woodpecker, Greyhooded Parakeet, Rock Earthcreeper, Maquis Canastero, Gian Conebill, Cochabamba Mountain Finch, Bolivian Warbling Finch and Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager. A remarkable selection of goodies and even had time to visit Laguna Alalay in the afternoon. The lagoon was mostly dry, so it was very unusual from our previous visits but there were lots of waders and there were cranes working in the lake-bed – I wonder if the lagoon is getting reduced in size by digging. We counted 562 White-backed Stilts, 225 Baird's Sandpipers, 270 Wilson's Phalaropes and best of all we found a juvenile James's Flamingo in amongst the Chilean Flamingos. A great day yet again! Next day we returned to the Chapare road and this time we had improving weather. We still had to work our way around the mist, but we managed to get great looks of Gould's Inca, Hooded Mountain Toucan, both perched and flight views of Black-winged Parrot, Bolivian Antpitta, Barred Fruiteater, Fulvous Wren and eventually a party of Orange-browed Hemispingus! When the sun came out for a short while a fantastic Black-and-chestnut Eagle gave us a show but also White-rumped, Whitethroated and Plain-breasted Hawks were seen.

We left Cochambamba behind and made the long drive all the way to Quime. After an early start we made a few roadsides stops where saw Aplomado Falcon, Andean Hillstar, White-winged Cinclodes, Spot-billed and White-browed Ground Tyrant. Our brief lunch-stop near the almost totally dry Lake Uru Uru yielded our first Crested Ducks, Andean Geese, more Andean Avocets and nice Puna Plovers. Flamingos were mostly distant but another juvenile James's Flaming was seen. We continued our journey in the afternoon with more roadside stops where new birds were found like Cordilleran Canastero, Ornate Tinamou, Cinereous Ground Tyrant, Band-tailed Sierra Finch and Glacier Finch while some high puna lakes held Silvery Grebes, Baird's Sandpipers and Wilson's Phalaropes. In the late afternoon on our last roadside stop we found a surprise male White-sided Hillstar which is an austral migrant and rather scarce this far north. Eventually we descended into a deeply incised valley and arrived to Quime for the night. Early next morning we were off to Inquisivi, a rather infrequently visited region but special for birdwatchers! In some dry deciduous woodlands below the village is the place where Schoerd Mayer first found the Bolivian Spinetail. It looks as if this endemic species is more or less restricted to this rather small area. There is one more place where it has been found but not seen there recently. We barely got out of the bus when we heard Bolivian Spinetail singing and saw the birds within minutes of arrival and in the next 30 minutes until breakfast we had repeated excellent looks. It was easy to see but one must come as far as this place to see these rather neat looking spientails. They love to feed amongst the lichen and tillandsia covered branches. We spent some more time in this habitat and got to see Spot-winged Piegeons, Striped Woodpecker, the local yellow-winged flavoptera race of the Greencheeked Parakeets, Brown-capped Whitestart, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Rusty Flowerpiercer,

Ringed Warbling Finch and Black-backed Grosbeak. The local form of Fuscous Flycatcher was only seen by some. It is however, a very limited habitat and we quickly took our leave and began to retrace our steps to devote more time to the puna grasslands and upland bogs on our way to La Paz. Our lunch-stop on the climb up gave us Black-hooded Sunbeam, Buff-breasted Earthcreeper, Streak-backed Canastero, White-fronted, Taczanowski's and White-fronted Ground Tyrants, Andean Swallow and Black Siskin. Our search for tinamous on a grassy slope was only partly successful as we spotted about six Ornate Tinamous while Darwin's Nothura remained heard-only. We still had a long drive, so we had to quit. It was late by the time we arrived at our comfortable hotel in La Paz.

The following day was yet another epic birding day from 4500 meter down to 1500 meter on the old Coroico road aka the 'death road'. Our first stop was for a roadside Ornate Tinamou before we got to La Cumbre where we birded at 4500 meter in the first ray of sunshine. We had Giant Coots, Andean Lapwings, Puna and White-fronted Ground Tyrants, Glacier Finches and a superb Rufousbellied Seedsnipe. The seedsnipe was obliging and not concerned by our presence so we could watch it as long as we wanted. Brilliant! Our next stop further down gave us a singing Scribbletailed Canastero. As we go to Chuspipata the weather yet again deteriorated nevertheless we found Diadem Tapaculo, the nominate race of Black-throated Thistletail and Hooded Mountain Toucan in the thick mist. Going lower still we got below the clouds and the 'death road' was clear. The temperate forest of this road is quite superb, in Bolivia, pristine forests stretch in every direction from the main highway. We had a great morning with superb 'flock birding' and found Sickle-winged Guan, Blue-banded Toucanet, Versicolored Barbet, Yungas Pygmy Owl, Tyrannine, Strong-billed and Olive-backed Woodcreepers, Bolivian Tyrannulet and a great variety of tanagers. Our main target however, the Scimitar-winged Piha proved to be elusive and only a few of us managed to get on a skittish bird. After a delicious field lunch again, our search continued. We had great looks of White-eared Solitaire and Chestnut-crested Cotinga and when we were giving up an obliging Scimitar-winged Piha was found, and we all got terrific looks. Superb! Big smiles all around we continued birding the lowest part of the road where Yungas Warbler and the rare Buff-thighed Puffleg stole the show! The next morning we birded the lower elevation Chairo road. Best birds were Upland Antshrike, Mcconnell's Flycatcher, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Bronze-green Euphonia, Riverbank Warbler and as a rarity Lemon-browed Flycatcher (probably the third record for Bolivia). After lunch it was time to move on and we drove back to the Pongo Valley before we drove through La Paz and the unending sprawl of El Alto to Lake Titicaca.

On our final morning of the main tour we headed to Sorata in search of yet another endemic bird, the Berlepsch's Canastero. Roadside Ornate Tinamou family was our first stop again and then the search for the canastero started. It was hard work; we could not locate the bird for some time so we split up and eventually Leo and Carlos our driver found the Berlepsch's Canastero and we all got good looks while having coffee and biscuits! It is a distinctly different looking canastero even though it does not look very much like in the books. Other birds in the area included Black-hooded Sunbeam, Green-tailed Trainbearer, Andean Flicker, White-crested Elaenia, Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail and Black-throated Flowerpiercer. Following our success, we drove back towards Lake Titicaca and as every tour participant was continuing on the Palkachupa Cotinga extension we made our way towards Escoma. While having lunch our bus was fixed and we quickly continued towards Charazani. It was a long high road again passing at 4640 meter and yet again we made a few roadside stops seeing Giant Coots, Common and Puna Miners and several Common Mountain Viscachas.

Next morning, we embarked on the bumpy drive towards Apolo, but we were hoping to do some birding in Yungas Forest. We left Charazani in the dark and soon found Band-winged and Lyretailed Nightjars lower down the valley. Our breakfast break produced White-tipped Swifts, the atriceps race of Crimson-mantled Woodpecker and the aspersiventer race of Variable Antshrike. The rest of the day was also spent driving and stopping at various good-looking habitats. The forest was dry, and the roadside was dusty as well as there were lots of fires going all around us the inevitable change along this road was shocking and depressing. Most of the fires are to make place for more coca growing which is encouraged by the government. The roadside birding was different from my previous tour here before covid. Our best birds were Black-throated Toucanet, Yungas Tody-Tyrant and Bolivian Tyrannulet. When we were getting closer to Apolo in the late afternoon the habitat changed, and we arrived at wet savannah with forest fragments. Our first roadside stop yielded the rather localised Yungas Tyrannulet and slightly further we stopped to check some swifts and it was a great decision as we found not only the common White-collared and Chestnut-collared Swifts but the rare White-chested and White-chinned Swifts too! Both of these rare birds only have a handful of Bolivian records, and we took pictures for good documentation! We were certainly exhausted after the bumpy driving when we arrived to Apolo. Our accommodation was in a local monastery with basic but immaculate rooms and the food was produced from their own garden!

Early morning, we were on our way to a nearby settlement called Atén and then slightly further on to a good-looking forest patch. We walked the track and scanned for Palkachupa Cotinga but we could not locate any at first. There were a few nice birds perched on dead twings like Scaled Pigeon, White-eared Puffbirds, Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, Blue-headed Parrots, Masked Tityras and of course many Tropical Kingbirds. We took a small side trail into another hidden valley but still no luck. Our driver Carlos was waving to us that breakfast is ready, so we returned to the bus, but Leo stayed behind by a fruiting tree. We barely started eating our fruits and cereals when he was waving us back, so we run! Yessss, it was the call we were all hoping, he found Palkachupa Cotingas as well as a pair of Green-capped Tanagers. It was such a joy to watch six Palkachupa Cotingas of both sexes and a pair of Green-capped Tanagers! Two very localised and smart-looking birds! We just stood there soaking in the birding moment in the early morning sunlight, totally forgetting about our breakfast! After this fantastic morning and the great success, we decided to make a long drive and check out the Machariapo Valley in the afternoon. This is the area where the rare Inti Tanager is regularly seen but it is about two hours drive from Apolo. When we left there were towering clouds and lots of lightning. It was great to see the area and recce out the best stretches for the next day, but the afternoon was quiet. We did see Black-and-white Hawk Eagle, Black-banded and Inambari Woodcreepers, Black-capped Antwren, Rufous Casiornis and Hooded Tanager but no sign of Inti. Some of us even had Black-capped Tinamou crossing the road. On our way back to base we encountered a flashflood at one of the stream crossings and we had to wait hours before the water level dropped enough to cross it safely. So yet again it was late when we got back to the Nunnery.

Our next full day was spent in the Machariapo Valley in search of the Inti Tanager. Despite our hard work and struggle with all the sweat bees we did not see this holy grail bird. We did hear it in the morning, sometimes promisingly close but never close enough to see it. I believe you need to come across this bird in a mixed feeding flock as those few singing birds don't seem to react to tape at all regardless how cautious you are (we were!). Throughout the day we had some great birds like Blue-tailed Emerald, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Bat Falcon, Hook-billed Kite, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Bar-breasted Piculet, Red-strained Woodpecker, Upland Antshrike, Wing-barred Piprties,

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant, White-rumped Sirystes, Scarlet Tanager and Chestnut-vented Conebill. In the late afternoon we heard the Inti Tanager once more but much more distantly, so we had to accept defeat and drive back to Apolo. The last full day of the tour was the long drive back to Charazani. We planned our drive so we could bird the morning in the most promising habitat along the road. This was not far from Apolo and we had a great morning with some amazing birds! Best of all was yet another Bolivian Recurvbill which gave absolutely fantastic looks – it was a great catch up for some – as long as we wanted! Other goodies included Reddish Hermit, Eastern Woodhaunter, Cabanis's Spinetail, Western Fire-eye, Yungas Tody-Tyrant, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Fiery-capped and Round-tailed Manakins and Masked Tanager. We were back to the Charazani River Valley for for the afternoon and slowly climbed back to Charazani. There were not many new birds for us, but we did see Mottle-backed Elaenia on our lunch-stop and many Torrent Ducks at higher elevation. Gould's Inca, White-winged Black Tyrant, Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant and White-crested and Sierran Elaenias were seen at higher elevation.

On our last day we had a longish drive through high elevation from Charazani to Lake Titicaca. Here we still had an important bird to get, so we drove straight to the lakeside and quickly found several Titicaca Grebes. We could watch a family of these flightless grebes as the parents were feeding the youngsters. They are very nice grebes! There were many Puna and Yellow-billed Teals, Andean Ducks, Andean Coots and in the lakeside vegetation we found Wren-like Rushbird, Many-colored Rush Tyrant and Yellow-winged Blackbird to complete the set of goodies. It was a great ending to our action packed and successful tour to Bolivia! We had a final nice lunch and then drove to La Paz airport. As I mentioned it at the beginning of the report Bolivia is a very nice and safe country to travel and has an amazing diversity of birds, a perfect South America destination especially for those who like parrots and high Andean birding! Our group was keen, persistent, and easy going, thanks for all to join us to Bolivia and hope to see you again! I also would like to say thank you to my fellow leader Leo Garrigues for his tireless enthusiasm of finding birds and helping this tour all along! I am proud we have such amazing young generation guides at Birdquest! I would also like to say thank you for our hard-working ground team, to our guide Raul, our driver Carlos and our cook.

### **BIRD OF THE PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

1st: Masked Antpitta

2nd: White-rumped Tanager

3rd: Ocellated Crake & Pheasant Cuckoo

#### **BIRDS OF THE TOUR**

1st: Red-fronted Macaw

2nd: Blue-throated Macaw

3rd: Scimitar-winged Piha

4th: Hooded Mountain Toucan

5th: Straw-backed Tanager

### **BIRDS OF THE POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

1st: Palkachupa Cotinga

2nd: Green-capped Tanager

3rd: Bolivian Recurvebill

### SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g., it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows Gill, F., Donsker, D., & Rasmussen, P. (Eds). **2023. IOC World Bird List (v13.2)** (this was the current version when the checklist for the tour report was created).

Where the subspecies seen is/are known, these are often given in parentheses at the end of the species comment.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

## **BIRDS**

Greater Rhea Rhea americana

**Grey Tinamou** *Tinamus tao* heard-only

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* One was seen near Riberalta on the extension.

Brown Tinamou Crypturellus obsoletus Great looks at Los Volcanes.

**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus* Regularly seen around Riberalta and also at Trinidad.

**Black-capped Tinamou** *Crypturellus atrocapillus* One seen at Los Volcanes and one in the Machariapo Valley.

Small-billed Tinamou Crypturellus parvirostris Leader-only near Riberalta on the extension.

**Tataupa Tinamou** *Crypturellus tataupa* One was seen by some in the Machariapo Valley.

**Red-winged Tinamou**  Ahynchotus rufescens It was seen at Santa Cruz airport.

Huayco Tinamou ♦ *Rhynchotus maculicollis* Great looks at Quirusillas.

**Ornate Tinamou** *Nothoprocta ornate* Several excellent looks. A total of 14 were seen at high elevation.

White-bellied Nothura > Nothura boraquira One was seen at Santa Cruz airport.

Darwin's Nothura ♦ Nothura darwinii heard-only

Southern Screamer Chauna torquata

White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata

Black-bellied Whistling Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis

Torrent Duck Merganetta armata Up to 19 were seen below Charazani on the extension.

**Orinoco Goose** *Neochen jubata* A pair with chicks were seen on the Beni River near Riberalta on the extension.

Andean Goose Chloephaga melanoptera

Muscovy Duck Cairina moschata

**Ringed Teal** *Calonetta leucphrys* Six were seen at Santa Cruz airport. A write-in on the current itinerary.

Brazilian Teal Amazonetta brasiliensis

Crested Duck Lophonetta specularioides

Puna Teal Spatula puna

Red Shoveler Spatula platalea

Cinnamon Teal Spatula cyanoptera

White-cheeked Pintail Anas bahamensis

Yellow-billed Pintail Anas georgica

Yellow-billed Teal Anas flavirostris

Andean Duck Oxyura ferruginea

Speckled Chachalaca Ortalis guttata

Andean Guan Penelope montagnii

**Red-faced Guan ◊** *Penelope dabbenei* A total of six were seen at Quirusillas.

**Spix's Guan ◊ Penelope jacquacu** Seen twice near Trinidad.

Yungas Guan ♦ Penelope bridgesi We only had one sighting of five birds near Agua Clara.

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* Three were seen along the old Coroico (death) road. Rare bird!

White-throated Piping Guan ♦ Pipile grayi Regular sightings around Beni and at Los Volcanes.

**Razor-billed Curassow ◊** *Mitu tuberosum* A super surprise sighting of one near Trinidad.

Bare-faced Curassow Crax fasciolata A female was seen at Los Volcanes. VU

**Rufous-breasted Wood Quail** *Odontophorus speciosus* Great looks at Los Volcanes!

**Stripe-faced Wood Quail ◊ Odontophorus balliviani** Fantastic to see this seldom-seen bird at the Chaparre Road.

Nacunda Nighthawk Chordeiles nacunda It was seen around Riberalta and near Trinidad.

Sand-coloured Nighthawk Chordeiles ruperstris It was a write-in at Riberalta on the extension.

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* It was seen at Riberalta on the extension.

**Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* It was a write-in at Riberalta.

Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis Common.

Lyre-tailed Nightjar Uropsalis lyra One male was seen below Charazani on the extension.

Little Nightjar Setopagis parvula It was seen well near Trinidad.

Band-winged Nightjar Systellura longirostris One was seen below Charazani on the extension.

**Spot-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis maculicaudus* Great looks of this smart-looking one near Trinidad.

**Scissor-tailed Nightjar ♦** *Hydropsalis torquate* Fantastic bird, seen well at the Mizque Valley.

Rufous Nightjar Antrostomus rufus heard-only

Great Potoo Nyctibius grandis

Common Potoo Nyctibius griseus

White-chested Swift ♦ *Cypseloides lemosi* A magical mixed flock had at least 3 birds near Apolo on the extension.

**White-chinned Swift ♦ Cypseloides cryptus** A magical mixed flock had at least 10 birds near Apolo on the extension.

Chestnut-collared Swift Streptoprocne rutila

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris

**Grey-rumped Swift** Chaetura cinereiventris

White-tipped Swift Aeronautes montivagus

Andean Swift Aeronautes andecolus

Fork-tailed Palm Swift Tachornis squamata

Rufous-breasted Hermit Glaucis hirsutus

Reddish Hermit Phaethornis ruber

Buff-bellied Hermit & Phaethornis subochraceus One was seen near Trinidad.

Great-billed Hermit Phaethornis malaris

Green-fronted Lancebill Doryfera ludovicae

Lesser Violetear Colibri cyanotus

Sparkling Violetear Colibri coruscans

White-vented Violetear & Colibri serrirostris Two were seen in Samaipata.

**Horned Sungem** *Heliactin bilophus* Two brief leader-only sightings near Riberalta on the extension.

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis

Amethyst-throated Sunangel Heliangelus amethysticollis

Speckled Hummingbird Adelomyia melanogenys

Long-tailed Sylph Aglaiocercus kingii

**Red-tailed Comet ♦** *Sappho sparganurus* We had several excellent sightings of male with those pretty tail.

Andean Hillstar Oreotrochilus estella

**White-sided Hillstar •** *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus* A surprise find of a fine male near Quime. A write-in for the tour.

Wedge-tailed Hillstar ◊ Oreotrochilus adela Fantastic looks this year near Cochabamba.

Green-tailed Trainbearer Lesbia nuna

Tyrian Metaltail Metallura tyrianthina

**Scaled Metaltail ♦ (Reddish M)** *Metallura [aeneocauda] malagae* One was seen by some along the Chapare Road.

**Buff-thighed Puffleg Haplophaedia assimilis** Great find of a male along the old Coroico (death) Road. Rare bird!

Blue-capped Puffleg ♦ <i>Eriocnemis glaucopoides</i>	Super looks	of this to	ricky bird	at Siberia.
fantastic male!				

**Black-hooded Sunbeam ◊** *Aglaeactis pamela* Endemic. Many excellent looks in the high Andes.

Bronzy Inca Coeligena coeligena

**Gould's Inca ♦ Coeligena inca** Several were seen along the Chapare Road and below Charazani.

**Violet-throated Starfrontlet ◊ (Bolivian S)** *Coeligena violifer* Many great sightings, first seen in Siberia.

Great Sapphirewing Pterophanes cyanopterus

Giant Hummingbird Patagona gigas

Amethyst Woodstar Calliphlox amethystine Two were seen along the Chairo Road.

White-bellied Woodstar Chaetocercus mulsant

Blue-tailed Emerald Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Glittering-bellied Emerald Chlorostilbon lucidus

Fork-tailed Woodnymph Thalurania furcata

Golden-tailed Sapphire Chrysuronia oenone

Glittering-throated Emerald Chionomesa fimbriata

Sapphire-spangled Emerald Chionomesa lactea

Gilded Sapphire Hylocharis chrysura

White-bellied Hummingbird Elliotomyia chionogaster

White-chinned Sapphire Chlorestes cyanus

Guira Cuckoo Guira guira

Greater Ani Crotophaga major

Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani

Striped Cuckoo Tapera naevia

**Pheasant Cuckoo ◊** *Dromococcyx phasianellus* Great looks of this often shy bird near Riberalta on the extension.

Little Cuckoo Coccycua minuta

Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana

Dark-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus melacoryphus

Scaled Pigeon Patagioenas speciosa Picazuro Pigeon Patagioenas picazuro Spot-winged Pigeon Patagioenas maculosa Band-tailed Pigeon Patagioenas fasciata Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis Plumbeous Pigeon Patagioenas plumbea Ruddy Pigeon Patagioenas subvinacea heard-only Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti Picui Ground Dove Columbina picui Blue Ground Dove Claravis pretiosa Bare-faced Ground Dove Metriopelia ceciliae Black-winged Ground Dove Metriopelia melanoptera White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi Yungas Dove & Leptotila megalura Several sightings, first good looks at Los Volcanes. Grey-fronted Dove Leptotila rufaxilla White-throated Quail-Dove Zentrygon frenata It was seen along the Chapare Road. Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata Ash-throated Crake Mustelirallus albicollis One was seen by some near Trinidad. Grey-cowled Wood Rail Aramides cajaneus Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata Giant Coot Fulica gigantea Andean Coot (Slate-colored C) Fulica ardesiaca Purple Gallinule Porphyrio martinica Ocellated Crake ◊ (M, E) Micropygia schomburgkii One was seen near Riberalta on the extension. Rufous-sided Crake Laterallus melanophaius Limpkin Aramus guarauna

Rock Dove (introduced) Columba [livia] domestica

Least Grebe Tachybaptus dominicus

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps

White-tufted Grebe Rollandia rolland

**Titicaca Grebe ♦ Rollandia microptera** We counted 37 birds at Lake Titicaca, adults and juveniles. Superb! **EN** 

**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis* Southern *occipitalis* race was seen along the Chapare Road while northern *juninensis* was observed at La Cumbre.

Chilean Flamingo Phoenicopterus chilensis

**James's Flamingo ◊ Phoenicoparrus jamesi** A juvenile was seen at Laguna Alalay at Cochabamba and another juvenile at Lake Uru Uru near Oruro.

White-backed Stilt Himantopus melanurus

Andean Avocet Recurvirostra andina

Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis

Andean Lapwing Vanellus resplendens

Collared Plover Charadrius collaris

Puna Plover Charadrius alticola

Pied Plover Hoploxypterus cayanus

Wattled Jacana Jacana jacana

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe Attagis gayi

Upland Sandpiper Bartramia longicauda

Ruff Calidris pugnax NEW bird for Bolivia. We found one at Viru Viru airport. A good SA tick!

Stilt Sandpiper Calidris himantopus

Baird's Sandpiper Calidris bairdii

Least Sandpiper Calidris minutilla

Pectoral Sandpiper Calidris melanotos

Wilson's Phalarope Phalaropus tricolor

Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes

Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca

Black Skimmer Rynchops niger Andean Gull Chroicocephalus serranus Yellow-billed Tern Sternula superciliaris Large-billed Tern Phaetusa simplex Sunbittern Eurypyga helias Wood Stork Mycteria americana Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria* Maguari Stork Ciconia maguari Neotropic Cormorant Nannopterum brasilianum Plumbeous Ibis & *Theristicus caerulescens* Common around Trinidad. Buff-necked Ibis Theristicus caudatus Andean Ibis ♦ Theristicus branickii It was seen at La Cumbre and again further north. Green Ibis Mesembrinibis cayennensis Bare-faced Ibis Phimosus infuscatus Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Roseate Spoonbill Platalea ajaja Rufescent Tiger Heron Tigrisoma lineatum Black-crowned Night Heron Nycticorax nycticorax Striated Heron Butorides striata Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Cocoi Heron Ardea cocoi Great Egret Ardea alba Capped Heron Pilherodius pileatus Whistling Heron Syrigma sibilatrix Snowy Egret Egretta thula

Hoatzin Opisthocomus hoazin

Andean Condor Vultur gryphus VU

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes burrovianus

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes melambrotus

**Hook-billed Kite** Chondrohierax uncinatus

Swallow-tailed Kite Elanoides forficatus

**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle ◊** *Spizaetus melanoleucus* One was seen in the Machariapo Valley on the extension.

Black-and-chestnut Eagle ♦ Spizaetus isidori Amazing views along the Chapare Road. EN

Plain-breasted Hawk Accipiter ventralis

Long-winged Harrier Circus buffoni

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea

Black-collared Hawk Busarellus nigricollis

Snail Kite Rostrhamus sociabilis

Crane Hawk Geranospiza caerulescens

Savanna Hawk Buteogallus meridionalis

Great Black Hawk Buteogallus urubitinga

Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris

**Roadside Hawk • (Chaparral H)** *Rupornis [magnirostris] saturates* The form which was commonly seen on the tour.

Harris's Hawk Parabuteo unicinctus

White-rumped Hawk Parabuteo leucorrhous

White-tailed Hawk Gergnogetus albicaudatus

Variable Hawk Geranoaetus polyosoma

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle Geranoaetus melanoleucus

White-throated Hawk Buteo albigula

Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia

Yungas Pygmy Owl ♦ *Glaucidium bolivianum* Fantastic looks near Cochabamba.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl Glaucidium brasilianum

Lesser Horned Owl Bubo magellanicus

Tropical Screech Owl Megascops choliba Rufescent Screech Owl Megascops ingens Band-bellied Owl ♦ Pulsatrix melanota heard-only Crested Quetzal Pharomachrus antisianus Black-tailed Trogon Trogon melanurus Green-backed Trogon Trogon viridis Blue-crowned Trogon Trogon curucui Masked Trogon Trogon personatus Amazon Kingfisher Chloroceryle amazona Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana Ringed Kingfisher Megaceryle torquata Amazonian Motmot Momotus momota Purus Jacamar **Galbalcyrhynchus purusianus** A few were seen around Riberalta on the extension. Rufous-tailed Jacamar ◊ Galbula ruficauda Bluish-fronted Jacamar Galbula cyanescens White-eared Puffbird Nystalus chacuru Chaco Puffbird Nystalus striatipectus Black-fronted Nunbird Monasa nigrifrons Yellow-billed Nunbird Monasa flavirostris Swallow-winged Puffbird Chelidoptera tenebrosa Versicolored Barbet Eubucco versicolor Black-throated Toucanet Aulacorhynchus atrogularis Blue-banded Toucanet Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis Chestnut-eared Aracari Pteroglossus castanotis Hooded Mountain Toucan ◊ Andigena cucullata

Channel-billed Toucan Ramphastos vitellinus

	<b>White-throated Toucan</b>	(Cuvier's T)	Ramphastos	[tucanus]	l cuvieri
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Bar-breasted Piculet Picumnus aurifrons

**Ocellated Piculet ♦ Picumnus dorbignyanus** Two were seen near Quirusillas and another along the Chairo Road.

White-wedged Piculet Picumnus albosquamatus

White Woodpecker Melanerpes candidus

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Melanerpes cruentatus

White-fronted Woodpecker Melanerpes cactorum

Little Woodpecker Veniliornis passerinus

**Dot-fronted Woodpecker ◊ Veniliornis frontalis** Tricky bird to find in Bolivia. We saw a pair at Ouirusillas.

**Striped Woodpecker ◊ Veniliornis lignarius** Great looks near Cochabamba and Inquisivi.

Bar-bellied Woodpecker Veniliornis nigriceps

Red-stained Woodpecker Veniliornis affinis

Golden-green Woodpecker Piculus chrysochloros

Golden-olive Woodpecker Colaptes rubiginosus

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker Colaptes rivolii It is the distinctive atriceps race we saw.

Green-barred Woodpecker Colaptes melanochloros leader only

**Green-barred Woodpecker ◊ (Golden-breasted W)** *Colaptes [melanochloros] melanolaimus* Three nice sightings.

Andean Flicker Colaptes rupicola

Campo Flicker Colaptes campestris

Pale-crested Woodpecker • Celeus lugubris Great looks of a female near Trinidad.

Lineated Woodpecker Dryocopus lineatus

Crimson-crested Woodpecker Campephilus melanoleucos

**Cream-backed Woodpecker ◊ Campephilus leucopogon** A pair was seen very well on our way to Cohcabamba.

Mountain Caracara Phalcoboenus megalopterus

Crested Caracara Caracara plancus

Yellow-headed Caracara Milvago chimachima

Laughing Falcon Herpetotheres cachinnans

Barred Forest Falcon Micrastur ruficollis

Collared Forest Falcon Micrastur semitorquatus heard-only

American Kestrel Falco sparverius

Aplomado Falcon Falco femoralis

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* One near Apolo, scarce bird in Bolivia.

**Grey-hooded Parakeet ◊ Psilopsiagon aymara** Best looks were at Cerro Tunari near Cochabamba.

**Cliff Parakeet ◊ Myiopsitta luchsi** Endemic. Fantastic looks in the Red-fronted Macaw Reserve near Mizque.

Tui Parakeet Brotogeris sanctithomae

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet Brotogeris chiriri

Cobalt-winged Parakeet Brotogeris cyanoptera

**Black-winged Parrot ◊ Hapalopsittaca melanotis** Several sightings along the Chapare Road. Gradually getting better and better looks! Special one!

Scaly-headed Parrot Pionus maximiliani

Plum-crowned Parrot Pionus tumultuosus leader only

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus

Tucuman Amazon ♦ Amazona tucumana We got superb looks at Qurisillas! VU

Yellow-crowned Amazon Amazona ochrocephala

Turquoise-fronted Amazon Amazona aestiva

Scaly-naped Amazon Amazona mercenarius

Cobalt-rumped Parrotlet Forpus xanthopterygius

Green-cheeked Parakeet Pyrrhura molinae Three races seen: molinae, restricta and flavoptera.

Peach-fronted Parakeet Eupsittula aurea

Dusky-headed Parakeet Aratinga weddellii

Red-bellied Macaw Orthopsittaca malinatus leader only

**Golden-collared Macaw ◊ Primolius auricollis** Several sightings in the Trinidad area. Beautiful!

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* Several sightings in the Trinidad area.

**Blue-throated Macaw ◊** *Ara glaucogularis* Endemic. Eventually we got great looks of the rare bird. **CR** 

Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus

**Red-fronted Macaw ◊** *Ara rubrogenys* Endemic. What an amazing experience we had. Fantastic! **CR** 

Military Macaw ◊ Ara militaris Good sightings in Los Volcanes. Counted up to 25 at one time.

Scarlet Macaw Ara macao

Red-and-green Macaw Ara chloropterus

Red-shouldered Macaw Diopsittaca nobilis

Blue-crowned Parakeet ♦ Thectocercus acuticaudatus We got excellent look at Quirusillas.

Mitred Parakeet Psittacara mitratus

White-eyed Parakeet Psittacara leucophthalmus

Grey-throated Leaftosser Sclerurus albigularis

Common Miner Geositta cunicularia

Puna Miner Geositta punensis

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Sittasomus griseicapillus Two races seen: griseicapillus and viridis.

Tyrannine Woodcreeper Dendrocincla tyrannina

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper Dendrexetastes rufigula

Long-billed Woodcreeper Nasica longirostris

Black-banded Woodcreeper • Dendrocolaptes picumnus The olivaceous race was seen twice.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Great Rufous Woodcreeper Xiphocolaptes major

Ocellated Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus ocellatus

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* 

Olive-backed Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus triangularis

Straight-billed Woodcreeper Dendroplex picus

Red-billed Scythebill Campylorhamphus trochilirostris

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes angustirostris

Montane Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

**Inambari Woodcreeper ◊** *Lepidocolaptes fatimalimae* Repeated great looks in the Machariapo Valley.

Plain Xenops Xenops genibarbis

Streaked Xenops Xenops rutilans

**Rock Earthcreeper ♦ Ochetorhynchus andaecola** One was seen at Cerro Tunari near Cochabamba.

Streaked Tuftedcheek Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

**Bolivian Earthcreeper ◊** *Tarphonomus harterti* We were lucky to get superb looks of a pair this year!

Rufous Hornero Furnarius rufus

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper Lochmias nematura heard-only

Wren-like Rushbird Phleocryptes melanops

**Buff-breasted Earthcreeper ◊ (Plain-breasted E)** *Upucerthia [validirostris] jelskii* It was seen very well near Quime.

Cream-winged Cinclodes Cinclodes albiventris

White-winged Cinclodes Cinclodes atacamensis

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner Syndactyla rufosuperciliata

**Bolivian Recurvebill ♦** *Syndactyla striata* Endemic. One was seen at Los Volcanes and one near Apolo. Wow!

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Dendroma rufa

Eastern Woodhaunter Automolus subulatus

**Striped Treehunter ♦** *Thripadectes holostictus* One was seen along the old Coroico (death) Road.

Pearled Treerunner Margarornis squamiger

Tawny Tit-Spinetail ♦ Sylviorthorhynchus yanacensis Our best looks were at Cerro Tunari.

Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail & Leptasthenura fuliginiceps Commonly encountered.

Streak-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus striaticeps* Two were seen in the Mizque Valley.

Spot-breasted Thornbird ♦ Phacellodomus maculipectus Several great looks at Quirusillas.

Greater Thornbird Phacellodomus ruber

Rusty-vented Canastero Asthenes dorbignyi

**Berlepsch's Canastero ◊ Asthenes berlepschi** Endemic. It took some time, but we eventually saw one near Sorata.

**Scribble-tailed Canastero ◊ Asthenes maculicauda** We got superb looks near La Cumbre.

Streak-backed Canastero Asthenes wyatti

Cordilleran Canastero Asthenes modesta

**Black-throated Thistletail ♦** *Asthenes harterti* Endemic. We saw both races. Nominate along the Coroico road and *bejaraoni* near Siberia.

**Maquis Canastero ◊ Asthenes heterura** One was seen at Cerro Tunari.

Plain Softtail ♦ Thripophaga fusciceps The local from seen very well near Trinidad.

**Light-crowned Spinetail ♦ (Buffy-crowned S)** *Cranioleuca [albiceps] discolor* We had good looks in the Siberia area.

Rusty-backed Spinetail Cranioleuca vulpina

Stripe-crowned Spinetail Cranioleuca pyrrhophia

**Bolivian Spinetail**  *Cranioleuca henricae* Endemic. We had excellent looks of this special one in its lichen and tillandsia covered habitat. **VU** 

Grey-crested Cacholote Pseudoseisura unirufa

Yellow-chinned Spinetail Certhiaxis cinnamomeus

Chotoy Spinetail Schoeniophylax phryganophilus

Ochre-cheeked Spinetail • Synallaxis scutate It was seen several times at Los Volcanes.

**Plain-crowned Spinetail** *Synallaxis gujanensis* heard-only

**Cabanis's Spinetail ♦ Synallaxis cabanisi** We had excellent looks near Apolo on the extension.

Sooty-fronted Spinetail Synallaxis frontalis

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae

**Azara's Spinetail ♦ (Buff-browed S)** *Synallaxis [azarae] samaipatae* It was seen well at Ouirusillas.

Black-throated Antbird Myrmophylax atrothorax

Spot-winged Antshrike Pygiptila stellaris

Pygmy Antwren Myrmotherula brachyura

Amazonian Streaked Antwren Myrmotherula multostriata

Stripe-chested Antwren Myrmotherula longicauda leader only

**Long-winged Antwren** *Myrmotherula longipennis* The *garbei* race was seen near Riberalta on the extension.

Grey Antwren Myrmotherula menetriesii heard-only

Rusty-backed Antwren Formicivora rufa

Black-capped Antwren Herpsilochmus atricapillus

Rusty-winged Antwren Herpsilochmus frater heard-only

Plain Antvireo Dysithamnus mentalis

Barred Antshrike Thamnophilus doliatus

Chestnut-backed Antshrike Thamnophilus palliatus

Plain-winged Antshrike Thamnophilus schistaceus heard-only

**Upland Antshrike Thamnophilus aroyae** It was first seen in the Chairo Valley and later on the extension.

**Bolivian Slaty Antshrike ♦ Thamnophilus sticturus** We got great looks near Trinidad.

Amazonian Antshrike Thamnophilus amazonicus

Variable Antshrike ♦ (Andean A) *Thamnophilus [caerulescens] aspersiventer* A male was seen below Charazani on the extension.

Variable Antshrike ♦ (Chaco A) *Thamnophilus [caerulescens] dinellii* We had great looks at Quirusillas.

Rufous-capped Antshrike Thamnophilus ruficapillus

Great Antshrike Taraba major

Giant Antshrike ◊ Batara cinerea heard-only

Black-spotted Bare-eye Phlegopsis nigromaculata

**Striated Antbird** *Drymophila devillei* It was seen by some on the extension near Apolo. A write-in!

Peruvian Warbling Antbird Hypocnemis peruviana

Blackish Antbird Cercomacroides nigrescens

Riparian Antbird Cercomacroides fuscicauda

Grey Antbird Cercomacra cinerascens

Mato Grosso Antbird ♦ *Cercomacra melanaria* A last minute encounter with a pair near Trinidad.

White-browed Antbird Myrmoborus leucophrys

Band-tailed Antbird Hypocnemoides maculicauda

Plumbeous Antbird Myrmelastes hyperythrus

Western Fire-eye Pyriglena maura

Black-faced Antthrush Formicarius analis One was seen near Riberalta on the extension.

**Short-tailed Antthrush ◊ Chamaeza campanisona** Great looks at Los Volcanes.

Barred Antthrush ♦ Chamaeza mollissima heard-only

White-throated Antpitta • Grallaria albigula Fantastic looks at Quirusillas!

**Bolivian Antpitta ♦** *Grallaria cochabambae* Endemic. Shy bird but we got to see it along the Chapare Road.

**Rufous-faced Antpitta**  Grallaria erythrotis It was tracked down at Siberia. Not ideal weather conditions!

Masked Antpitta ♦ *Hylopezus auricularis* Endemic. Fantastic looks near Riberalta on the extension. **VU** 

**Slaty Gnateater** *Onopophaga ardesiaca* Repeated great looks at Los Volcanes.

Puna Tapaculo Scytalopus simonsi

**Diademed Tapaculo ♦** *Scytalopus schulenbergi* Despite mist we got great looks on the Coroico (death) Road.

Trilling Tapaculo Scytalopus parvirostris

**Bolivian Tapaculo Scytalopus bolivianus** One was seen well at Los Volcanes.

**Olive-crowned Crescentchest >** *Melanopareia maximiliani* Stunning bird seen well in dry habitat near Siberia.

Wing-barred Piprites Piprites chloris

Yungas Tyrannulet ♦ *Phyllomyias weedeni* A party of three were seen very well near Apolo on the extension. **VU** 

Sclater's Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias sclateri* 

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet Phyllomyias uropygialis

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet Tyrannulus elatus

Forest Elaenia Myiopagis gaimardii

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster

White-crested Elaenia Elaenia albicepsstraw

Small-billed Elaenia Elaenia parvirostris

Slaty Elaenia ♦ Elaenia strepera leader only

**Mottle-backed Elaenia** *Elaenia gigas* One was seen below Charazani on the extension. It was a write-in.

Plain-crested Elaenia Elaenia cristata

Lesser Elaenia Elaenia chiriquensis

Highland Elaenia Elaenia obscura

Sierran Elaenia Elaenia pallatangae

White-lored Tyrannulet Ornithion inerme

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet Camptostoma obsoletum

White-throated Tyrannulet Mecocerculus leucophrys

**Buff-banded Tyrannulet ◊** *Mecocerculus hellmayri* We had repeated excellent looks, the best was at Siberia.

White-banded Tyrannulet Mecocerculus stictopterus

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant Anairetes flavirostris

Tufted Tit-Tyrant Anairetes parulus

Torrent Tyrannulet Serpophaga cinerea

White-crested Tyrannulet ♦ (White-bellied T) Serpophaga [subcristata] munda One was seen at Quirusillas.

Southern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet Nesotriccus murinus

**Rufous-sided Scrub Tyrant ◊ (R-s Pygmy T)** *Euscarthmus rufomarginatus* One was seen near Riberalta on the extension.

**Greater Wagtail-Tyrant ♦ Stigmatura budytoides** We had excellent look in the Mizque Valley.

**Bolivian Tyrannulet ◊ Zimmerius bolivianus** We had our best looks along the old Coroico (death) road.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet Phylloscartes ventralis

Streak-necked Flycatcher Mionectes striaticollis

McConnell's Flycatcher Mionectes macconnelli

Sepia-capped Flycatcher Leptopogon amaurocephalus Slaty-capped Flycatcher Leptopogon superciliaris Southern Scrub Flycatcher Sublegatus modestus **Plain Inezia ◊ Inezia inornata** Just a few were noted around Trinidad. Bran-colored Flycatcher Myiophobus fasciatus Many-colored Rush Tyrant Tachuris rubrigastra Yungas Tody-Tyrant ♦ Hemitriccus spodiops Fairly common around Apolo and we had excellent looks! Flammulated Pygmy-Tyrant \( \Phi \) Hemitriccus flammulatus \( \text{One was seen near Riberalta on the} \) extension. Johannes's Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus iohannis Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus rufigularis heard-only White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant \( \text{ Myiornis albiventris} \) First seen at Los Volcanes and also seen in the Machariapu Valley. Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant Myiornis ecaudatus Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps Spotted Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum maculatum Common Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum cinereum Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum Western Olivaceous Flatbill Rhynchocyclus brevirostris One was seen near Riberalta on the extension. Yellow-olive Flatbill Tolmomyias sulphurescens Yellow-margined Flatbill Tolmomyias assimilis Olive-faced Flatbill Tolmomyias viridiceps Cinnamon Flycatcher Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus Cliff Flycatcher Hirundinea ferruginea Euler's Flycatcher Lathrotriccus euleri Fuscous Flycatcher (Bolivian F F) Cnemotriccus [fuscatus] bimaculatus non-leader

Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans

Smoke-colored Pewee Contopus fumigatus heard-only

Western Wood Pewee Contopus sordidulus

Eastern Wood Pewee Contopus virens

Scarlet Flycatcher Pyrocephalus rubinus

Yellow-browed Tyrant Satrapa icterophrys

Spot-billed Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola maculirostris

White-fronted Ground Tyrant ♦ *Muscisaxicola albifrons* Several were seen at high altitude. Best looks were at La Cumbre near La Paz.

**Cinereous Ground Tyrant ◊ Muscisaxicola cinereus** Two were seen on the way to Quime.

Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola rufivertex

White-browed Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola albilora

**Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant ◊ Muscisaxicola griseus** Three were seen near Quime. It was a write-in!

Puna Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola juninensis

Andean Negrito Lessonia oreas

**Plumbeous Tyrant ◊ Knipolegus cabanisi** We had many sightings at Siberia this year!

White-winged Black Tyrant Knipolegus aterrimus

**Hudson's Black Tyrant ◊ Knipolegus hudsoni** Three were seen around Trinidad.

White-rumped Monjita Xolmis velatus

White Monjita Xolmis irupero

Grey Monjita Nengetus cinereus

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant Myiotheretes striaticollis

**Rufous-bellied Bush Tyrant &** *Myiotheretes fuscorufus* Unusually many sightings this year both at Siberia and along the Chapare road.

Black-backed Water Tyrant Fluvicola albiventer

White-headed Marsh Tyrant Arundinicola leucocephala

Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca thoracica

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca rufipectoralis

Cattle Tyrant Machetornis rixosa

Piratic Flycatcher Legatus leucophaius

Rusty-margined Flycatcher Myiozetetes cayanensis

Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis

Grey-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis

**Lemon-browed Flycatcher** *Conopias cinchoneti* Very rare bird, probably the third record for Bolivia was seen along the Chairo road.

Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus

Lesser Kiskadee Philohydor lictor

Golden-crowned Flycatcher Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher Myiodynastes luteiventris

Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus

Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua

Variegated Flycatcher Empidonomus varius

Crowned Slaty Flycatcher Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus

Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus

Fork-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus savana

Eastern Kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus

White-rumped Sirystes ◊ Sirystes albocinereus Two pairs were seen in the Machariapu Valley on the extension.

Rufous Casiornis Casiornis rufus

Dusky-capped Flycatcher Myiarchus tuberculifer

Swainson's Flycatcher Myiarchus swainsoni Several sightings around Riberalta.

Short-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus ferox

Brown-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus tyrannulus

**Cinnamon Attila** *Attila cinnamomeus* One was seen near Riberalta on the extension.

White-eyed Attila Attila bolivianus

Bright-rumped Attila Attila spadiceus heard-only

Barred Fruiteater Pipreola arcuata

Andean Cock-of-the-rock Rupicola peruvianus

White-tipped Plantcutter Phytotoma rutila

**Palkachupa Cotinga ◊ Phibalura boliviana** Endemic. Excellent looks near Apolo. A real highlight of the tour and the main target of our extension! **EN** 

Red-crested Cotinga Ampelion rubrocristatus

**Chestnut-crested Cotinga ◊** *Ampelion rufaxilla* We had excellent looks of this scarce bird along thr old Coroico (death) road.

Amazonian Umbrellabird Cephalopterus ornatus

Screaming Piha Lipaugus vociferans

**Scimitar-winged Piha ♦ Lipaugus uropygialis** Another major target of the tour and after hard work we all got great looks of this near-endemic species along the old Coroico (death) road. **VU** 

Bare-necked Fruitcrow Gymnoderus foetidus

**Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin ◊ Neopelma sulphureiventer** We had repeated good looks near Trinidad.

Yungas Manakin ♦ *Chiroxiphia boliviana* First seen well at Los Volcanes.

Band-tailed Manakin Pipra fasciicauda

Fiery-capped Manakin Machaeropterus pyrocephalus

Round-tailed Manakin Ceratopipra chloromeros

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher Terenotriccus erythrurus

Black-tailed Tityra Tityra cayana

Masked Tityra Tityra semifasciata

Barred Becard Pachyramphus versicolor

Chestnut-crowned Becard Pachyramphus castaneus

White-winged Becard Pachyramphus polychopterus

Black-capped Becard Pachyramphus marginatus

Rufous-browed Peppershrike Cyclarhis gujanensis heard-only

Lemon-chested Greenlet Hylophilus thoracicus

Dusky-capped Greenlet Pachysylvia hypoxantha

Yellow-green Vireo Vireo flavoviridis

Chivi Vireo Vireo chivi

Brown-capped Vireo Vireo leucophrys

<b>White-collared Jay ♦</b> <i>Cyanolyca viridicyanus</i> It was seen along the Chapare and Coroico roads.
Purplish Jay Cyanocorax cyanomelas
Plush-crested Jay Cyanocorax chrysops
Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i>
White-rumped Swallow Tachycineta leucorrhoa
White-winged Swallow Tachycineta albiventer
Blue-and-white Swallow Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
<b>Tawny-headed Swallow</b> <i>Alopochelidon fucata</i> We saw eight near Trinidad. It was a write-in.
<b>Pale-footed Swallow ◊ </b> <i>Orochelidon flavipes</i> We had good looks at Siberia and along the Chapare road.
Brown-bellied Swallow <i>Orochelidon murina</i>
<b>Andean Swallow ◊ </b> <i>Orochelidon andecola</i> Several great looks at high altitude.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Brown-chested Martin Progne tapera
Southern Martin Progne elegans
Grey-breasted Martin <i>Progne chalybea</i>
Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica
American Cliff Swallow Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
Black-capped Donacobius Donacobius atricapilla
Thrush-like Wren Campylorhynchus turdinus
<b>Fulvous Wren ♦ </b> <i>Cinnycerthia fulva</i> We had nice looks along the Chapare road.
Moustached Wren Pheugopedius genibarbis
Fawn-breasted Wren ♦ Cantorchilus guarayanus Common.
House Wren Troglodytes aedon
Mountain Wren Troglodytes solstitialis

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* heard-only

Masked Gnatcatcher Polioptila dumicola

Chalk-browed Mockingbird Mimus saturninus

**Brown-backed Mockingbird ◊ Mimus dorsalis** A pair was seen on our drive to Cochabamba.

Andean Solitaire Myadestes ralloides

White-eared Solitaire ♦ *Entomodestes leucotis* It was seen at Siberia, along the Chapare and Coroico roads.

Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus

Chiguanco Thrush Turdus chiguanco

**Andean Slaty Thrush ◊ Turdus nigriceps** Excellent looks at Siberia despite the mist.

Glossy-black Thrush Turdus serranus

Great Thrush Turdus fuscater

Creamy-bellied Thrush Turdus amaurochalinus

Black-billed Thrush Turdus ignobilis

White-necked Thrush Turdus albicollis

Pale-breasted Thrush Turdus leucomelas

Hauxwell's Thrush Turdus hauxwelli

Rufous-bellied Thrush Turdus rufiventris

White-capped Dipper Cinclus leucocephalus

House Sparrow (introduced) Passer domesticus

Yellowish Pipit Anthus chii

**Puna Pipit ◊ Anthus brevirostris** One was seen at Cerro Tunari by some.

Yellow-bellied Siskin Spinus xanthogastrus

Hooded Siskin Spinus magellanicus

Black Siskin Spinus atratus

Golden-rumped Euphonia Chlorophonia cyanocephala

Blue-naped Chlorophonia Chlorophonia cyanea

Purple-throated Euphonia Euphonia chlorotica

White-lored Euphonia Euphonia chrysopasta

Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia laniirostris

Bronze-green Euphonia Euphonia mesochrysa

Common Chlorospingus Chlorospingus flavopectus

**Grassland Sparrow** *Ammodramus humeralis* 

Yellow-browed Sparrow Ammodramus aurifrons

White-browed Brushfinch ◊ Arremon torquatus A singleton was seen at Quirusillas.

**Moss-backed Sparrow** ♦ *Arremon flavirostris* Two were seen near Samaipata.

Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis

**Bolivian Brushfinch ◊** *Atlapetes rufinucha* Endemic. We had repeated excellent looks, first at Siberia.

White-browed Blackbird Leistes superciliaris

**Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* A pair was seen along the Chapare road. It was a write-in.

Russet-backed Oropendola Psarocolius angustifrons

Dusky-green Oropendola Psarocolius atrovirens

Green Oropendola Psarocolius viridis

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus

Olive Oropendola Psarocolius bifasciatus

Solitary Cacique Cacicus solitarius

Golden-winged Cacique Cacicus chrysopterus

Yellow-rumped Cacique Cacicus cela

Orange-backed Troupial Icterus croconotus

Variable Oriole Icterus pyrrhopterus

Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus

**Screaming Cowbird ◊ Molothrus rufoaxillaris** It was seen twice near Trinidad.

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis

**Velvet-fronted Grackle ◊ Lampropsar tanagrinus** Big flocks were seen near Trinidad.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird Amblyramphus holosericeus

Chopi Blackbird Gnorimopsar chopi

**Bolivian Blackbird ♦ Oreopsar bolivianus** Endemic. It was common in the Mizque Valley but seen elsewhere too.

Greyish Baywing (Bay-winged Cowbird) Agelaioides badius Yellow-winged Blackbird Agelasticus thilius Unicolored Blackbird Agelasticus cyanopus Southern Yellowthroat Geothlypis velata Tropical Parula Setophaga pitiayumi Citrine Warbler Myiothlypis luteoviridis Pale-legged Warbler Myiothlypis signata Buff-rumped Warbler Myiothlypis fulvicauda One was seen below Charazani on the extension. Riverbank Warbler Myiothlypis rivularis A pair was seen along the Chairo road. Two-banded Warbler Myiothlypis bivittata Golden-crowned Warbler Basileuterus culicivorus Yungas Warbler Basileuterus punctipectus A single individual was seen along the old Coroico road. Slate-throated Whitestart Myioborus miniatus **Brown-capped Whitestart ◊ Myioborus brunniceps** Common. Spectacled Whitestart Myioborus melanocephalus Scarlet Tanager Piranga olivacea White-winged Tanager Piranga leucoptera Black-backed Grosbeak Pheucticus gureoventris Ultramarine Grosbeak Cyanoloxia brissonii Plushcap Catamblyrhynchus diadema Hooded Tanager Nemosia pileata Pampa Finch Embernagra platensis Wedge-tailed Grass Finch Emberizoides herbicola Mourning Sierra Finch Rhopospina fruticeti

Band-tailed Sierra Finch *Rhopospina alaudina*Green Honeycreeper (E no stars) *Chlorophanes spiza*Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* 

Swallow Tanager Tersina viridis

Purple Honeycreeper Cyanerpes caeruleus

Red-legged Honeycreeper Cyanerpes cyaneus

Blue Dacnis Dacnis cayana

Black-faced Dacnis Dacnis lineata

Black-throated Saltator Saltatricula atricollis

Bluish-grey Saltator Saltator coerulescens

Buff-throated Saltator Saltator maximus

Golden-billed Saltator Saltator aurantiirostris

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola

Dull-colored Grassquit Asemospiza obscura

Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina

Grey-headed Tanager Eucometis penicillata

Black-goggled Tanager Trichothraupis melanops

Inti Tanager > Heliothraupis oneilli heard-only

Flame-crested Tanager Loriotus cristatus

Red Pileated Finch Coryphospingus cucullatus

Silver-beaked Tanager Ramphocelus carbo

Yellow-bellied Seedeater Sporophila nigricollis

Double-collared Seedeater Sporophila caerulescens

Rusty-collared Seedeater Sporophila collaris

**White-bellied Seedeater ◊ Sporophila leucoptera** Several were seen around Trinidad. This is the *bicolor* race.

**Bolivian Warbling Finch ♦** *Poospiza boliviana* We could observe a pair at Cerro Tunari as long as we wanted!

Black-and-chestnut Warbling Finch Poospiza whitii

**Cochabamba Mountain Finch**  *Poospiza garleppi* Endemic. About 10 were seen at Cerro Tunari. Beautiful!

**Orange-browed Hemispingus**  *Kleinothraupis calophrys* It was difficult to find this year! Eventually a party of three were seen along the Chapare road.

Orange-headed Tanager Thlypopsis sordida

Rust-and-yellow Tanager Thlypopsis ruficeps

Superciliaried Hemispingus Thlypopsis superciliaris

**Long-tailed Reed Finch ◊** *Donacospiza albifrons* Two were seen near Trinidad. The Bolivian population is highly disjunct however the species is monotypic.

White-rumped Tanager ♦ *Cypsnagra hirundinacea* We got fantastic looks near Riberalta on the extension.

Rufous-sided Warbling Finch Poospizopsis hypocondria

**Rusty-browed Warbling Finch**  *Microspingus erythrophrys* A pair was seen near Siberia.

Ringed Warbling Finch Microspingus torquatus

Black-capped Warbling Finch Microspingus melanoleucus

Chestnut-vented Conebill Conirostrum speciosum

Capped Conebill Conirostrum albifrons

**Giant Conebill ♦ Conirostrum binghami** Absolutely fantastic looks at Cerro Tunari!

Blue-backed Conebill Conirostrum sitticolor

Cinereous Conebill Conirostrum cinereum

Saffron Finch Sicalis flaveola

Greenish Yellow Finch Sicalis olivascens

Black-hooded Sierra Finch Phrygilus atriceps

Peruvian Sierra Finch Phrygilus punensis

Ash-breasted Sierra Finch Geospizopsis plebejus

Plumbeous Sierra Finch Geospizopsis unicolor

Glacier Finch ♦ (White-winged Diuca F) *Idiopsar speculifer* A few were seen near Quime and at La Cumbre.

Band-tailed Seedeater Catamenia analis

Plain-colored Seedeater Catamenia inornata

Masked Flowerpiercer Diglossa cyanea

Rusty Flowerpiercer Diglossa sittoides

**Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer &** *Diglossa carbonaria* Multiplied great looks of this near-endemic bird! It was recently found in Peru but used to be an endemic bird to Bolivia.

Black-throated Flowerpiercer Diglossa brunneiventris

Fawn-breasted Tanager Pipraeidea melanonota

Blue-and-yellow Tanager Rauenia bonariensis

**Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager ◊** *Pseudosaltator rufiventris* Special bird which we saw easily at Cerro Tunari.

Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager Dubusia castaneoventris

Hooded Mountain Tanager Buthraupis montana

Blue-capped Tanager Sporathraupis cyanocephala

**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* The *flavinucha* race we saw is sometimes considered a separate species 'Bolivian' Blue-winged Mountain Tanager.

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* It was regularly seen on the tour. This is the nominate race which is sometimes called Fire-bellied Mountain Tanager (south of Junin in Peru).

**Grey-crested Finch ♦** *Lophospingus griseocristatus* We got great looks in the Mizque Valley.

Magpie Tanager Cissopis leverianus

Black-faced Tanager Schistochlamys melanopis

Red-crested Cardinal Paroaria coronata

Red-capped Cardinal Paroaria gularis

Yellow-bellied Tanager Ixothraupis xanthogastra

**Golden-naped Tanager** *Chalcothraupis ruficervix* Two males were seen below Charazani by some. This is the *fulvicervix* race, sometimes called Rusty-naped Tanager.

Blue-grey Tanager Thraupis episcopus

Sayaca Tanager Thraupis sayaca

Palm Tanager Thraupis palmarum

**Straw-backed Tanager ◊ Stilpnia argyrofenges** A pair was seen at Quirusillas and three at Siberia. **VU** 

Blue-necked Tanager Stilpnia cyanicollis

Masked Tanager Stilpnia nigrocincta

**Green-capped Tanager ◊ Stilpnia meyerdeschauenseei** A pair was seen near Apolo. Yet another main target of the extension, and a difficult-to-find bird, so it was great to see it well!

Blue-and-black Tanager Tangara vassorii

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola

Saffron-crowned Tanager Tangara xanthocephala

Turquoise Tanager Tangara mexicana

Paradise Tanager Tangara chilensis

MAMMALS

**Spectacled Slender Opossum ◊** *Marmosops ocellatus* One was seen and photographed at Los Volcanes.

**Giant Anteater** ♦ *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* What an amazing creature! We saw one coming to a waterhole at dusk near Trinidad. Certainly a tour highlight!

**Southern Tamandua** *Tamandua tetradactyla* Two were seen near Trinidad.

**Crab-eating Fox (Common Zorro)** *Cerdocyon thous* Excellent looks of one at a water-hole.

Culpeo (Colpeo Fox) Lycalopex culpaeus One was seen at Lake Titicaca.

South American Coati (Coati) Nasua nasua One was seen near Trinidad.

Crab-eating Raccoon Procyon cancrivorus A party of four were seen near Trinidad.

**Bolivian River Dolphin ◊ Inia boliviensis** Two were seen on the Rio Mamoré.

Black-capped Squirrel Monkey Saimiri boliviensis

Large-headed Capuchin Sapajus macrocephalus non-leader

**Hooded Capuchin** *Sapajus cay* Best views were at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden.

**Azara's Night Monkey (Southern N M)** *Aotus azarae* Daytime and night time encounters. Brilliant!

White-eared Titi (Bolivian Grey T) *Plecturocebus donacophilus* Just three were seen near Trinidad on the extension.

**Río Beni Titi ◊ Plecturocebus modestus** Fantastic looks near Trinidad. Rare primate!

**Bolivian Red Howler ◊ Alouatta sara** Three were seen near Trinidad.

Azara's Agouti Dasyprocta azarae leader-only

Bicolored-spined Porcupine Coendu bicolor One was seen at Los Volcanes.

Brazilian Guinea Pig (Common Cavy) Cavia aperea

Montane Guinea Pig Cavia tschudii

Northern Mountain Cavy *Microcavia niata* Two were seen on the Altiplano by some.

Greater Capybara Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris Common.

**Common Mountain Viscacha** *Lagidium viscacia* We had our best looks towards Quime. Also seen on the Apolo extension.

**Bolivian Squirrel** *Sciurus ignites* Several sightings, first at Los Volcanes.

**Southern Amazon Red Squirrel** *Sciurus spadiceus* We had the best looks at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden.

**Southern Red Bat** *Lasiurus blossevilli* One was seen flying at daytime (migrating?) up at 4400 meter above Quime.

**Common Brown Brocket (Grey B)** *Mazama gouazoubira* Seen very well in the Andes near Siberia.

Molina's Hog-nosed Skunk Conepatus chinga Two were seen at Siberia.