

TRIP REPORT

# Central & Northwestern Argentina

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Central and Northeastern Argentina is an amazing region of the Southern Cone not only for birds but also for landscapes, culture and diversity of habitats. I took Guy Kirwan and Hadoram Shirihai on a trip with the special purpose of not just finding all the endemics, but getting as many good photographs as possible. Over the past years, we've got used to get good results in the area, but this particular trip couldn't be more productive. We had all the endemics, and thousands of first quality photos.

We birded Yungas cloudforest, Salinas habitats (a very dry around a salt flat), Chaco woodlands (a deciduous forest typical of northern Argentina), Puna and High Andes at more than 4000 meters ( 14000 feet aprox.). So we had a good cross section of virtually all the habitats one can find from the center of the country to its extreme northwest, looking for specialties of mountains, valleys, wetlands and deserts.

Our trip started at Cordoba province at the very center of the country, to look for the endemics of this area: Salinas Monjita and Cordoba Cinclodes. We had both, together with lots of Chaco specialties which are easier to see here than in other areas. Among them are Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper, Chaco Puffbird, Lark-like Brushrunner, Crested Gallito, Black-Crested Finch and the rare Black-bodied Woodpecker. After spending some days here, we started to head northward into Tucuman province, where we had the scarce Dinelli's Doradito, a tiny yellow flycatcher that is very hard to see in any place along its restricted range of distribution.

The road then started climb up through yungas forest, eventually getting us to the village of Tafi del Valle. The sceneries at this point of the trip are really astonishing and the bird diversity increases with every turn of the road. This particular area is specially good to find a few more endemics, so we stayed a couple of days.

Later on, we continued climbing up towards the Puna Altiplano, an area where we had very good views and amazing photos of Rufous-webbed Tyrant, Tawny-Tit Spinetail, Rufous-bellied Saltator, Zimmer's Tapaculo and the rare Short-tailed Finch, all difficult species in this country. Some other highlights were Giant Coot and Horned Coot, both very scarce species in all their distribution along the Andes.

In the Yungas, a mountain cloud forest that covers the eastern face of some ranges on the West of Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador, we had amazing views of the White-throated Antpitta, wich is one of the specialties of this habitat and usually difficult to see.

After a three week journey, we found all the Argentine endemics occurring in the area. Salinas Monjita, Sandy Gallito, Tucuman Mountain-Finch and White-browed Tapaculo were particularly cooperative and got very close to us so we managed to take incredible photos.

Other specialties added to the list included Rufous-throated Dipper, one of the most amazing birds of this region which was very cooperative too. In one occasion we found one that popped up on a rock at six feet from us and started to display opening its wings very fast while it was carrying nesting material on its bill... great photos of him, too!!! We also saw eight especies of Canasteros, including the rare and endemic Steinbach's. We also had all the earthcreepers that occur in this part of Argentina: Chaco, Scale-throated, Rock, Straight-billed, Pale-breasted and Buff-breasted. This last one is another endemic.

Once again the Northwestern Argentina trip was a memorable experience. We enjoyed every single day exploring its landscape, meeting friendly people and finding spectacular birds.

## REFERENCES

Global threat categories by BirdLife International

CR = CRITICAL

EN = ENDANGERED

VU = VULNERABLE

NT = NEAR THREATENED

X = A common bird, seen several times at different locations.

E = ENDEMIC SPECIES

EB = ENDEMIC BREEDER

NE = NEAR ENDEMIC (90% or more of their distribution is in Argentina)

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#	Ref	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	
<b>Family Rheidae (Rheas)</b>				
1	NT	Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	Some individuals seen near JV Gonzalez along the road
2	NT	Darwin's Rhea	<i>Rhea (Pterocnemia) pennata</i>	One found on the way to Abra Pampa.
<b>Family Tinamidae (Tinamous)</b>				
3		Tataupa Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus tataupa</i>	One heard in Calilegua National Park
4		Ornate Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta ornata</i>	Several along the road early in the morning at Tafi del Valle. Tucumán.
5		Andean Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta pentlandii</i>	Many in the forest in Cordoba and in the grassland area in Tafi del Valle.
6		Brushland Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta cinerascens</i>	Some that crossed the road in JV Gonzalez.
7		Darwin's Tinamou	<i>Nothura darwinii</i>	One found along a dirt road in the Sierras Grandes in Cordoba.
8		Spotted Tinamou	<i>Nothura maculosa</i>	One was flushed in a grassy spot in Cordoba
9	NE	Elegant Crested-Tinamou	<i>Eudromia elegans</i>	A pair very close to the road in the Monte Desert area in Tucuman.
<b>Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)</b>				
10		White-tufted Grebe	<i>Rollandia rolland</i>	Some very well photographed in a reservoir close to Salta city.
11		Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	One found in a lake on the way to Jujuy city.
12		Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Many were seen on several lakes during the trip
13		Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	A pair close to the road in a lake in Cordoba
14		Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	Both subspecies of this grebe were found in a high elevation lagoon close to Abra Pampa.
<b>Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants, Shags)</b>				
15		Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Many along the trip.
<b>Family Ardeidae (Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns)</b>				
16		Fasciated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>	One individual this shy bird was seen by the river Los Sosa, in the lower part of the Yungas in the way up to Tafi del Valle. This species is very scarce in Argentina.
17		Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	At least twenty birds seen in a lake near Abra Pampa.
18		Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	Two birds were wandering around the fields in Cordoba.
19		Little Blue-Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	One birds was seen and photographed in a reservoir close to Salta city
20		Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	We saw this species in almost all the lakes we visited.
21		White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	One birds was found feeding in the midst of an area full of reeds in a small lagoon on the way to JV Gonzalez.
22		Great Egret	<i>Ardea (Casmerodius) alba</i>	Two birds seen in a lake in Cordoba.
23		Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus (Ardea) ibis</i>	One flocks seen in JV Gonzalez
24		Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	One bird seen flying by along a river on the way to Tafi del Valle
<b>Family Threskiornithidae (Ibises, Spoonbills)</b>				

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25		White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Big flocks of this species were seen as we were driving to Salta city. Besides, we found some birds in several lowland lakes in Salta and Jujuy.
26		Puna Ibis	<i>Plegadis ridgwayi</i>	Twenty birds were photographed near Abra Pampa. They were feeding at about thirty feet from the car.
27		Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	Several birds passed flying above us and some were feeding on a grassland near Salta.
<b>Family Ciconiidae (Storks)</b>				
28		Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Seven birds perched on a dead tree at the entrance of Calilegua National Park.
29		Maguari Stork	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>	One single bird seen in a temporary marsh at JV Gonzalez.
<b>Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)</b>				
30	NT	Chilean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	Several birds seen in at least three different lakes around Abra Pampa
31	VU	Andean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus andinus</i>	Great views of about fifteen birds near Abra Pampa.
32	NT	Puna Flamingo	<i>Phoenicoparrus jamesi</i>	Three youngsters found near Abra Pampa along with the other two species of flamingoes.
<b>Family Anhimidae (Screamers)</b>				
33		Southern Screamer	<i>Chauna torquata</i>	We spotted one bird near the road to JV Gonzalez.
<b>Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, Swans)</b>				
34		White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Many seen in a reservoir near Salta City
35		Andean Goose	<i>Chloephaga melanoptera</i>	Some around Abra Pampa and in some wet bogs on the way to Santa Victoria.
36		Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>	Several pairs seen at the river Los Sosa and Yala.
37		Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	One seen flying in JV Gonzalez
38		Ringed Teal	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>	A pair found by the road near JV Gonzalez
39		Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Many found in temporary ponds near JV Gonzalez.
40		Brazilian Duck	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>	We saw two in the reservoir near Salta City.
41		Red Shoveler	<i>Anas platylea</i>	Many seen in a reservoir in Tafi del Valle.
42		Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	There were three pairs in the reservoir in Tafi del Valle.
43		Silver Teal	<i>Anas versicolor</i>	Several birds found in a lake near Salta city.
44		Puna Teal	<i>Anas puna</i>	Many seen in a lake near Abra Pampa.
45		Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>	This species was found in most of the ponds and lakes we visited along the trip.
46		Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas georgica</i>	We saw many in the lake at Tafi del Valle. This is the highland form with a very
47		Andean Ruddy-Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>	We found some pairs in the lakes around Abra Pampa.
<b>Family Cathartidae (Vultures)</b>				
48		Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Common throughout

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49		Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Common throughout
50	NT	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	We had great views of a huge male that flew by the road at the same level as we were.
51		King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	Two birds flying very high at Calilegua National Park
<b>Family Accipitridae (Hawks, Kites, Eagles)</b>				
52		Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	One seen soaring above the canopy in Calilegua National Park
53		Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Many flying in the high part of Calilegua National Park
54		White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	One bird spotted from the car as we were driving in Cordoba. One seen in Tafi del Valle
55		Snail Kite	<i>Rosthamus sociabilis</i>	One adult seen along the road near JV Gonzalez.
56		Rufous-thighed Kite	<i>Harpagus diodon</i>	We had good views of this species perched near the road at Calilegua National Park
57		Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	Very common at Calilegua National Park
58		Cinereous Harrier	<i>Circus cinereus</i>	We saw one female in the grassland area in Tafi del Valle.
59		Rufous-thighed Hawk	<i>Accipiter erythronemius</i>	We spotted one single bird in the sierran chaco in Cordoba.
60		Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	There were two birds of this species at the top of the electric poles by the road in Tucumán
61		Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>	One bird was soaring in the Sierras Grandes in Cordoba.
62		Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	Common throughout
63		White-rumped Hawk	<i>Buteo leucorrhous</i>	A juvenile was seen in Calilegua.
64		Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	Several seen in Calilegua.
65		Red-backed Hawk	<i>Buteo polyosoma</i>	Several along the trip.
<b>Family Falconidae (Caracaras, Falcons)</b>				
66		Mountain Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus megalopterus</i>	We spotted one from the car as we were driving to Abra Pampa.
67		Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	Common throughout
68		Chimango Caracara	<i>Milvago chimango</i>	Common throughout
69		Spot-winged Falconet	<i>Spizapteryx circumcinctus</i>	We managed to take nice photos of this endemic breeder of Argentina in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba.
70		American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Common throughout
71		Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	Several along the trip.
72		Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	A pair in Condorito National Park, in Cordoba.
<b>Family Cracidae (Chachalacas, Guans, Curassows)</b>				
73		Chaco Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis canicollis</i>	Many around JV Gonzalez!!
74		Red-faced Guan	<i>Penelope dabbenei</i>	We had great views of this rare guan, we even managed to take great photos of it.
75		Dusky-legged Guan	<i>Penelope obscura</i>	There was a group feeding on fruits in the lower part of Cuesta del Obispo.
<b>Family Rallidae (Crakes, Rails, Coots)</b>				
76		Grey-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	Two birds seen in Calilegua and a third near Yala.
77		Giant Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides ypecaha</i>	One seen near JV Gonzalez
78		Plumbeous Rail	<i>Pardirallus sanguinolentus</i>	A pair seen in the lowlands in Tucumán.

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79		Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	One bird seen by just one person from the car near JV Gonzalez
80		Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common throughout
81		Spot-flanked Gallinule	<i>Gallinula melanops</i>	One bird seen by just one person from the car near JV Gonzalez
82		White-winged Coot	<i>Fulica leucoptera</i>	X
83		Andean Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>	X
84		Red-gartered Coot	<i>Fulica armillata</i>	X
85		Red-fronted Coot	<i>Fulica rufifrons</i>	X
86		Giant Coot	<i>Fulica gigantea</i>	We found a pair with two youngsters near Abra Pampa.
87	NT	Horned Coot	<i>Fulica cornuta</i>	There were three birds of this rare species near Pozuelos Lake National Park.
<b>Family Aramididae (Limpkin)</b>				
88		Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	X
<b>Family Cariamidae (Seriemas)</b>				
89		Black-legged Seriema	<i>Chunga burmeisteri</i>	We could photograph one bird and hear another near by. One of them was calling while it was perched on the top of a tree.
<b>Family Recurvirostridae (Stilts, Avocets)</b>				
90		South American Stilt	<i>Himantopus melanurus</i>	Several birds in a lake near Salta city.
91		Andean Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra andina</i>	There were three birds near Abra Pampa and several more around Pozuelos Lake National Park.
<b>Family Charadriidae (Plovers, Lapwings)</b>				
92		Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	Common throughout
93		Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>	Many in Tafi del Valle.
94		Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	Three birds seen in the lowland of Tucumán.
95		Puna Plover	<i>Charadrius alticola</i>	We saw this species very close to us in the coast of Pozuelos Lake
<b>Family Scolopacidae (Snipe, Sandpipers)</b>				
96		Puna Snipe	<i>Gallinago andina</i>	We spotted one near Abra Pampa. It was far away from us.
97		White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Some in Pozuelos National Park.
98		Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Many seen in Pozuelos National Park
<b>Family Thinocoridae (Seedsnipe)</b>				
99		Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe	<i>Attagis gayi</i>	There were some individuals feeding in a wet area near La Quiaca.
100		Grey-breasted Seedsnipe	<i>Thinocorus orbignyianus</i>	We found many birds by the road not far from Yavi
<b>Family Laridae (Skuas, Gulls, Terns, Skimmer)</b>				
101		Andean Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>	We spotted five from the car near Humahuaca.
<b>Family Columbidae (Pigeons, Doves)</b>				
102		Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	X
103		Picazuro Pigeon	<i>Columba picazuro</i>	Common throughout
104		Spot-winged Pigeon	<i>Columba maculosa</i>	Common throughout
105		Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>	Several birds seen in Calilegua.
106		Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	X
107		Picui Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina picui</i>	Common throughout
108		Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	A pair seen in Calilegua.
109		Bare-faced Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i>	There were many around Yavi.
110	E	Moreno's Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia morenoi</i>	We found this endemic species around Tafi del Valle.
111		Black-winged Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>	Common throughout
112		Golden-spotted Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia aymara</i>	There were three birds feeding in the short grass near Pozuelos.

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113		White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Common throughout
114		Yungas Dove	<i>Leptotila megalura</i>	We managed to take nice photos of this shy dove in Yala.
<b>Family Psittacidae (Parrots)</b>				
115		Golden-collared Macaw	<i>Primolius auricollis</i>	Some birds passed flying fairly low in Calilegua National Park.
116		Blue-crowned Parakeet	<i>Aratinga acuticaudata</i>	There was a flock of this bird in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba.
117		Mitred Parakeet	<i>Aratinga mitrata</i>	There was a big flock flying in the lower part of the Yungas habitat in the way up to Tafi del Valle
118	NE	Burrowing Parrot	<i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i>	We could see this parrots in the desert area near Cayafate. They were all over the place!!!
119		Reddish-bellied Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura frontalis</i>	Many flocks seen in Calilegua.
120		Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	Common throughout
121		Grey-hooded Parakeet	<i>Psilopsiagon aymara</i>	Some seen in Cordoba and Tafi del Valle.
122		Mountain Parakeet	<i>Psilopsiagon aurifrons</i>	three birds along the road near Humahuaca.
123	NT	Alder Parrot	<i>Amazona tucumana</i>	Many flying in the high part of Calilegua National Park
124		Turquoise-fronted Parrot	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	Some small flocks around JV Gonzalez
<b>Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos, Anis)</b>				
125		Dark-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus melacoryphus</i>	X
126		Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	X
127		Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	x
128		Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>	Common throughout
129		Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	X
<b>Family Tytonidae (Barn Owls)</b>				
130		Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	X
<b>Family Strigidae (Owls)</b>				
131		Hoy's Screech-Owl	<i>Otus höyi</i>	Heard in Calilegua
132		Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	Seen in several places during the trip
133		Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Common throughout
134		Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	X
<b>Family Apodidae (Swifts)</b>				
135		White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	Common throughout
136		Andean Swift	<i>Aeronautes andecolus</i>	Seen in several places during the trip
<b>Family Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)</b>				
137		Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	At least three birds in Tafi del Valle and Cuesta del Obispo
138		Slender-tailed Woodstar	<i>Microstilbon burmeisteri</i>	One female in the higher part of Calilegua National Park
139		White-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia chionogaster</i>	Common throughout
140		White-sided Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus leucopleurus</i>	One male in the high grassland of Tafi del Valle
141	NT	Wedge-tailed Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus adela</i>	Two males seen in Yavi
142		Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>	There was one single bird around Humahuaca feeding on insects.
143		Red-tailed Comet	<i>Sappho sparganura</i>	Common throughout
144		Blue-tufted Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster furcifer</i>	One seen in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba
<b>Family Trogonidae (Trogons)</b>				
145		Blue-crowned Trogon	<i>Trogon curucui</i>	Several birds in Calilegua National Park
<b>Family Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)</b>				
146		Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	X
147		Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	X

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<b>Family Bucconidae (Puffbirds, Nunlets)</b>				
148		Chaco Puffbird	<i>Nystalus striatipectus</i>	Two birds seen in Salinas area
<b>Family Ramphastidae (Toucans)</b>				
149		Toco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	A group seen flying in Calilegua.
<b>Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)</b>				
150		White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>	Common throughout
151		White-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cactorum</i>	Common throughout
152		Checkered Woodpecker	<i>Picooides mixtus</i>	One bird seen in Cordoba.
153		Smoky-Brown Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>	One bird seen in Yala
154		Dot-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis frontalis</i>	A pair let us get very close. We were even too close to them to make focus with the camera!!!.
155		Golden-Olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	X
156		Green-barred Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	Common throughout
157		Andean Flicker	<i>Colaptes rupicola</i>	Common in the high elevation habitats of the Northwest.
<b>Family Dendrocolaptidae (Woodcreepers)</b>				
158		Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	Common throughout
159		Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Drymornis bridgesii</i>	Some birds seen in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba
160		Great Rufous Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes major</i>	One single bird seen at JV Gonzalez.
161		Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>	Common throughout
162		Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	Two adults along with one youngster seen near JV Gonzalez
<b>Family Furnariidae (Ovenbirds)</b>				
163		Common Miner	<i>Geositta cunicularia</i>	X
164		Puna Miner	<i>Geositta punensis</i>	X
165		Rufous-banded Miner	<i>Geositta rufipennis</i>	X
166		Slender-billed Miner	<i>Geositta tenuirostris</i>	X
167		Scale-throated Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia dumetaria</i>	X
168		Plain-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia jelskii</i>	X
169		Buff-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia validirostris</i>	At least three birds in Tafi del Valle.
170		Rock Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia andeacola</i>	X
171		Straight-billed Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia ruficauda</i>	X
172		Chaco Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia certhioides</i>	X
173		Bar-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>	Common throughout
174	E	Cordoba Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes comechingonus</i>	Three birds at the Sierras Grandes in Cordoba.
175		Oustalet's Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes oustaleti</i>	We saw the endemic subspecies of the Sierras Grandes in Cordoba.
176		White-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes atacamensis</i>	X
177		Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Common throughout
178		Crested Hornero	<i>Furnarius cristatus</i>	Two birds in a nest in the Salinas area
179		Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura fuliginiceps</i>	X
180	NT	Tawny Tit-spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura yanasensis</i>	X
181		Tufted Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura platensis</i>	X
182		Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura aegithaloides</i>	X
183		Sooty-fronted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis frontalis</i>	X
184		Azara' s Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	X
185		Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	X
186		Ochre-cheeked Spinetail	<i>Poecilurus scutatus</i>	X
187		Stripe-crowned Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca pyrrhophia</i>	X
188		Lesser Canastero	<i>Asthenes pyrrholeuca</i>	X
189		Short-billed Canastero	<i>Asthenes baeri</i>	X
190	NT	Maquis Canastero	<i>Asthenes heterura</i>	We found several birds in Cuesta del Obispo
191		Cordilleran Canastero	<i>Asthenes modesta</i>	X
192		Rusty-vented Canastero	<i>Asthenes dorbignyi</i>	X



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193	E	Steinbach's Canastero	<i>Asthenes steinbachi</i>	One bird by the road to Cachi. This is a rare and shy canastero that is also endemic from Argentina.
194		Puna Canastero	<i>Asthenes sclateri</i>	X
195		Scribble-tailed Canastero	<i>Asthenes maculicauda</i>	We could take nice photos of this rare canastero in Tafi del Valle
196		Rufous-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>	X
197		Little Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus sibilatrix</i>	We found an active nest in Cordoba. This is a species that lives exclusively in the Chaco habitat.
198		Streak-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus striaticeps</i>	Several pairs along a gulley in Tafi del Valle.
199		Spotted-breasted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus maculipectus</i>	Some pairs in the Alder forest in Yala
200		Lark-like Brushrunner	<i>Coryphistera alaudina</i>	Many in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba and some in the Chaco area around JV Gonzalez.
201		Firewood-gatherer	<i>Anumbius annumbi</i>	X
202		Brown Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura lophotes</i>	We had good views of this big ovenbird in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba
203	E	White-throated Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura gutturalis</i>	There were two pairs in the Monte Desert area near Cafayate that got very close to us.
204		Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner	<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	X
<b>Family Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)</b>				
205		Giant Antshrike	<i>Batara cinerea</i>	A pair in Calilegua National Park
206		Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	X
207		Variable Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	X
208		Rufous-capped Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus ruficapillus</i>	X
209		Stripe-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmorchilus strigilatus</i>	We found this Chaco specialty near JV Gonzalez.
<b>Family Formicariidae (Ground Antbirds)</b>				
210		White-throated Antpitta	<i>Grallaria albigula</i>	We managed to take an outstanding photo of this antpitta in Calilegua National Park
<b>Family Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)</b>				
211		Crested Gallito	<i>Rhinocrypta lanceolata</i>	X
212	E	Sandy Gallito	<i>Teledromas fuscus</i>	One bird was very cooperative and showed very nicely in the Monte Desert area near Cafayate.
213		Olive-crowned Crescent-Chest	<i>Melanopareia maximiliani</i>	We had good views of this secretive bird in the Sierran Chaco in Cordoba.
214	E	White-browed Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus superciliaris</i>	We found this endemic bird in several gullies in Tafi del Valle.
215		Zimmer's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus zimmeri</i>	Great views in Cuesta del Obispo
<b>Family Tyrannidae (Tyrant-Flycatchers)</b>				
216		Sclater's Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias sclateri</i>	X
217		Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus modestus</i>	X
218		Suiriri Flycatcher	<i>Suiriri suiriri</i>	X
219		Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>	X
220		Slaty Elaenia	<i>Elaenia strepera</i>	Nice views of this Elaenia in Yala
221		White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	X
222		Buff-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus hellmayri</i>	We saw several birds in the high part of Calilegua National Park.
223		Sooty Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga nigricans</i>	X
224		White-bellied Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga munda</i>	X
225		Plain Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia inornata</i>	X
226		Greater Wagtail-Tyrant	<i>Stigmatura budytoides</i>	X
227		Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes flavirostris</i>	X
228		Tufted Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>	X

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229	NT-EB	Dinelli's Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx dinelliana</i>	Great views and amazing photos of this rare and unknown Flycatcher in Tucuman
230		Subtropical Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis</i>	We found this Doradito in several mountain regions along the trip
231		Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet	<i>Phylloscartes ventralis</i>	X
232		Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	X
233		Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant	<i>Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps</i>	X
234		Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	X
235		Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</i>	X
236		Smoke-coloured Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	X
237		Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	X
238		Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	X
239		Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	X
240		D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca oenanthoides</i>	X
241		White-browed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca leucophrys</i>	X
242		Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant	<i>Polioxolmis rufipennis</i>	We found three pairs of this rare bird in Santa Victoria.
243	EB	Black-crowned Monjita	<i>Xolmis coronata</i>	There was a pair in the desertic area near Cafayate. This is a breeding endemic of Argentina.
244		White Monjita	<i>Xolmis irupero</i>	Common throughout
245	NT-E	Salinas Monjita	<i>Neoxolmis salinarum</i>	Two birds were very cooperative and perched at about 2 meters from us.
246		Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis montana</i>	X
247		Grey-bellied Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis microptera</i>	Three birds by the road on the way to Yavi
248	EB	Lesser Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis murina</i>	Two birds by the Salinas Grandes in Cordoba
249		Puna Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola juninensis</i>	X
250		Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola rufivertex</i>	Common throughout
251		Cinereous Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola cinerea</i>	X
252		Andean Negrito	<i>Lessonia oreas</i>	Several pairs and youngsters were seen near Abra Pampa.
253		White-winged Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus aterrimus</i>	X
254		Spectacled Tyrant	<i>Hymenops perspicillatus</i>	Common throughout
255		Black-backed Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola albiventer</i>	X
256		Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>	X
257		Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	Common throughout
258		Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>	X
259		Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	X
260		Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	X
261		Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	X
262		Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Common throughout
263		Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	X
264		Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	X
265		Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher	<i>Griseotyrannus aurantioatroc.</i>	X
266		Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	X
267		Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	X
<b>Tityridae (Tityras, Becards, etc)</b>				
268		Xenopsaris	<i>Xenopsaris albinucha</i>	One bird seen near Salinas.
269		Crested Becard	<i>Pachyramphus validus</i>	One bird seen in Calilegua National Park
<b>Family Cotingidae (Plantcutters, Cotingas)</b>				
270		White-tipped Plantcutter	<i>Phytotoma rutila</i>	We saw many pairs along the trip
<b>Family Vireonidae (Vireos, Greenlets)</b>				
271		Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	X
272		Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	X
<b>Family Corvidae (Jays)</b>				

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273		Plush-crested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax chrysops</i>	We found many of this very handsome Jay in the lower part of Calilegua National Park.
<b>Family Hirundinidae (Swallows)</b>				
274		White-rumped Swallow	<i>Tachycineta leucorrhoa</i>	X
275		Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	X
276		Southern Martin	<i>Progne modesta</i>	X
277		Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	X
278		Blue-and-White Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	X
279		Andean Swallow	<i>Haplochelidon andaecola</i>	One bird near Javi
280		Tawny-headed Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx fucata</i>	Many in a grassland area in Cordoba
281		Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	X
282		Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X
<b>Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)</b>				
283		Grass Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	X
284		House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	X
285		Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>	X
<b>Family Cinclidae (Dippers)</b>				
286	VU	Rufous-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus schulzi</i>	Great views of this magnificent bird in Yala
<b>Family Sylviidae (Gnatcatchers)</b>				
287		Masked Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila dumicola</i>	X
<b>Family Turdidae (Thrushes)</b>				
288		Spotted Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus dryas</i>	X
289		Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	X
290		Chiguanco Thrush	<i>Turdus chiguanco</i>	Common throughout
291		Glossy-Black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>	X
292		Andean-Slaty Thrush	<i>Turdus nigriceps</i>	X
293		Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	X
294		Creamy-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	X
<b>Family Mimidae (Mockingbirds)</b>				
295		Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>	X
296	NE	Patagonian Mockingbird	<i>Mimus patagonicus</i>	Many along the trip.
297		Brown-backed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus dorsalis</i>	Several birds along the Humahuaca Valley.
<b>Family Motacillidae (Pipits)</b>				
298		Correndera Pipit	<i>Anthus correndera</i>	X
299		Hellmayr's Pipit	<i>Anthus hellmayri</i>	X
300		Paramo Pipit	<i>Anthus bogotensis</i>	One single bird in the high grassland area in Tafi del Valle.
301		Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>	X
<b>Family Parulidae (New World Warblers)</b>				
302		Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>	X
303		Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	X
304		Brown-capped Whitestart	<i>Myioborus bruniceps</i>	X
305		Two-banded Warbler	<i>Basileuterus bivittatus</i>	X
306		Pale-legged Warbler	<i>Basileuterus signatus</i>	Many birds in the higer part of Calilegua National Park
307		Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	X
<b>Family Thraupidae (Tanagers)</b>				
308		Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>	X
309		Orange-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>	X
310		Rust-and-Yellow Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis ruficeps</i>	Several birds in the Alder forest in the higer part of the Yungas Forest at Calilegua National Park
311		Common Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>	X
312		Hepatic Tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>	X
313		Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>	X
314		Blue-and-Yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>	X

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315		Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>	We found this beautiful Tanager in many parts of the Northwest.
316		Purple-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	X
317		Golden-rumped Euphonia	<i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>	A small flock passed flying in the higher part of Calilegua National Park
318		Rusty Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>	Two birds were seen and photographed in a gully in Tafi del Valle.
<b>Family Emberizidae (Emberizid Finches)</b>				
319		Many-colored Chaco-Finch	<i>Saltatricula multicolor</i>	X
320		Red-pileated Finch	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	X
321		Black-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus atriceps</i>	We found this very handsome Sierra-Finch feeding on some flowers near Humahuaca.
322		Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus gayi</i>	X
323		Mourning Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>	X
324		Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>	X
325	NE	Red-backed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus dorsalis</i>	Several of this special Finch were seen near Yavi at more than 4000 meters above the sea level.
326		Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>	X
327		Band-tailed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus alaudinus</i>	X
328		Black-crested Finch	<i>Lophospingus pusillus</i>	We found this bird in the Salinas area. This is one of the Chaco specialties that can be found in the Salinas.
329		Common Diuca-Finch	<i>Diuca diuca</i>	X
330		Short-tailed Finch	<i>Idiopsar brachyurus</i>	We bumped into a flock of this rare species near Santa Victoria. They were flying around a wet and rocky area near the road.
331	NE	Tucuman Mountain-Finch	<i>Compsospiza baeri</i>	There were several birds of this endemic species in the grassy area in Tafi del Valle
332		Black-and-chestnut Warbling-finch	<i>Poospiza whittii</i>	Four birds seen in the Sierran Chaco.
333		Black-and-Rufous Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza nigrorufa</i>	X
334		Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza hypochondria</i>	One bird near Santa Victoria and some more in Tafi del Valle.
335		Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza erythrophrys</i>	X
336		Ringed Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza torquata</i>	X
337		Black-capped Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza melanoleuca</i>	X
338		Blue-Black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	X
339		Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caeruleascens</i>	X
340	NT	Dark-throated Seedeater	<i>Sporophila ruficollis</i>	X
341		Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>	X
342		Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>	X
343		Dull-colored Grassquit	<i>Tiaris obscura</i>	X
344		Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis citrina</i>	One bird heard in Santa Victoria
345		Puna Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis lutea</i>	X
346		Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis uropygialis</i>	Many birds in Abra Pampa
347		Citron-headed Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteocephala</i>	We found several birds roosting in a cliff around Yavi.
348		Greenish Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis olivascens</i>	X
349		Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	X
350		Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	X
351		Great Pampa-Finch	<i>Embernagra platensis</i>	Common throughout
352		Red-crested Cardinal	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	X
353	E	Yellow-striped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes citrinellus</i>	Several of this endemic bird were seen in the lower part of Tafi del Valle.

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354		Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes fulviceps</i>	We found some individuals of this very pretty finch in the higher part of Calilegua National Park
355		Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Buarremon torquatus</i>	X
356		Saffron-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon flavirostris</i>	X
357	NE	Stripe-capped Sparrow	<i>Aimophila strigiceps</i>	X
358		Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	X
359		Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	X
<b>Family Cardinalidae (Grosbeaks, Saltators)</b>				
360		Black-backed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus aureoventris</i>	X
361		Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	X
362		Golden-billed Saltator	<i>Saltator aurantiirostris</i>	Common throughout
363	NT	Rufous-bellied Saltator	<i>Saltator rufiventris</i>	A pair of this rare Saltator was seen in Cuesta del Obispo. We got very good photos of it.
364		Glaucous-blue Grosbeak	<i>Cyanoloxia glaucoerulea</i>	X
<b>Family Icteridae ( Orioles, Blackbirds)</b>				
365		Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	X
366		Golden-winged Cacique	<i>Cacicus chrysopterus</i>	X
367		Epaulet Oriole	<i>Icterus cayanensis</i>	X
368		Unicolored Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus cyanopus</i>	X
369		Chestnut-capped Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus ruficapillus</i>	X
370		Baywing	<i>Agelaioides badius</i>	X
371		Screaming Cowbird	<i>Molothrus rufoaxillaris</i>	X
372		Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	X
373		White-browed Blackbird	<i>Leistes superciliaris</i>	There were several males displaying in a grassland in Cordoba.
374		Long-tailed Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella loyca</i>	Common throughout
<b>Family Fringillidae (Cardueline Finches)</b>				
375		Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis magellanica</i>	X
376		Black Siskin	<i>Carduelis atrata</i>	Several flocks in Tafi del Valle.
377		Yellow-rumped Siskin	<i>Carduelis uropygialis</i>	One bird seen between Humahuaca and Abra Pampa
<b>Family Ploceidae (Sparrows)</b>				
378		House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X



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Clockwise from top left: Andean Flower and Cactus (Humahuaca), Andean grasslands near Tafi del Valle. All images © by Hector Slongo.

