

TRIP REPORT

Northwest Argentina

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INTRODUCTION

After hearing so much about the North West of Argentina, Richard and Karen wanted to come visiting to experience it by themselves. We organized a 14 days trip starting from the province of Tucuman and ending in Jujuy, the northernmost province of the country. This region is well known for its beautiful landscapes, ancient culture, habitat diversity and, needless mentioning, birds!

We started visiting the valley of Tafi, in the high mountain range west of Tucuman city. From the airport we drove west until we entered the first birding habitat, the Yungas. Also known as "cloud forest" -for it is typically cloaked in mist- this bioma runs along the East slope of the Andes and holds one of the richest bird diversity on the continent. Our highlights here were the iconic Rufous-throated Dipper and the Torrent Duck, both of which we found several pairs. Various species of finches were also seen, including the endemic Yellow-striped Brush-Finch and the Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch, seen well in several occasions. At the high grassland fields of Tafi we found other four Argentine endemics: Tucuman Mountain-Finch, Bare-eyed Ground-Dove, White-browed Tapaculo and Buff-breasted Earthcreeper. The magnificent Red-tailed Comet and Giant Hummingbird were also found in the Tobacco plants by the road. Further on the trip we visited the desert valleys near Cafayate, where we found three more country endemics: the charismatic Sandy Gallito, the scarce Stainbach's Canastero and a noisy pair of White-throated Cacholote.

We then visited a different habitat known as Inter-Andean Valleys as we progressed towards Cachi. Here we found flocks of Andean Condor....yes...flocks!!!! (around 35) and also some scarcer species like Rufous-bellied Saltator, Maquis Canastero, Scribble-tailed Canastero and Zimmer's Tapaculo. Flocks of Grey-hooded Parakeet flew overhead and a striking Sparkling Violet-Ear performed its spectacular display nearby. We also enjoyed seeing colorful tanagers such as Orange-headed, Blue-and-Yellow and Fawn-breasted, and a very territorial Rock Earthcreeper popped up on a bush.

Later we visited Calilegua National Park, which comprises a pristine patch of Yungas forest. Here we added many colorful birds to our list, including Golden-collared Macaw, Blue-crowned Trogon, Blue-crowned Motmot, Toco Toucan, Dot-fronted and Golden-olive Woodpeckers. Ochre-cheeked Spinetail, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Tataupa Tinamou and the secretive White-throated Antpitta were also present. A night trip produced Hoy's Screech-Owl and the very secretive Buff-fronted Owl. Higher in the mountains we found Buff-banded and Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch, Smoky-brown Woodpecker and the range-restricted Alder Parrot.

Our next destination was further North as we drove through the Humahuaca Gorge, a magnificent valley categorized as World Heritage Site for its unique cultural and natural value. Here begins the Altiplano, a very extensive region of South America that Argentina shares mainly with Bolivia, also present to a lesser extent in Peru and Chile. In spite of being a dry, high altitude desert, it is a very rich and diverse habitat, where Lesser Rheas and flamingos thrive. We visited several lagoons where we found the three South American species of flamingos: Chilean, Andean and James's. Other attractive species such as Giant and Horned Coot shared the habitat with Puna Teal, Crested Duck, Puna Ibis, Puna Plover and Andean Goose. A visit to the more rugged mountains at 4500 m. treated us with one of the rarest birds of the Andes: the Diademed Plover. In the same area we found other specialties: Red-back Sierra-Finch, Short-tailed Finch, three species of Ground Tyrants and the rare Puna Tinamou. Near the town of La Quiaca, right at the Bolivian border we found three range-restricted species: Bare-faced Ground-Dove, Wedge-tailed Hillstar and Citron-headed Yellow-Finch.

The last day of the trip was near the city of Jujuy. This area, located at a much lower elevation, is also more humid and warm. Here we visited a beautiful Alder forest patch near the hotel where we found the rare Red-faced Guan and another range-restricted species: Slender-tailed Woodstar, one of the smallest hummingbirds of Argentina.

There are few places like Northwest Argentina for those who want to experience the Andes and its culture, typical food, breathtaking sceneries and unique birdlife. Without doubt, a top destination to add on your trip list.

REFERENCES USED ON THE LIST

X = A species seen on several localities.

i = INTRODUCED

e = ENDEMIC SPECIES

eb = ENDEMIC BREEDER

ne = NEAR ENDEMIC (90% or more of their distribution is in one country)

Global threat categories by BirdLife international:

CR = CRITICAL

EN = ENDANGERED

VU = VULNERABLE

NT = NEAR THREATENED

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NUM	REF	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	
Family Rheidae (Rheas)				
1	NT	Lesser Rhea	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	Seen twice in the Altiplano near La Quiaca
Family Tinamidae (Tinamous)				
2		Tataupa Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus tataupa</i>	One bird came one meter from us at Calilegua National Park
3		Huayco Tinamou	<i>Rhynchotus maculicollis</i>	We flushed one bird north of Salta City
4		Ornate Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta ornata</i>	Several seen at Tafi del Valle and in the Altiplano
5		Andean Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta pentlandii</i>	five birds seem at Tafi del Valle
6		Puna Tinamou	<i>Tinamotis pentlandii</i>	Five birds seen west of La Quiaca
Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, Swans)				
7		Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	several at the reservoir at Tafi del Valle
8		White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	A flock north of Salta
9		Coscoroba Swan	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	a small group in a reservoir near Salta
10		Andean Goose	<i>Chloephaga melanoptera</i>	seen regularly in the highlands
11		Ringed Teal	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>	seen at Tafi del Valle and near Salta
12		Brazilian Teal	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>	three birds seen near Salta
13		Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>	we saw this beautiful duck twice along the trip
14		Crested Duck	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>	regular in the Altiplano lakes
15		Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>	common
16		Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas spinicauda</i>	common
17		White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	two birds near Coronel Moldes
18		Silver Teal	<i>Spatula versicolor</i>	seen once at the reservoir near Coronel Moldes
19		Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>	a couple at Tafi del Valle
20		Red Shoveler	<i>Spatula platalea</i>	two birds near Coronel Moldes
21		Rosy-billed Pochard	<i>Netta peposaca</i>	seen at Tafi del Valle and near Salta
22		Ruddy-Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	several pairs in the irrigation dam near San Carlos
23		Lake Duck	<i>Oxyura vittata</i>	four birds near San Carlos
Family Cracidae (Chachalacas, Guans, Curassows)				
24		Red-faced Guan	<i>Penelope dabbenei</i>	this range-restricted species was seen twice in Yala Provincial Park
25		Dusky-legged Guan	<i>Penelope obscura</i>	Seen in Cuesta del Obispo and In Calilegua
26		Chaco Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis canicollis</i>	three birds seen in the Yingas forest in Cuesta del Obispo
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)				
27		White-tufted Grebe	<i>Rollandia rolland</i>	Seen in Costanera sur
28		Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	one bird in the dam near San Carlos
29		Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	several near Salta
30		Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	A few birds in the highland lakes
Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)				

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31	NT	Chilean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	we saw several groups along the trip
32	VU	Andean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicoparrus andinus</i>	a few individuals at Tafi reservoir
33	NT	Jame's Flamingo	<i>Phoenicoparrus jamesi</i>	we found some in the highland lakes
Family Ciconiidae (Storks)				
34		Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	a couple of this stork seem in Jujuy
Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)				
35		Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	common at Tafi
Family Ardeidae (Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns)				
36		Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	several couples in the irrigation dam near San Carlos
37		Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	small groups south of Salta City
38		Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	two birds at Tafi reservoir
39		Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	common in the lowland lakes
40		Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	this elegant heron was found near Salta
41		Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	common in the lowland lakes
Family Threskiornithidae (Ibises, Spoonbills)				
42		White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	common in the lowland lakes
43		Puna Ibis	<i>Plegadis ridgwayi</i>	several birds in the Altiplano
44		Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	a small group in Jujuy
45		Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	three birds flying high in the low part of Cuesta del Obispo
46		Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	two birds with beautiful fresh pink plumage
Family Cathartidae (Vultures)				
47		Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	a few flying birds in Tafi and in Calchaquí valleys
48		Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	several near Salta
49	NT	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	we had magnificent views of this massive bird in the low part of Cuesta del Obispo
Family Accipitridae (Hawks, Kites, Eagles)				
50		Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	several birds soaring at Calilegua National Park
51		Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	this magnificent raptor was seen regularly in the Yungas
52		Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	one at Costanera Sur, in Buenos Aires
53		Rufous-thighed Kite	<i>Harpagus diodon</i>	one bird perched at Calilegua National Park
54		Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	common in Calilegua
55		Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	one bird in the lowlands of Tucuman
56		Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	common
57		Red-backed Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus polyosoma</i>	several birds in the grasslands above Tafi del Valle
58		Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>	two birds above the town of Tafi del Valle
59		Puna Hawk	<i>Buteo poeilochoerus</i>	one bird above Tafi del Valle
Family Falconidae (Caracaras, Falcons)				
60		Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	common throughout
61		Mountain Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus megalopterus</i>	several birds in the Altiplano
62		Chimango Caracara	<i>Milvago chimango</i>	common
63		American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	seem regularly perched on electric wires
64		Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	one bird seem above Tafi del Valle

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65		Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	this powerful falcon was seen twice in the highland valleys
Family Cariamidae (Seriemas)				
66		Black-legged Seriema	<i>Chunga burmeisteri</i>	one bird walked in front of us for some minutes in the dry forest west of Coronel Moldes
Family Rallidae (Crakes, Rails, Coots)				
67		Plumbeous Rail	<i>Pardirallus sanguinolentus</i>	several in Costanera Sur Urban Reserve in BA.
68		Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	common in several lakes
69		Red-gartered Coot	<i>Fulica armillata</i>	common at Costanera Sur
70		Red-fronted Coot	<i>Fulica rufifrons</i>	several birds at Costanera Sur
71		Giant Coot	<i>Fulica gigantea</i>	we had great views in the highland lakes
72	NT	Horned Coot	<i>Fulica cornuta</i>	this range restricted very rare species was seen in Tafi del Valle Dam
73		Slate-colored Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>	common in the Altiplano lakes
74		White-winged Coot	<i>Fulica leucoptera</i>	common in several lakes
Family Aramididae (Limpkin)				
75		Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	a few in Costanera Sur
Family Charadriidae (Plovers, Lapwings)				
76		Tawny-throated Dotterel	<i>Oreopholus ruficollis</i>	we enjoyed this beautiful Dotterel in the altiplano. There were at least 30 birds in a very dry area
77		Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	common throughout
78		Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>	seen in several highland places
79		Puna Plover	<i>Charadrius alticola</i>	seen once at Pozuelos National Park
80	NT	Diademed Plover	<i>Phegornis mitchellii</i>	this rare and beautiful shorebird was seen in the high mountains East of La Quiaca. We found a pair and three chicks!!!
Family Recurvirostridae (Stilts, Avocets)				
81		Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	common in several lakes
82		Andean Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra andina</i>	a handful of birds at Pozuelos National Park
Family Scolopacidae (Snipes, Sandpipers)				
83		Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	several birds at Pozuelos National Park
84		Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	seen in several lakes
85		Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	seen in several lakes
86		Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	a small group still retaining some breeding plumage at Pozuelos
87		Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	common
88		Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	one bird near salta
89		Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	common at Pozuelos lake
Family Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes)				
90		Grey-breasted Seedsnipe	<i>Thinocorus orbignyianus</i>	common
Family Laridae (Skuas, Gulls, Terns, Skimmer)				
91		Andean Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>	common in mid and highland water bodies
Family Columbidae (Pigeons, Doves)				
92		Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	seen well in the low part of Calilegua
93		Picui Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina picui</i>	seen regularly in the desert near Cafayate

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94		Blue Ground-Dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	one single bird was calling in the foothills of Calilegua
95		Bare-faced Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i>	seen very well at Yavi town
96	e	Bare-eyed Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia morenoi</i>	seen regularly at Tafi del Valle
97		Black-winged Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>	seen in several mountain areas
98		Golden-spotted Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia aymara</i>	we had great views of the gilt reflexions that this small dove has on its wings
99	i	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	common
100		Picazuro Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>	common at BA
101		Spot-winged Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas maculosa</i>	common in the Monte Desert
102		Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	seen once in the Yungas of Tucuman
103		Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	good views at Calilegua
104		Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	common
105		White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	regular south of Salta city
106		Large-tailed Dove	<i>Leptotila megalura</i>	seen well
Family Psittacidae (Parrots)				
107		Golden-collared Macaw	<i>Primolius auricollis</i>	we had great views at Calilegua
108		Blue-crowned Parakeet	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudata</i>	common around Coronel Moldes
109		Mitred Parakeet	<i>Psittacara mitratus</i>	common in the Yungas
110		White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>	seen once in the lowlands of Calilegua
111		Nanday Parakeet	<i>Aratinga nenday</i>	good views in BA
112	ne	Burrowing Parrot	<i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i>	regular around Cafayate
113		Green-cheeked Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	great views at Calilegua National Park
114		Grey-hooded Parakeet	<i>Psilopsiagon aymara</i>	seen regularly at Tafi del Valle and in the valleys of Cuesta del Obispo
115		Mountain Parakeet	<i>Psilopsiagon aurifrons</i>	great views of several groups in the Altiplano
116		Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>	seen well
117	NT	Tucuman Parrot	<i>Amazona tucumana</i>	good views of this near endemic species in the lowlands of Cuesta del Obispo
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos, Anis)				
118		Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>	common
Family Strigidae (Owls)				
119		Montane Forest Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops hōyi</i>	one bird seen very well at Calilegua National Park
120		Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	common
121		Buff-fronted Owl	<i>Aegolius harrisii</i>	we enjoyed this amazing and little-known Owl at Calilegua National Park
Family Apodidae (Swifts)				
122	NT	Rothschild's Swift	<i>Cypseloides rothschildi</i>	a flock flying above town of Ledesma along with White-collared Swift
123		White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	seen in several mountain areas
124		Sick's Swift	<i>Chaetura meridionalis</i>	a big flock at Calilegua
125		Andean Swift	<i>Aeronautes andecolus</i>	common in several dry areas
Family Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)				
126		Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	seen very well doing display flights
127		Red-tailed Comet	<i>Sappho sparganurus</i>	this is probably one of my favorite hummers. We had great views in several places of males and females

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128		Andean Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus estella</i>	seen very well and photographed
129	NT	Wedge-tailed Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus adela</i>	seen very well at Yavi
130		Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>	seen several times feeding on some tobacco plants
131		Slender-tailed Woodstar	<i>Microstilbon burmeisteri</i>	great views and photographs of a male in Yala
132		Glittering-bellied Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon lucidus</i>	common in the lowlands
133		White-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia chionogaster</i>	common in the Yungas
Family Trogonidae (Trogons)				
134		Blue-crowned Trogon	<i>Trogon curucui</i>	seen very well at Calilegua
Family Momotidae (Motmots)				
135		Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	great views at Calilegua National Park
Family Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)				
136		Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	one bird seen at Tafi del Valle reservoir
Family Bucconidae (Puffbirds, Nunlets)				
137		Chaco Puffbird	<i>Nystalus striatipectus</i>	great views of this odd looking puffbird
Family Ramphastidae (Toucans)				
138		Toco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	several birds seen at Calilegua
Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)				
139		White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>	seen well
140		White-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cactorum</i>	regular in the dry scrubland around Cafayate
141		Smoky-Brown Woodpecker	<i>Picoides fumigatus</i>	one bird seen in the upper part of Calilegua National Park
142		Checkered Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis mixtus</i>	seen at Costanera Sur and in the desert near Cafayate
143		Dot-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis frontalis</i>	good views of this range restricted species
144		Golden-Olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>	seen once in the Yungas north of Salta
145		Green-barred Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	common
146		Andean Flicker	<i>Colaptes rupicola</i>	common in the Altiplano
147		Cream-backed Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus leucopogon</i>	one female seen very well at Yala
Family Furnariidae (Ovenbirds)				
148		Common Miner	<i>Geositta cunicularia</i>	regular in the Altiplano
149		Slender-billed Miner	<i>Geositta tenuirostris</i>	one bird seen very well in the high mountains East of La Quiaca
150		Puna Miner	<i>Geositta punensis</i>	regular in the Altiplano
151		Rufous-banded Miner	<i>Geositta rufipennis</i>	common in the mountain areas
152		Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	seen well
153		Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	good views at Calilegua
154		Great Rufous Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes major</i>	great views of this amazing woodcreeper
155		Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>	common in the dry forest south of Salta city
156		Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	seen well in the low part of Calilegua
157		Rock Earthcreeper	<i>Ochetorhynchus andeacola</i>	good views
158		Straight-billed Earthcreeper	<i>Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus</i>	regular in the highlands
159		Chaco Earthcreeper	<i>Tarphonomus certhioides</i>	seen once very well in the desert near Cafayate
160		Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	common
161		Wren-like Rushbird	<i>Phleocryptes melanops</i>	good views in the Altiplano lagoons
162		Scale-throated Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia dumetaria</i>	seen once and well

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163		Plain-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia jelskii</i>	regular in the high mountains
164	e	Buff-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia validirostris</i>	seen very well at Tafi
165		Bar-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>	common
166		White-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes atacamensis</i>	seen once in the highlands
167	NT	Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	regular in the Yungas
168		Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura fuliginiceps</i>	regular in the ravines of the inter Andean valleys
169	NT	Tawny Tit-spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura yanacensis</i>	seen very well in the Polylepis forest west of La Quiaca
170		Tufted Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura platensis</i>	seen well in the desert near Cafayate
171		Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura aegithaloides</i>	regular in the Altiplano scrub
172		Rufous-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>	good views of a family group on their nest
173		Little Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus sibilatrix</i>	seen once in the dry forest East of Coronel Moldes
174		Streak-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus striaticeps</i>	regular in the highlands
175		Spotted-breasted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus maculipectus</i>	seen very well in the low part of Cuesta del Obispo and in Yala
176		Creamy-breasted Canastero	<i>Asthenes dorbignyi</i>	regular in the highlands
177		Scribble-tailed Canastero	<i>Asthenes maculicauda</i>	this species is rare in Argentina but we managed to have great views at Cuesta del Obispo
178		Puna Canastero	<i>Asthenes sclateri</i>	regular in the humid Puna of the upper Tafi del Valle
179		Cordilleran Canastero	<i>Asthenes modesta</i>	common in the mountain areas
180	NT	Maquis Canastero	<i>Asthenes heterura</i>	we had great views of this range restricted species in Cuesta del Obispo
181		Stripe-crowned Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca pyrrhophia</i>	common in the dry forest south of Salta city
182	e	Steinbach's Canastero	<i>Pseudasthenes steinbachi</i>	great views of this endemic species
183	e	White-throated Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura gutturalis</i>	great views of this endemic species
184		Ochre-cheeked Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis scutata</i>	regular in the foothills of Calilegua
185		Sooty-fronted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis frontalis</i>	seen well
186		Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	seen well
Family Thamnophilidae (Antbirds)				
187		Giant Antshrike	<i>Batara cinerea</i>	great views of this spectacular antshrike in Calilegua
188		Rufous-capped Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus ruficapillus</i>	good views and photographs
189		Variable Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	seen twice in the dry forest east of Coronel Moldes
190		Black-capped Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus atricapillus</i>	seen once and well in Calilegua
Family Grallaridae (Antpittas)				
191		White-throated Antpitta	<i>Grallaria albigula</i>	we had good views of this shy species at Calilegua
Family Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)				
192	e	Sandy Gallito	<i>Teledromas fuscus</i>	we had great views and photos of this endemic bird in the desert south of Cafayate
193		Zimmer's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus zimmeri</i>	great views of this range restricted species at Cuesta del Obispo
194	e	White-browed Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus superciliosus</i>	several birds seen at Tafi del Valle
Family Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)				

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195		Rough-legged Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias burmeisteri</i>	seen very well at Calilegua
196		Sclater's Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias sclateri</i>	regular in the Yungas
197		Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>	seen at Calilegua
198		Large Elaenia	<i>Elaenia spectabilis</i>	one bird seen south of Salta City
199		White-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps</i>	regular in the Yungas of Tucuman
200		Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>	a few birds north of Salta city
201		Slaty Elaenia	<i>Elaenia strepera</i>	seen well in the Yungas of Calilegua and Yala
202		Highland Elaenia	<i>Elaenia obscura</i>	one bird seen in the higher part of Calilegua National Park
203		Buff-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus hellmayri</i>	seen well in the Yungas forest in Tucuman
204		White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	regular in the Yungas
205		Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes flavirostris</i>	great views in the dry Puna west of Tafi del Valle
206		Tufted Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>	a couple of sightings in Cuesta del Obispo
207		White-bellied Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga munda</i>	regular in the lowlands
208		Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	one bird seen in the dry forest east of Coronel Moldes
209		Greater Wagtail-Tyrant	<i>Stigmatura budytoides</i>	regular in the desert area south of Cafayate
210		Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet	<i>Phylloscartes ventralis</i>	common in the Yungas
211		Southern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus modestus</i>	a couple of birds seen in the Monte Desert
212		Many-colored Rush-Tyrant	<i>Tachuris rubrigastra</i>	Two immature birds in the reedbeds in the Altiplano lakes
213		Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	regular
214		Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant	<i>Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps</i>	regular in the foothills of Calilegua
215		Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	seen well
216		Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	common
217		Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	many birds seen in the desert area around Cafayate
218		Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	one bird seen in the upper Yungas
219		Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	seen several times in the forest rivers
220		Andean Negrito	<i>Lessonia oreas</i>	seen regularly in the Altiplano
221	eb	Hudson's Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus hudsoni</i>	a very unexpected finding in the fields north of Salta.
222		Andean Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus signatus</i>	regular in the montane forest of Calilegua and Yala
223		White-winged Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus aterrimus</i>	seen one in the desert
224		Spectacled Tyrant	<i>Hymenops perspicillatus</i>	regularly seen in the tall grasslands along the Calchaqui Valleys
225		Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>	seen twice along the inter andean valleys
226		Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola maculirostris</i>	we had great views of a bird displaying
227		Puna Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola juninensis</i>	regular in the high mountains east of La Quiaca
228		Cinereous Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola cinereus</i>	several birds seen in the high mountains east of La Quiaca
229		Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola frontalis</i>	this uncommon bird was seen several times in the andean bogs east of La Quiaca

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230		Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis montanus</i>	seen several times in the humid puna along the trip
231		Grey-bellied Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis micropterus</i>	a common sighting in the Altiplano
232		White Monjita	<i>Xolmis irupero</i>	this beautiful flycatcher was seen several times in the fields around Salta
233	eb	Black-crowned Monjita	<i>Xolmis coronatus</i>	a flock was found in the Monte Desert
234		Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>	one bird in Yala Provincial Park
235		Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant	<i>Polioxolmis rufipennis</i>	good views in the dry Puna west of La Quiaca
236		Black-backed Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola albiventer</i>	one bird seen in Costaner Sur Urban Reserve
237		D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca oenanthoides</i>	regular in the dry puna in several places
238		White-browed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca leucophrys</i>	seen several times in the humid puna along the trip
239		Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	good views in several places
240		Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	common
241		Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	common
242		Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher	<i>E. aurentioatrocristatus</i>	one sighting south of Salta
243		Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	common
244		Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	common in the open areas around Salta City
245		Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	seen very well in the yungas
246		Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	good views in the dry forest east of Coronel Moldes
247		Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	common in the foothill forest of the Yunga
Family Cotingidae (Plantcutters, Cotingas)				
248		White-tipped Plantcutter	<i>Phytotoma rutila</i>	seen several times in the dry scrub in Cuesta del Obispo
Family Tityridae (Becards, Tityras, Schiffornis)				
249		White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	seen in Costanera Sur and in the yungas of Cuesta del Obispo
250		Crested Becard	<i>Pachyramphus validus</i>	good views at Calilegua
Family Vireonidae (Vireos, Greenlets)				
251		Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	seen several times along the trip
252		Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	common in the dry forest south of Salta city
Family Corvidae (Jays)				
253		Plush-crested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax chrysops</i>	common
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows)				
254		Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	common in the mountain areas
255		Tawny-headed Swallow	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>	seen once south of Salta City
256		Andean Swallow	<i>Orochelidon andaecola</i>	several flocks in the high mountains east of La Quiaca
257		Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	some individuals seen north of Salta City
258		Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	common in cities along the trip
259		Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	common in Buenos Aires
260		Southern Martin	<i>Progne elegans</i>	some good views in the town of Ledesma, near Calilegua National Park
261		White-rumped Swallow	<i>Tachycineta leucorrhoa</i>	common in the lowlands
262		Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	regular in the Altiplano
Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)				
263		House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	common throughout

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264		Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>	seen several times in the Yungas
265		Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	seen one in the Pampas Grass along the Rio Grande, in Jujuy
Family Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)				
266		Masked Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila dumicola</i>	we enjoyed this beautiful little bird in the dry forest east of Coronel Moldes
Family Cinclidae (Dippers)				
267	VU	Rufous-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus schulzi</i>	this charismatic bird is one of the specialties that can be seen on the North West trips. We had several views along the river in the Yungas of Tucuman and also in Yala Provincial Park.
Family Turdidae (Thrushes)				
268		Spotted Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus dryas</i>	definetly one of the most beautiful <i>Catharus</i> thrushes of South America. We found a very cooperative bird that let us take great photos!
269		Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	this is a boreal migrant that spend the northern hemisphere winter in southern South America. We found several birds in the low Yungas of Salta
270		Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Common
271		Creamy-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	common
272		Andean-Slaty Thrush	<i>Turdus nigriceps</i>	great scope views in the Yungas of Tucuman
273		Chiguanco Thrush	<i>Turdus chiguanco</i>	common in the inter andean valleys
Family Mimidae (Mockingbirds)				
274	ne	Patagonian Mockingbird	<i>Mimus patagonicus</i>	seen several times in the low dry prepuna and in the Monte Desert in Salta
275		Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>	regular in Buenos Aires
276		Brown-backed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus dorsalis</i>	seen regularly around towns and in valleys in the high Andes
Family Sturnidae (Starlings, Mynas)				
277	i	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	a common introduced bird in Buenos Aires
Family Motacillidae (Pipits)				
278		Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>	seen very well north of Salta. this tame pipit let us get as close as 2 meters from it
279		Short-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus furcatus</i>	several birds seen well in the grassland around Tafi del Valle reservoir.
280		Correndera Pipit	<i>Anthus correndera</i>	great views in Tafi del Valle
281		Hellmayr's Pipit	<i>Anthus hellmayri</i>	regular in the humid Puna of the upper Tafi del Valle
Family Parulidae (Wood Warblers)				
282		Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i>	common in the Yungas
283		Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	Seen in Costanera sur
284		Two-banded Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis bivittata</i>	regular in inte understorey in the Yungas
285		Pale-legged Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis signata</i>	seen very well in the upper montane forest of Calilegua

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286		Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	one bird seen well in Costanera Sur
Family Thraupidae (Tanagers, etc)				
287		Orange-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>	seen well in the yungas
288		Rust-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis ruficeps</i>	two birds were found foraging in the scrubs of Cuesta del Obispo
289	NT	Rufous-bellied Saltator	" <i>Saltator</i> " <i>rufiventris</i>	this rare and range restricted species was well seen in Cuesta del Obispo
290		Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>	regular in the upper yungas
291		Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea bonariensis</i>	common in the Monte Desert and dry forest of Salta
292		Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>	common
293		Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>	seen well in Calilegua
294		Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>	we found this nectarivorous species in the upper scrubland above the town of Tafi
295		Black-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus atriceps</i>	this beautiful Sierra-Finch was common in the Altiplano
296		Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus gayi</i>	seen once in the dry Puna in Tucuman
297		Mourning Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>	seen several times in the dry Puna and Altiplano
298		Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>	uncommon in humid Puna
299	ne	Red-backed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus dorsalis</i>	a very uncommon species that thrives in the very high mountains was seen east of La Quiaca
300		Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>	common
301		Band-tailed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus alaudinus</i>	we saw this handsome bird in the humid puna of Tucuman and in the dry Altiplano of Jujuy
302		Short-tailed Finch	<i>Idiopsar brachiurus</i>	a very rare high mountain dweller. Seen very well in the humid Puna
303		Common Diuca-Finch	<i>Diuca diuca</i>	regular in the dry puna near the Bolivian border
304		Black-crested Finch	<i>Lophospingus pusillus</i>	we found several of this very handsome finch south of Salta City
305		Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza hypochondria</i>	seen well
306		Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza nigrorufa</i>	some birds seen in Costanera Sur in BA
307		Black-and-chestnut W.-Finch	<i>Poospiza whitii</i>	this is one of the most handsome Warbling-Finches of Argentina. We had great views in the inter andean valleys of Salta and Jujuy
308	ne-VU	Tucuman Mountain-Finch	<i>Poospiza baeri</i>	great views of this endemic Mountain-Finch in Tucuman
309		Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch	<i>Microspingus erythrophrys</i>	regular in the Yungas forest
310		Ringed Warbling-Finch	<i>Microspingus torquatus</i>	uncommon in the Monte Desert of Salta
311		Black-capped Warbling-Finch	<i>Microspingus melanoleucus</i>	common
312		Puna Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis lutea</i>	good views of this uncommon Yellow-Finch
313		Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis uropygialis</i>	regular around towns in the Altiplano

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314		Citron-headed Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteocephala</i>	a very local bird around La Quiaca. We found several flocks by the road in the Altiplano
315		Greenish Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis olivascens</i>	common
316		Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	common
317		Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	seen in the lowlands of Salta
318		Great Pampa-Finch	<i>Embernagra platensis</i>	seen well in the grasslands near Cafayate
319		Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	several males displaying in the lowlands of Salta
320		Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caeruleascens</i>	seen well
321		Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>	uncommon
322		Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>	uncommon but seen well
Incertae Sedis (Saltator, Saltatricula, Mitrospingus)				
323		Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	seen once in the inter andean valleys of jujuy
324		Golden-billed Saltator	<i>Saltator aurantirostris</i>	common
325		Many-colored Chaco-Finch	<i>Saltatricula multicolor</i>	uncommon in the dry forest south of Salta
Family Emberizidae (Sparrows, Finches)				
326		Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	very common
327		Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	uncommon in open grasslands in Salta
328	ne	Stripe-capped Sparrow	<i>Rhynchospiza strigiceps</i>	Very localized. We found several in Salta and Jujuy
329		Saffron-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon flavirostris</i>	seen well
330		Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon torquatus</i>	one bird seen well in the upper Yungas
331		Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes fulviceps</i>	seen regularly in the Alder forest in Calilegua and Yala
332	e	Yellow-striped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes citrinellus</i>	good views of this endemic species near Tafi
333		Common Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>	regular in the Yungas
Family Cardinalidae (Cardinal Grosbeaks, Tanagers)				
334		Hepatic Tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>	seen well in the desert
335		Black-backed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus aureoventris</i>	regular in the Yungas
336		Ultramarine Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa brissonii</i>	we saw a beautiful male and two females near Cafayate
Family Icteridae (Orioles, Caciques, Blackbirds, Cowbirds, Meadowlarks)				
337		Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	Seen regularly in mid elevation in Calilegua.
338		Golden-winged Cacique	<i>Cacicus chrysopterus</i>	seen a couple of times in the upper Yungas
339		Variable Oriole	<i>Icterus pyrrhopterus</i>	uncommon
340		Bay-winged Cowbird	<i>Agelaioides badius</i>	common in the lowlands
341		Screaming Cowbird	<i>Molothrus rufoaxillaris</i>	uncommon but well seen
342		Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	common
343		Long-tailed Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella loyca</i>	good views
Family Fringillidae (Cardueline Finches, Euphonias)				
344		Thick-billed Siskin	<i>Spinus crassirostris</i>	a small flock was spotted in the Polylepis forest west of La Quiaca
345		Hooded Siskin	<i>Spinus magellanica</i>	common
346		Black Siskin	<i>Spinus atrata</i>	common in the highlands
347		Purple-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	uncommon in the dry forest and in the foothill forest in Calilegua
Family Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)				
348	i	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	common



Rufous-throated Dipper by Hector Slongo



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Tucuman Mountain-Finch by Richard Gordon



Red-tailed Comet by Richard Gordon



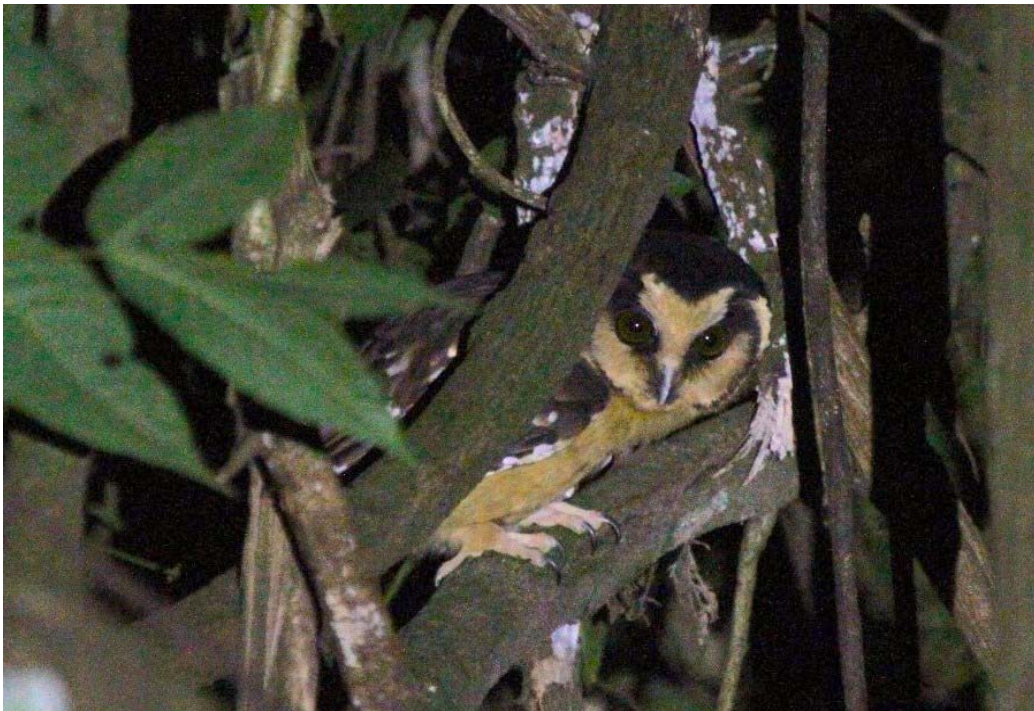
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