



PO Box 16545 Portal, AZ 85632  
 Phone 520.558.1146 Toll free 866.900.1146 Fax 650.471.7667  
 Email [info@naturalistjourneys.com](mailto:info@naturalistjourneys.com)

## Northwest Argentina: Bird & Other Wildlife Species List October 8 - 20, 2017, with Iguazu Falls Extension Oct. 20-23, 2017

Peg Abbott, tour host, with Ricardo Clark as the local expert guide,  
 and with 7 participants: Don, Jan, John, Jonathon, Andrea, Margaret and Alex

Summary: A wonderful 12-day exploration of a part of the Andes new to all in the group, with a fabulous add-on to the world-treasured landscape of Iguazu Falls. Margaret was up to over 200 life birds by our final days, and many added 50 or more. Within the list were some superbly memorable species: Elegant-crested and Ornate Tinamous, Southern Screamer, Red-legged Seriema, Coscoroba Swan, a Torrent Duck family with two fat chicks, beautiful Puna Teal and gaudy Rosy-billed Pochard, three species of flamingoes so bright in their barren



landscape, the elegant Whistling Heron, Plumbeous Ibis, Giant Coot, comical Guira Cuckoo, Toco Toucan, a Mountain Caracara hanging in the wind just out the van window, Spectacled Tyrant, rainbow-colored tanagers, two snazzy cardinals, and so many fascinating hummingbirds in the garden at Puerto Iguazu. We found a good number of endemics and regional specialties: Red-faced Guan in the forest of Yala, Bare-eyed (Morenos) Ground Dove in an arid canyon, Large-tailed or "Yungas Dove", the highly sought-after Sandy Gallito, a lovely pair of Rufous-throated Dipper, Brown-backed Mockingbird, Brown-capped Redstart, Rusty-browed Warbling Finch, Monte Yellow-Finch, Fulvous-headed Brushfinch, and more. We found ten species of mammals including Chaco and Andean Cavis, Andean Red Fox, wild Guanacos and Vincunas and a favorite in the Enchanted Valley – Mountain Viscacha. Scenery was over the top, huge expanses of colorful rock and sky, living geology textbooks, fertile river wetlands, lush forests, and cactus forests. At Abra Pampa, we found the other America's wild west, like Tombstone of 100 years ago... A great group and superlative guiding by Ricardo Clark helped make the trip. Logistics by Causana Viajes were well done.

(HO)= Heard Only  
 (LO)=Leader Only

(#) = number of species seen in family  
(#) after name = # of days seen out of 12  
(RE)= Regional Endemic  
(E) = Endemic to Argentina  
(I)= Introduced

### Northwest Argentina Reference Locations:

Day 1: 10/9/2017 Buenos Aires / Vincente Lopez Reserve and Costanura Sur Reserve  
Day 2: 10/10/17 Flight to Salta / Salta to Cafayate via scenic Los Conchos Canyon / Devil's Throat / Amphitheatre and other stops / Night at winery hotel outside Cafayate  
Day 3: 10/11/17 East on Hwy. 40 from Cafayate / Ruinas Quilmes / Winery hotel at Cafayate  
Day 4: 10/12/17 Cafayate via Molinas to La Paya on Hwy. 40 / Lovely Inn at La Paya village  
Day 5: 10/13/17 La Paya / Los Cardones National Park / Payogasta / La Paya  
Day 6: 10/14/17 Cachi to Salta / the Puna / Los Cardones National Park / Enchanted Valley / Selva Montana Hotel in San Lorenzo  
Day 7: 10/15/17 Reserva del Huaico, San Lorenzo / Salta's Bicentenario Lagoon / Selva Montana Hotel  
Day 8: 10/16/17 Reserva del Huaico / Dique Campo Alegre on Highway 9 / Salta Province / Las Cienagas Lake / Seven-colored Hill at Punamarca  
Day 9: 10/17/17 River Wetlands near Tilcara Hwy 9 from Punamarca / Salinas Grandes on Hwy. 52 / Puna / Punamarca  
Day 10: 10/18/17 Juje Province: Angosta de Perchel / Church and Village of Uquia / River Stop at Humahuaca / Abra Pampa Lagoons  
Day 11: 10/19/17 Abra Pampa south along the river / Yala Provincial Park  
Day 12: 10/20/17 Yala to Salta / Departure or Extension  
Day 1 of extension 10/20/17 Flight to Iguazu Falls  
Day 2 Extension 10/21/17 Iguazu Falls National Park, Upper and Lower Circuit Trails  
Day 3 Extension 10/22/17 Iguazu Falls National Park early arrival to Devil's Throat / Hummingbird Gardens  
Day 4 Extension 10/23/17 Iguazu Falls National Park / Departures

### BIRDS - Main Tour 262 species + 57 additional seen on extension

#### Tinamidae: Tinamous (2)

**Ornate Tinamou** *Nothoprocta ornata*— (1) Excellent looks at a couple of individuals at the dunes location south of Abra Pampa.

**Elegant Crested Tinamou** *Eudromia elegans*— (1) We were lucky to have a couple of individuals cross the road on our second day of visiting Los Cardones National Park. We could follow them moving through the shrubbery for some time.

#### Anhimidae: Screamers (1)

**Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata*— (1) This was Andrea's favorite trip bird, and an impressive sighting for all. We first saw them at the Costanura Sur Reserve in Buenos Aires, then at Salta at the local

lagoon we found one on a nest with two robust chicks and the other of the pair not far off standing guard.

### **Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans (15)**

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*— (2) We saw several 100 birds at the Bicentenario lagoon in Salta, and then again the next day at a reservoir we stopped at in travel, with a high count of 400+.

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor*— (2) We saw a couple of individuals at the Costanura Sur Reserve in Buenos Aires, and then approximately 400 at the reservoir in travel, Campo Alegre.

**Coscoroba Swan** *Coscoroba coscoroba*— (2) One pair at Bicentenario Lagoon in Salta, and then another lone individual at Campo Alegre Reservoir.

**Andean Goose** *Oressochen melanopterus*— (2) One pair in the farm fields at Payogasta, and then a dozen or so on the Puna lagoons outside of Abra Pampa.

**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides*— (1) Several pair in the lagoons near Abra Pampa.

**Brazilian Teal** *Amazonetta brasiliensis*— (1) A few individuals seen at the Bicentenario Lagoon near Salta.

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata*— (1) A trip highlight along the rushing stream of the reserve at Yala, we were lucky to get scope views of a family of four, male and female and two large chicks. They stayed in the área getting on and off of various rocks for several minutes.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera*— (4) Seen regularly at wetland áreas in Salta and to the north.

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*— (1) Several individuals seen at Bicentenario Lagoon, Salta.

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*— (3) Seen at Bicentenario Lagoon, other smaller wetland areas, and along the river courses of areas visited north of Salta.

**Silver Teal** *Anas versicolor*— (1) Seen at Costanura Sur in Buenos Aires, and then at Bicentenario Lagoon, Salta.

**Puna Teal** *Anas puna*— (1) Lagoon where we watched flamingoes outside of Abra Pampa.

**Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris*— (2) Wetland areas north of Salta.

**Rosy-billed Pochard** *Netta peposaca*— (1) Seen on our first day in Buenos Aires, quite close in the dense aquatic vegetation of the Costanura Sur Reserve.

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*— (1) A group of 8 or so were present at Bicentenario Reservoir in Salta.

### **Cracidae: Guans and Curassows (3)**

**Chaco Chachalaca** *Ortalis canicollis*— (1-HO) We heard this species on our arrival day to Salta, on a stop in the Monte forest habitat between Salta and Cayafate.

**Red-faced Guan (RE)** *Penelope dabbeni*— (1) We had very good scope views of this species on our final day in the forest at Yala, four individuals in a group along the river.

**Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*— (2) This was a common species at Huaico Reserve outside of San Lorenzo, near Salta. We watched several groups while on our loop walk up to a mirador, and then the following morning we watched two males repeatedly chasing each other around, running quickly in the lower part of the reserve.

### **Podicipedidae: Grebes (3)**

**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland*— (1) Seen at just one location, the large Campo Alegre Reservoir.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*— (3) Seen at each of the larger bodies of water we stopped at, 1-3 individuals.

**Great Grebe** *Podiceps major*— (1) Two pair seen at the large Campo Alegre Reservoir where we shared our birding perch with grazing horses, sheep and cattle, a pastoral meeting of domestic livestock and wildlife.

### **Phoenicopteridae: Flamingos (3)**

**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis*— (1) Six individuals within the larger group of two other flamingo species in the lagoon we surveyed near Abra Pampa.

**Andean Flamingo** *Phoenicoparrus andinus*— (2) The easiest to identify with their intense almost purple-pink necks and great size, we admired over 30 individuals of this species.

**James's Flamingo** *Phoenicoparrus jamesi*— (1) Everyone was pleased to see this species in good number, alongside the other two species as we scoped them at a lagoon outside of Abra Pampa.

### **Ciconiidae: Storks (1)**

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*— (1) We saw just one individual, next to a Roseate Spoonbill, at the Camp Alegre Reservoir on a travel day north from Salta.

### **Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— (4) Present at the larger bodies of water we visited.

### **Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (7)**

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi*— (4) We found this species at most wetlands, 1-2 at a time.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—(6) Seen 1-4 at a time, both in wetland areas and large pastures, flying and feeding.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—(5) In most wetland areas.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*— (2) Not common, but present on two days, numbers under a dozen.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*—(2) Seen briefly, single individuals on two days.

**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix*— (2) While a few saw this species just before we pulled into Campo Alegre Reservoir, we all had much better looks at an unexpected spot, the grassy lawn of the lunch restaurant chosen as we traveled to Yala. This beautiful heron quickly took its place in the trip top ten list for many.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—(2) Seen at the pond of our first lunchtime picnic, and then on the day we drove north from Salta.

### **Threskiornithidae: Ibis and Spoonbills (5)**

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*—(2) Seen in good number on the two days around Salta, at larger wetland areas.

**Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi*—(1) Good looks as we brought the scopes out to view flamingoes at a lagoon outside of Abra Pampa.

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus*— (1) Seen only when in Buenos Aires, at the two wetland locations visited.

**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus*—(2) Seen mainly in flight, often vocal, while we were in the Salta/San Lorenzo area.

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*—(1) One individual at Campo Alegre Reservoir.

### **Cathartidae: New World Vultures (3)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—(8) Very common, seen all days except when in BA, and on the higher elevations of the Puna.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— (6) Less numerous than Black Vultures but seen with regularity.  
**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus*— (2) Our keen-eyed driver spotted the first individuals high above Los Cochos Canyon driving to Cafayate. The second area we found them was high over the Enchanted Valley we enjoyed so much in Los Cardones National Park.

### **Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites and Eagles (11)**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*—(1) Seen on our last day traveling through open country between Yala and Salta.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*— (2) Seen at Huaico Reserve. Also good views of birds in flight at the lunch stop we made before going on to Yala Reserve.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*— (1) Three were seen at one of the larger reservoirs we stopped at in travel, Campo Alegre, on the road north from Salta.

**Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni*—(1) Seen on the high pass of Los Cardones National Park, coursing over the puna as we searched for seedsnipes.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*— (1) Peg had one individual scare up smaller songbirds as it burst through the arid trees of Monte forest on the day we left Cafayate.

**Bicolored Hawk** *Accipiter bicolor*—(2) Heard the first day and then seen in the morning as we checked back in at Huaico Reserve in San Lorenzo near Salta.

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*— (2) Seen as a nesting pair across from the reservoir at Campo Alegre, and then we found a perched individual that was most cooperative our final day alongside the road as we searched for seriemas.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*— (5) Common, vocal, widespread.

**Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*— (2) First seen as we arrived at the Costanura Sur, a courting pair flying above us. Seen again along the scenic Hwy. 40 route to La Paya.

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*— (4) Good views as we left La Paya, and then encountered several times, mainly seen in flight, and both mature and immature birds observed.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*— (2) Los Cardones National Park.  
**Swainson's Hawk** (1) Alex spotted one individual on our travel day back to Yala.

### **Rallidae: Rails, Crakes and Allies (9)**

**Paint-billed Crake** *Mustelirallus erythropus*— (1-LO) Ricardo had a quick look at one in the same small roadside waterway we found Plumbeous Rails, as we were all focused on a singing sedge wren, this one quick look was all it gave...

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—(3) Four were present at our lunchside lagoon stop at Talapampa en route to Cafayate, also several seen at the Huaico Reserve.

**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*—(2) Seen at two small roadside wetlands near Tilcara, excellent views.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*— (4) Present at a range of wetland areas.

**Red-gartered Coot** *Fulica armillata*— (1) Bicentenario Lagoon in Salta, scope views.

**Red-fronted Coot** *Fulica rufifrons*— (1) Also seen at Bicentenario Lagoon, a good place to study coots!

**Giant Coot** *Fulica gigantea*—(1) Four individuals seen with the flamingoes at the lagoon we visited outside of Abra Pampa.

**Slate-colored (Andean) Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca*— (1) Seen in good number at several small wetland areas and the lagoon we spent time at observing flamingoes outside of Abra Pampa.

**White-winged Coot** *Fulica leucoptera*—(4) Seen in several wetland areas, quite close at our first lunch picnic beside a small roadside pond.

### **Aramidae: Limpkin (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—(2) Seen at the Costanura Sur Reserve in Buenos Aires, and then again as we looked for seriemas en route back to Salta from Yala.

### **Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets (2)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—(3) Present at larger lakes and lagoons.

**Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina*— (1) Just one individual seen in the lagoon by Abra Pampa where we watched flamingoes.

### **Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (2)**

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—(9) Common and widespread, several nesting individuals seen and some pairs with growing, fledged chicks.

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens*—(2) Seen in the high pass area of Los Cardones National Park and again in the Puna at lagoons outside of Abra Pampa.

### **Thinocoridae: Seedsnipes (1)**

**Gray-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyianus*— (1) We almost gave up on this species, thinking with all our searching they had not returned yet from migration, when Ricardo spotted two at fairly close range heading back to the main road in the highest elevation area of Los Cardones National Park. Good views.

### **Jacanidae: Jacanas (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—(4) Common in wetlands. Seen in Buenos Aires, and in wetland areas visited in travel in good number.

### **Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies (3)**

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*—(1) A group of a dozen or so flew in while we watched flamingoes in the stark Puna habitat outside Abra Pampa

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*—(1) A few individuals in the Campo Alegre Reservoir.

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*—(1) One individual at a wetland outside of Salta.

### **Laridae: Gulls and Terns (1)**

**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus*—(5) First seen in an agricultural field near La Paya, we had them fairly commonly along rivers as we explored the Puna. One outside Abra Pampa by the flamingoes was nesting.

### **Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves (9)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—(8) Urban and roadside áreas.

**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro*—(7) Common, widespread.

**Spot-winged Pigeon** *Patagioenas maculosa*—(1) Seen outside of Cafayate at the Ruinas Quilmes area.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*— (1) Four seen at the Huaico Reserve.

**Picui Ground-Dove** *Columbina picui*— (7) Very common and widespread.

**Bare-eyed (Morenos) Ground-Dove (E)** *Metriopelia morenoi*—A real treat to find them our second try at a small arid canyon with cushion plants they like to hide out under. We had to go early in the morning to have success. We saw five individuals and watched them for some time, scope views.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*— (2) First seen en route to Cafayate, then again on the second morning we went to Huaico Reserve.

**Large-tailed (Yungas) Dove (RE)** *Leptotila megalura*— (2) Seen on the loop walk we took to the mirador at Huaico Reserve, and again as we passed through lush forest leaving San Lorenzo heading north.  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—(9) Common and widespread.

### **Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Allies (1)**

**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*— (4) First seen on the morning we searched for Sandy Gallito outside of La Paya en route to the ruins. Gregarious and fun to observe, we saw them on travel days.

### **Strigidae: Owls (3)**

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*—(2) Seen on the night drive at Huaico Reserve in San Lorenzo, then again at Yala.

**Magellanic Owl** *Bubo magellanicus*— (1) Seen in the Enchanted Valley roosting alongside a rocky canyon in a small shrub, really tucked up and hiding there.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*— (3) Fairly easy to see, along fencerows and farm fields

### **Caprimulgidae: Nightjars (1)**

**Scissor-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis torquata*— (1) Two individuals seen on the night drive from San Lorenzo.

### **Apodidae: Swifts (2)**

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*— (2) Seen in small groups in the Cafayate region.

**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus*— (7) Common, vocal, widespread.

### **Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (6)**

**Red-tailed Comet** *Sappho sparganurus*— (5) First seen in the Enchanted Valley along the creek, we spotted them several times a day from then onwards, Huaico Reserve and forward.

**Andean Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus estella*—(3) Seen at the Enchanted Valley, in the small canyon where we found the Morenos Doves, and in the Abra Pampa area in a small valley of the higher elevation, alongside the road.

**Slender-tailed Woodstar** *Microstilbon burmeisteri*—(1) Seen by a few of the group on the trail at Huaico Reserve.

**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas*— (2) First seen feeding in Tree Tobacco flowers and then at our lodge at La Paya.

**Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon lucidus*— (4) The most regularly encountered hummingbird of our trip. The first sighting was at the winery hotel we stayed at that had bottlebrush shrubs in the courtyard.

**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster*—(4) Vocal, present in several habitats including one less-frequented, the Yungas forest habitat.

**Gilded Hummingbird** *Hylocharis chrysura*—(1) Seen in the bottlebrush shrubs at our winery hotel our final morning there.

### **Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (1)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megasceryle torquata*—(1) One individual, Campo Alegre Reservoir.

### **Bucconidae: Puffbirds (1)**

**Spot-backed (Chaco) Puffbird** *Nystalus maculatus*— A few of our group with Ricardo were lucky to see this species. We heard it across the road from a birding loop we made in Monte (scrub-dry) forest and followed it as it sang from acacia to acacia treetop.

### **Ramphastidae: Toucans (1)**

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*—(1-HO) Huaico Reserve, San Lorenzo.

### **Picidae: Woodpeckers (6)**

**White-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cactorum*—(3) Seen regularly the days we were around the cactus forest and surroundings of Los Cardones National Park, and arid areas near Cafayate.

**Checkered Woodpecker** *Veniliornis mixtus*—(1) Seen almost a first trip bird as we got out of the bus at Vincente Lopez Reserve in Buenos Aires.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*—(1) Seen well on our hike at the Huaico Reserve, San Lorenzo, one individual.

**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros*— (6) The most common woodpecker encountered on our tour.

**Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola*—(1) We had a cluster of individuals, five or more, on the high pass of Los Cardones National Park, feeding close to the van in the shrub vegetation.

**Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris*— (1) Buenos Aires area only.

### **Cariamidae: Seriemas (1)**

**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata*—(1) With quite a bit of searching, Ricardo finally found a pair, and Fabio turned the bus around quickly so we all had a good view, our final morning returning to Salta.

### **Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras (6)**

**Mountain Caracara** *Phalco boenus megalopterus*— (2) Both sightings were at high elevation, the closest being one that was just off the van as we descended from Salinas Grande.

**Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus*—(8) Common and widespread.

**Chimango Caracara** *Milvago chimango*—(8) Very common and widespread.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—(6) We found this species regularly, a pair at the Ruinas Quilmes were courting and mating. Interesting plumage variations.

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*—(1) One quick look at a hunting individual as we got out of the bus at the Enchanted Valley in Los Cordones National Park.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—(1) One individual seen at dawn on an early walk from our lodge at La Paya, zipping past the group.

### **Psittacidae: Parrots (7)**

**Gray-hooded Parakeet** *Psilopsiagon aymara*—(3) A regular sighting on our first days in more arid habitat of Cafayate and Los Cardones.

**Mountain Parakeet** *Psilopsiagon aurifrons*—(2) This tiny and vocal parakeet made just a few appearances, each time in a small flock.

**Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus*—(1) Buenos Aires.

**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*—(1) Huaico Reserve.

**Burrowing Parakeet** *Cyanoliseus patagonus*—(4) Common to abundant in the arid areas at the start of our trip. One morning we had perhaps 1000 gathered at the edge of a field. We pulled over to admire them and caught the mob lifting off, something disturbing them, inciting the view of a cloud of wings – very memorable!



**Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Thectocercus acuticaudatus*— (1) Seen only on our first day from Salta in the Monte habitat, at the lagoon at Talapampa where we had lunch.

**Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus*— (4) Seen in more forested areas, two to six at a time.

### **Thamnophilidae: Antbirds (2)**

**Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*—(1) Seen in the Yungas forest so thick alongside the road as we drove north from Salta, great looks as we stopped the van to look at flock activity.

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*—(1) Seen only on our first day in Monte habitat as we drove south from Salta.

### **Rhinocryptidae: Tapaculos (1)**

**Sandy Gallito (E)** *Teledromas fuscus*—(3) No small effort here, for the first sighting we walked out from the road over open terrain, listening, following and finally encountering a singing individual on a dead snag, not the ground where we were looking! In time we found them several more times, crossing the road in arid habitats, at times giving us a view of their quick running behavior. Ricardo was not going to let us miss this bird!

### **Furnariidae: Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers (21)**

**Puna Miner** *Geositta punensis*—(1) Seen in the Puna outside of Abra Pampa.

**Rufous-banded Miner** *Geositta rufipennis*—(1) Seen well as it vocalized as a pair in Amphitheatre and other canyons of our scenic drive south from Salta, then later found again in the dunes area by Abra Pampa.

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—(1) A pair was seen well in the dry-forested Monte habitat as we first explored it south of Salta and we found them again at Huaico Reserve.

**Rock Earthcreeper** *Ochetorhynchus andaecola*—(1-HO) One was persistently calling near the rock walls and stream course of Enchanted Valley, but it was not interested in coming out to see us. We tried calling one at several other likely locations this year, but no go.

**Straight-billed Earthcreeper** *Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus*—(1) Los Cardones National Park

**Chaco Earthcreeper** *Tarphonomus certhioides*—(1) We had glimpses at several stops along Hwy. 40 but finally got really good looks at a pair of this species at the Ruinas Quilmes as we toured the ruins.

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*— (1) A constant companion, often abruptly announcing its presence with its woodpecker-like call. Peg watched as an aracari raided one frantic pair's nest at Iguazu, a geographic area they have expanded into over the last 20 years.

**Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops*— (1) We had glimpses of this species being loud, but otherwise furtive along the lagoon at Vincente Lopez Reserve in Buenos Aires.

**Cream-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris*—(1) Seen in high habitat between Cachi and Salta.

**White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis*—(1) Seen in the canyons as we drove north to Abra Pampa.

**Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*—(2) Seen in our two lush forest areas at Huaico Reserve near San Lorenzo and at Yala.

**Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura fuliginiceps*— (1) Seen en route to Salinas Grandes from Abra Pampa.

**Tufted Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura platensis* — (2) Arid habitat of areas adjacent to Los Cardones National Park, in shrubbery of small villages and arroyos.

**Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*— (1) Seen on a roadside stop above a river course where we also recorded several species of siskin, one with a dramatic rock cut on one side.

**Streak-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus striaticeps*—(1) Los Cardones National Park

**Creamy-breasted Canastero** *Asthenes dorbignyi*—(3) Los Cardones National Park and on both days from Abra Pampa.

**Puna Canastero** *Asthenes sclateri*—(1) Puna habitat between Cachi and Salta.

**Cordilleran Canastero** *Asthenes modesta*— (1) A pair seen in a small gully we checked from roadside as we drove up the winding road to Salinas Grande. They kept company with wild Vicunas.

**Stripe-crowned Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pyrrhophia*—(2) Monte habitat south of Salta en route to Cafayate.

**White-throated Cachalote** *Pseudoseisura gutturalis*— (1) Seen as we drove towards Ruinas Quilmes.

**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae*— (2) Forested areas near San Lorenzo.

### **Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (37)**

**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys*—(1) Seen on the loop walk at Huaico Reserve.

**Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anaeiretes flavirostris*—(3) Seen in the artsy town area we stayed at near the Seven-colored Hills.

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anaeiretes parulus*—(1) Lunch stop at Payogastilla by old bar.

**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps*—(1) Seen at lunch stop at Payogastilla en route to Cachi.

**Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura*—(1) Seen on the loop walk as we descended from the Mirador at Huaico Reserve at San Lorenzo, near Salta.

**Straneck's Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga griseicapilla*— (1) Seen and heard on our walk from the lunch spot, the day we went to the ruins at Ruinas Quilmes. Ricardo explained the story of its "Split" from other tyrannulets over a ten-year period, eventually being named after his major professor.

**Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*—(1) One of three species of tyrannulet seen in quick succession on a walk through lush forests of Huaico Reserve.

**Rough-legged Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes burmeisteri*—(1) One of three species of tyrannulet seen in quick succession on a walk through lush forests of Huaico Reserve.

**Sclater's Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias sclateri*—(1) One of three species of tyrannulet seen in quick succession on a walk through lush forests of Huaico Reserve, the most numerous of the three.

**Greater Wagtail-Tyrant** *Stigmatura budytoides*—(4) Distinctive long trilling song, this was one of our first finds at a roadside stop in Monte habitat, then we found it again over the next three days, on the southern circuit of our trip.

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*—(2) Seen in both forested areas, Huaico Reserve and Yala.

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*—(4) A bird quite common around our lodges and in small villages, often up on the phone wires, using them for a hunting perch.

**Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*—(2) Seen in both forested areas, Huaico Reserve and Yala.

**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus*— (1) Seen by John at our lodge at San Lorenzo from the balcony.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans*— (1) First seen by the pool at our lodge at San Lorenzo, we also had them in the rushing stream at Yala, where we looked for Torrent Duck and Rufous-throated Dipper with success for all.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—(1-LO) Only our keen-eyed driver found this species, trying hard to show it to us from the van as we searched for seriemas our final morning as we returned to Salta.

**Andean (White-winged) Negrito** *Lessonia oreas*—(1) Scope views of several individuals near the lagoons at Abra Pampa.

**White-winged Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus aterrimus*—(3) Seen in shrubby habitat, often along the river.

**Spectacled Tyrant** *Hymenops perspicillatus*— (5) Male and female very different. We first studied one well at Payogasta overlooking the lush green fields and glorious mountains. We found them at almost every pocket wetland we visited along the roadsides.

**Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*—(3) One of the more widespread ground-tyrants, we got repeated views of this one in appropriate habitat.

**Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*—(1) Seen in the dune area by Abra Pampa.

**Plain-capped (Puna) Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola juninensis*—(1) Seen on the Puna between Cachi and Salta.

**Cinereous Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola cinereus*—(1) A larger ground tyrant, viewed in the Puna between Cachi and Salta.

**Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*—(1) Seen in the Puna by Abra Pampa.

**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montanus*—(1) Los Cardones National Park.

**Gray-bellied Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis micropterus*—(1) Seen near Payogasta.

**Lesser Shrike Tyrant** *Agriornis murinus*—(1) This bird was seen at the football yard in front of the pond in Tilcara on day 8.

**Gray Monjita** *Xolmis cinereus* —(1) Seen well at Payogasta in the farm fields, scope views, Ricardo explained that this individual was out of its normal range and not expected here.

**White Monjita** *Xolmis irupero*—(4) First seen on the road out to the Ruinas Quilmes site, we also had them on several travel days, distinctive.

**d'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthoides*—(2) We watched a pair at the Enchanted Valley of Los Cardones National Park, and then found another in a farm field near the river near Perchel.

**White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys*— (1) Seen on our drive north from Salta.

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa*—(7) Common and widespread.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—(1) Huaico Reserve, good views.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—(10) Very common in a mix of habitats, seen on all days but those of the higher puna from Abra Pampa.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—(2) First seen in Ricardo's yard at Huaico Reserve, then at our lunch restaurant before reaching Yala.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—(3) Seen on travel days in more open country.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna*— (7) Common and widespread.

### Cotingidae: Cotingas (1)

**White-tipped Plantcutter** *Phytotoma rutila*—(5) Fairly common at La Paya near our lodge, and encountered then in several rural areas.

### Vireonidae: Vireos (1)

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—(1) Huaico Reserve.

### Corvidae: Crows and Jays (1)

**Plush-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax chrysops*— (4) Forested areas, a very handsome jay!

### Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins (10)

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—(5) Common along rivers.

**Tawny-headed Swallow** *Alopochelidon fucata*—(2) Seen at both of the large reservoirs we visited at Salta and Campo Alegre.

**Andean Swallow** *Orochelidon andecola*—(1) Payogasta, a good sized group flying over the lush agricultural fields.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—(2) Seen on our second day near Talapma, and at the reservoir at Salta.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—(2) Buenos Aires at the airport, and Salta at the airport and out into agricultural areas.

**Southern Martin** *Progne elegans*—(1) Seen our final day at the reservoir of the wealthy residential area.

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*— (2) Reservoir north of Salta, and at the reservoir of the wealthy residential area going back in to Salta.

**White-rumped Swallow** *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*—(4) Common at Buenos Aires, Salta area and on the return drive from Yala to Salta.

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia*—(1) Four were seen at the reservoir Campo Alegre that we shared with grazing horses and livestock.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* – (1) Three seen near Dique la Cienaga on Highway 9 heading north to Punamarca.

### **Troglodytidae: Wrens (3)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—(12) Common, seen daily.

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis*— (2) Seen in both forested areas.

**Sedge Wren** *Cistothorus platensis*—(2) Seen in small pocket wetlands along the roads through Argentina's arid northwest, on days 9 and 11.

### **Poliophtilidae: Gnatcatchers (1)**

**Masked Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila dumicola*—(1) Seen well at Vincente Lopez reserve where we walked around a small lake, and then on our first day driving into Monte habitat south of Salta.

### **Cinclidae: Dippers (1)**

**Rufous-throated Dipper (RE)** *Cinclus schulzi*—(1) A thrill to find a pair at Yala without too much trouble, Margaret found them working the riverbank very close to where we were watching the family of Torrent Duck.

### **Turdidae: Thrushes (5)**

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*— (4) Buenos Aires, and then at our two forested areas near San Lorenzo and Yala.

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*— (2) Monte habitat stops below Salta, and then again on our return to Salta.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*— (1) Huaico Reserve.

**Slaty Thrush** *Turdus nigriceps* – (1) Two were seen on the trail at Huaico Reserve

**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco*—(9) Common, vocal, widespread.

### **Mimidae: Mockingbirds and Thrashers (4)**

**Patagonian Mockingbird** *Mimus patagonicus*—(7) Common and widespread.

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus*—(2) Buenos Aires and along the Calchaqui Valley day 4.

**White-banded Mockingbird** *Mimus triurus*—(3) Calchaqui Valley and near Cachi, Payogasta.

**Brown-backed Mockingbird (RE)** *Mimus dorsalis*— (2) Seen in rural areas we stopped at coming and going from Abra Pampa.

### **Sturnidae: Starlings and Mynas (1)**

**European Starling (I)** *Sturnus vulgaris*— (1) Buenos Aires.

**Motacillidae: Pipits and Wagtails (1)**

**Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens*— (1) Open grassy fields adjacent to Campo Alegre Reservoir.

**Parulidae: New World Warblers (3)**

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi*— (2) Monte habitat below Salta and at the Huaico Reserve.

**Pale-legged Warbler** *Myiothlypis signata*— Huaico Reserve, singing loudly at the start of the trail.

**Brown-capped Redstart (RE)** *Myioborus bruniceps*—Huaico Reserve and Yala forests.

**Thraupidae: Tanagers and Allies (29)**

**Red-crested Cardinal** *Paroaria coronata*— (1) Buenos Aires, at the Vincente Lopez Reserve.

**Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata*— (1) Buenos Aires, Costanura Sur.

**Rust-and-yellow Tanager** *Thlypopsis ruficeps*— (1) One individual seen at a roadside stop north of Campo Alegre reservoir before provincial border.

**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota*—(2) Seen on the highway patch of Yungas forest we stopped at briefly, then better seen at Yala where we encountered a mixed flock.

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager** *Pipraeidea bonariensis*—(5) Widespread, we encountered them at our hotels, in gardens, often with other species.

**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca*—(4) Rural and treed areas, in good number.

**Black-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus atriceps*— (1) Three individuals seen in a small farmyard at a roadside stop, wonderful views below us.

**Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus gayi*—(4) We saw these in Puna habitats on several occasions.

**Mourning Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti*—(3) Rural and shrubby settings, one or two at a time.

**Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor*—(1) Fairly common in the Enchanted Valley of Los Cardones National Park.

**Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus*—(3) Higher elevations, fairly common.

**Band-tailed Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus alaudinus*—(1) Seen on the day we drove through so much dramatic geology north from Cafayate. About 20 seen along with Hooded Siskins.

**Common Diuca-Finch** *Diuca diuca*—(2) Seen in farms of arid country.

**Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza hypochondria*— (1) Seven were seen where we walked at a small farm, hearing Chaco Puffbird and then fanning out to search for the Sandy Gallito among other species.

**Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch (RE)** *Poospiza erythrophrys*—(1) Active and pretty, we saw about 5 in the mixed flock encountered at Yala forest.

**Ringed Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza torquata*—(2) Seen in Monte habitat, several individuals each day.

**Black-capped Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza melanoleuca*— (1) Monte habitat, good views on one of our first stops from Salta to Cafayate.

**Puna Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis lutea*— (1) Seen on day 11 at a road cut that also had Bright-rumped Yellow Finches.

**Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis uropygialis*— (2) Seen on our road trip north from Abra Pampa in the afternoon, and the following day at a road cut with dramatic rock cliffs above a river.

**Greenish Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis olivascens*—(2) Seen on our road trip north from Abra Pampa in the afternoon, and the following day at a road cut with dramatic rock cliffs above a river, in the company of Bright-rumped Yellow Finches.

**Monte Yellow-Finch (E)** *Sicalis mendozae*— (2) First seen at a restaurant stop, going into a nest, and then two spotted at a scenic roadstop approaching Los Cardones National Park.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—(9) Common and widespread.

**Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola*—(1) Buenos Aires

**Great Pampa-Finch** *Embernagra platensis*—(4) First seen on the way to the Ruinas Quilmes site, we then enjoyed good looks at this large species singing from prominent reed grasses at roadside wetland stops.

**Band-tailed Seed eater** *Catamenia analis*—(5) Fairly common and widespread, found in small groups.

**Red-crested Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—(1) Very good views of 4 in the trail in Monte habitat our first day driving south from Salta.

**Many-colored Chaco Finch** *Saltatricula multicolor*— (1) A lovely species seen on day 3, along Hwy. 40's scenic route. A male, singing.

**Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantirostris*— (6) One of the first sightings in Monte habitat, it then was one of our more regularly encountered species. Easy to find from the lodge at La Paya.

**Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager (Saltator)** *Saltator rufiventris*— (1) This highly local species was one we stopped to see above a forested patch of sparse poplar-like trees. A pair was present and most cooperative, giving all good views.

### **Emberizidae: New World Sparrows (5)**

**Common (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus flavopectus*— (3) We saw this species whenever in forested areas, small flocks within larger mixed flocks.

**Saffron-billed Sparrow** *Arremon flavirostris*— (1) This lovely bird came to the edge of the lawn our first evening at Selva Montana lodge, seen from the balcony.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*— (12) Common and widespread, seen daily in a mix of habitats.

**Fulvous-headed Brushfinch (RE)** *Atlapietes fulviceps*— (1) A beautiful tanager we encountered a couple of individuals of during our time in the Yala Reserve.

**Stripe-headed (White-browed) Brush Finch** — (2) Seen in both forested areas, first at Huaico where we saw them at very close range.

### **Cardinalidae: Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies (1)**

**Ultramarine Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa brissonii*—(2) A few individuals seen in the Monte habitat.

### **Icteridae: New World Blackbirds (9)**

**Long-tailed Meadowlark** *Sturnella loyca* —(2) We first saw this species in the pampas grass area we stopped to scan going to the Ruinas Quilmes site. We then had two in a tree quite spectacularly on the road margin at Payogasta, above the lush agricultural fields with fluted cliffs and high mountains in view.

**Unicolored Blackbird** *Agelasticus cyanopus*— (1) Bicentenario Reservoir, Salta.

**Yellow-winged Blackbird** *Agelasticus thilius*—(2) Buenos Aires and then above the lush agricultural fields at Payogasta.

**Grayish Baywing** *Agelaioides badius*—(6) Common in small flocks, widespread.

**Screaming Cowbird** *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*—(2) Best noticed by vocalization, they could be easy to miss among the far more abundant Shiny Cowbirds.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*— (12) Common and widespread.

**Variable (Epalet) Oriole** *Icterus pyrrhopterus*—(2) Monte habitat in lush areas.

**Solitary Black Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius*— (1) Buenos Aires, at the Vincente Lopez Reserve.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*— (1) Huiaco Reserve in large trees above the main home.

### **Fringillidae: Finches (4)**

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*—(2) Heard repeatedly at a farm stop but we could not get good views. Then seen well at lunch at Payogastilla.

**Thick-billed Siskin** *Spinus crassirostris*—(1) Seen in a small flock from above, at a roadside stop day 9.  
**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus*—(3) Seen and heard feeding at various roadside stops.  
**Black Siskin** *Spinus atratus*— (1) Another sighting by Margaret, seen below us feeding in shrubbery, a group of a dozen or more. Good views.

#### Passeridae: Old World Sparrows (1)

**House Sparrow (I)** *Passer domesticus*—(9) Common and widespread.

#### **Mammals:**

**Coypu (Nutria)**—(1) Several individuals seen at both wetland reserves visited in Buenos Aires.

**Andean Cavi**—(1) Don spotted this little guinea-pig on day 5 as we crossed higher elevations.

**Chaco Cavi**—(2) Several individuals were seen as we visited Monte habitat, a first for many of the group.

**Viscacha**—(1) Several individuals seen while we were in the Enchanted Valley. The first was high above us and we got a scope on it, another was very prominent and perched part way up a valley. Jonathan just had to see it jump!

**European Hare (I)** —(2) Seen on day 4 in Los Cardones area, and then again by the dunes as we watched Ornate Tinamou by the dunes outside of Abra Pampa. Introduced in Argentina.

**Argentine Gray Fox**—(1) Seen moving alongside the road on day 3, in the same area we had the cavis.

**Andean Red Fox**—(1) A wonderful robust individual was seen in the Puna of Los Cardones National Park. We were able to get out of the bus and find it in a small ravine below us. It sat and watched us, then made its way uphill, not alarmed, giving us very good viewing.

**Brown Brocket Deer**—(1) Just a quick glimpse when passing through the Yungas forest, seen by those in the front of the van only as it disappeared into thick brush.

**Guanaco**—(4) We really enjoyed watching small herds of this graceful camelid, encountered in the mountains as we drove through various mountain passes.

**Vicuna**—(3) We drove the high country to Salinas Grandes (massive salt pans harvested commercially) with the intent to see them, and were fortunate to do so that day and two others, driving to and from Abra Pampa.

#### EXTENSION IGUAZU – October 20-23, 2017

Local guide Danielo Somay, with Peg Abbott and 6 participants: Don, Jan, John, Margaret, Andrea and Alex.

Summary: Extraordinary to bird in one of Earth's most beautiful places, and having access to the park early before the crowds made a world of difference. Danielo Somay was such a competent local guide, knew the calls and where to find the specialties. He shared some of his special spots. We saw 100 species, many just stunning and colorful, in a couple of days. An afternoon visit to town and the wonderful hummingbird garden there gave us close-up views of numerous additional species.

#### BIRDS -EXTENSION – 100 species

**\*\* =not recorded on main tour (57)**

#### Ducks, Geese and Swans      Anatidae

**\*\*Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*—(1) Two birds flew over the river as we walked the boardwalk trail at Devil's Throat.

### Guans and Curassows      Cracidae

**\*\*Black-fronted Piping-Guan (RE)** *Pipile jacutinga*—(2) Fantastic views, the first morning we found on roosting not far from the parking area, and not that high off the ground. Scope views with it giving us the eye. We also saw one along the river as we went out to the Devil's Throat trailhead.

### Cormorants      Phalacrocoracidae

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—(3) Very common around the falls, they collected on roost trees, decorating them like ornaments.

### Anhingas      Anhingidae

**\*\*Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—(2) We saw this elegant species on two days, 2-6 individuals in total.

### Hérons and Egrets      Ardeidae

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—(3) Birds in flight were lovely against the background of the falls.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—(2) A few individuals seen in cleared areas of the town as we traveled to the park.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*—(1) One flying over the boardwalk trail in the early morning at Devil's Throat.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—(1) Beautiful breeding plumage on adults, about a dozen in a bay off the river, seen from the boardwalk going to the Devil's Throat viewpoint.

### Ibis and Spoonbills      Threskiornithidae

**\*\*Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—(2) We heard them our first morning, but then saw a few at dawn going out to the Devil's Throat parking area.

### New World Vultures      Cathartidae

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—(3) Abundant, numbers of over 100, roosting and flying, spreading their wings and posing. The most obvious bird at the falls.

### Hawks, Kites and Eagles      Accipitridae

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—(2) Wonderful to see this species so well. We had them at close range hunting for snails, plucking snails from the shallower areas, taking them to eviscerate them on the boardwalk rails.

**\*\*Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—(3) A pair was present at the swimming pool area of our hotel in Puerto Iguazu. They posed on various limbs of tall trees around the area.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*—(1) One individual flying above the hummingbird garden.

### Rails, Crakes and Allies      Rallidae

**\*\*Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail (RE)** *Aramides saracura*—(1) Daniel knew just where to find this species, in brush piles very close to one of the rim of the fall's cafes.

### Limpkin      Aramidae

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—(2) We enjoyed seeing this species, common in Iguazu but more local back home at USA.

### Plovers and Lapwings      Charadriidae



**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—(3) They loved the cleared lawn areas around parking and café areas of Iguazu National Park. They were tame, bold, and had young chicks learning to behave in just the same way. Our coffee break entertainment!

### Pigeons and Doves    Columbidae

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia*—(2) Town of Puerto Iguazu.

**\*\*Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—(2) Seen from our hotel and in the park.

**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro*—(2) Seen in Puerto Iguazu and the park.

**\*\*Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—(2) Seen at Jardin de los Picaflores on the feeders, great views!

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—(2) Heard both days we walked park trails. Seen briefly on the first day by part of the group.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—(2) Seen around our hotel and at the hummingbird garden.

### Cuckoos and Allies    Cuculidae

**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*—(1) Seen the final morning on the grounds of the Melia (formerly Sheraton) hotel.

**\*\*Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—(2) Seen along trail circuits and Devil's Throat boardwalks.

**\*\*Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—(2) Seen along the trail by the old airport, and then in the road area visited by our hotel.

**\*\*Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—(1) Great views along one of the circuit trails, perched and flying.

### Owls    Strigidae

**\*\*Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—(1-HO) Peg and Margaret heard one repeatedly calling as we walked around the forest edge on the lawn of the Melia Hotel at the falls our final morning.

### Nightjars    Caprimulgidae

**\*\*Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus*—(1-HO) As we made a successful effort in one of Daniel's special spots for the local motmot, we heard this species calling.

### Potoos    Nyctibiidae

**\*\*Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*—(1-HO) Calling loudly the first morning before dawn at our hotel, it was not present that next evening or morning.

### Swifts    Apodidae

**\*\*Great Dusky Swift** *Cypseloides senex*—(3) Abundant! We really enjoyed getting super close views in Daniel's scope.

**\*\*Sick's Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis*—(2) Common, seen over our hotel, in town, and in the park.

### Hummingbirds    Trochilidae

**\*\*Black Jacobin (RE)** *Florisuga fusca*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**\*\*Planalto Hermit** *Phaethornis pretrei*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**\*\*Scale-throated Hermit (RE)** *Phaethornis eurynome*—(1) Seen on flowering heliconia flowers at the hotel.

**\*\*Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon lucidus*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**\*\*Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** *Eupetomena macroura*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**\*\*Violet-capped Woodnymph (RE)** *Thalurania glaucopis*—(1) Trail by the old airport.

**\*\*Versicolored Emerald** *Amazilia versicolor*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

**Gilded Hummingbird** *Hylocharis chrysura*—(1) Jardin de Picafores, Pto. Iguazu.

#### Trogons      Trogonidae

**\*\*Surucua Trogon (RE)** *Trogon surrucura*—(2) Great looks on two afternoons.

#### Motmots      Momotidae

**\*\*Rufous-capped Motmot (RE)** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus*—(2) Elusive but responsive, we could not have found this species without Daniel's knowledge of where to draw them out.

#### Kingfishers      Alcedinidae

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—(1) Three flew over us in two directions as we walked the boardwalk out to Devil's Throat viewpoint.

#### Toucans      Ramphastidae

**\*\*Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis*—(3) These little nest raiders were in full swing, we watched one individual raid a Rufous Hornero nest pulling out fledglings while frantic parents dove at them. They were very acclimated and bold.

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*—(3) Iconic for Iguazu, easy to find and to photograph.

#### Woodpeckers      Picidae

**\*\*Ochre-collared Piculet (RE)** *Picumnus temminckii*—(2) We heard one the first morning, returned the second to the same area to get very good views.

**\*\*Yellow-fronted Woodpecker (RE)** *Melanerpes flavifrons*—(3) A pair was very present by the parking area and café at the rim of the falls.

**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloris*—(1-HO) A teaser from the railroad station as we hoped for Blond-crested.

**\*\*Blond-crested Woodpecker** *Celeus flavescens*—(1) A thrill for all of us, in the favorite species category, found on the trail by the old airport.

#### Parrots      Psittacidae

**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*—(2) Attracted to fruiting trees, good views.

**\*\*Turquoise-fronted Parrot** *Amazona aestiva*—(1) Our last big find at the dirt road we searched for motmots on.

**\*\*Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius*—(1) Quick views of noisy flock flying over the boardwalk trail to Devil's Throat viewpoint.

**\*\*Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrrhura frontalis*—(1) Fly overs, noisy and present.

**\*\*White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—(1) Seen by the hotel and in the park, mainly in flight.

#### Antbirds and Allies      Thamnophilidae

**\*\*Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—(1) Peg, Alex and Daniel found one individual in a mixed flock.

#### Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers      Furnariidae

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*—(2) A species expanding their range according to Daniel, not coping well with toucan and aracari predation.

**\*\*Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—(1) Peg spied a pair we got good looks at on the boardwalk trail at Devil's Throat viewpoint.

### **Tyrant Flycatchers    Tyrannidae**

**\*\*Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant** *Euscarthmus meloryphus*—(1) Good views on the trail by the old airport.

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* – (1) Open area near town

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—(3) Fairly common around the hotel and in parking area of the park.

**\*\*Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—(2) Noisy and present around our hotel, and another on the Upper Circuit trail.

**\*\*Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—(1) One pair seen off the circuit trails.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—(1) Parking lot sighting by our hotel at day's start.

**\*\*Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*—(1-HO) Circuit trail.

**\*\*Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius*—(2) Seen in the vicinity of our hotel, another by the old airport.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—(2) Seen in town at the hummingbird garden, and by our hotel.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*—(1) Seen near the hotel.

### **Manakins    Pipridae**

**\*\*Swallow-tailed Manakin (RE)** *Chiroxiphia caudata*—(1-HO) Oh so close, a male called repeatedly from 20 feet away the boardwalk trail to Devil's Throat close to the station...heard only.

### **Crows and Jays    Corvidae**

**Plush-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax chrysops*—(3) Common and bold.

### **Swallows and Martins    Hirundinidae**

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—(1) Devil's Throat boardwalk on the railing.

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*—(1) Seen in the park.

**\*\*White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*—(1) Common along the Devil's Throat boardwalk.

### **Wrens Troglodytidae**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—(3) Common, vocal.

### **Thrushes    Turdidae**

**\*\*Pale-breasted Thrush**    *Turdus leucomelas*—(3) Many near our hotel, our wake up call. Also seen in the park.

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*—(3) Seen on trails and in forested areas.

**\*\*Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla*—(1) Show stoppers, close to the boardwalk trail, calling and couring. Wonderful views.

### **Mockingbirds and Thrashers Mimidae**

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus*—(3) Seen readily around our hotel, and the Melia hotel at the park.

### New World Warblers Parulidae

**\*\*Masked Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*—(1) Very good views at the trail by the old airport.

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitaiyumi*—(2) Seen in mixed flocks on Iguazu NP trails.

**\*\*Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—(1) Very good views on the Upper Circuit trail.

### Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae

**Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata*—(1) Seen well on the boardwalk trail, Devil's Throat boardwalk.

**\*\*Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*—(2) Great appearances of small flocks or family groups, trails at Iguazu NP.

**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca*—(2) Good views in the park and at hummingbird garden.

**\*\*Green-headed Tanager (RE)** *Tangara seledon*—(2) Stunning birds, seen at close range at Iguazu NP on trails, and at hummingbird garden.

**\*\*Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*—(1) Peg and Margaret got good views our final morning in area of Melia hotel in the park.

**\*\*Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—(1) Male and female at the hummingbird garden.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—(3) Town, Iguazu, hummingbird garden.

**\*\*Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulescens*—(2) Seen by only a few the first day, we all got looks on the Devil's Throat boardwalk trail.

**Red-crested Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—(1) Margaret spied this species on the trail by the old airport

**\*\*Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—(1) Hummingbird garden, and walking the road by our hotel.

**\*\*Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*—(1) Seen well on the trail by the old airport.

### New World Sparrows Emberizidae

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*—(3) Common.

### New World Blackbirds Icteridae

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*—(2) Common.

**Screaming Cowbird** *Donacobius atricapilla*—(1) Two individuals, one calling, seen on Devil's Throat trail, pointed out by Daniel.

**\*\*Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—(2) A few individuals on park trails.

**\*\*Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous*—(3) Common, everywhere, nesting.

### Finches Fringillidae

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*—(2) Good views at hummingbird garden.

**\*\*Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea*—(2) Flocks on the circuit trails.

**\*\*Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia pectoralis*—(2) Beautiful views at the hummingbird garden.

### Old World Sparrows Passeridae

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*—(2) Hotel area and the hummingbird garden.

### Mammals:

**\*\*Agouti** -Grounds of our hotel, and the Melia hotel.

**\*\*Brazilian Coati** – Common in the park, pests at the cafes, also feeding on fruiting trees.