

Bolivia - Highlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Olive-crowned Crescent-chest by Thomas Radford

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Day 0

Monday 16th November

Departure for UK and overseas clients not already in Bolivia (joining from previous Lowlands tour)

Day 1

Tuesday 17th November

As clients had participated in the earlier lowlands tour we were ready to go to the highlands and our plane from Santa Cruz to Cochabamba took off at 8:30am. When we arrived at Cochabamba, Leo our driver was waiting for us at the airport so we went straight to the Alalay Lake where we had a great time watching the water birds - Red Shoveler, Cinnamon Teal, Rosy-billed Pochard, Andean Ruddy Ducks and many others were seen...but most exciting for some were White-tipped Plantcutter and Bare-faced Ground Dove. Around 11:30 we went to drop the bags at Casa Campestre and have lunch. In the afternoon I went to the airport to meet another 3 people who joined us for the highland tour. Altogether we went to the lower part of Cerro Tunari, which is close to Cochabamba, and had very good sightings of Red-tailed Comet and Rufous-sided Warbling-finch. After all this excitement we finished our first day...

Day 2

Wednesday 18th November

We had to drive to the Highlands in the direction of Villa Tunari which is in cloud forest (Yungas) where a lot of exciting birds were waiting for us. The first ones to give us a welcome included Torrent Duck (male and female) and Dusky-green Oropendola. At the entrance of San Jose electrical power station some people managed to see a Blue-banded Toucanet. Afterwards we walked downwards along the road for 3km, and along this road we saw Versicolored Barbet and Yungas Manakin, followed by Montane Foliage-gleaner, and 9 species of Tanager! Blue-naped Chlorophonias sat on a tree for some minutes and the views were great. We had to play a bit to see the elusive Yungas Tody Tyrant and in the end some people saw it flying across the road. After lunch we went for another walk and the best bird seen was Stripe-chested Antwren. The rain come along so we started our way back to Cochabamba, but we did one last stop at the Corani Dam where some ducks were present - Andean Duck, Yellow billed Pintail and many others. The day ended around 5:30pm.

Day 3

Thursday 19th November

We went in the direction of Tablas Monte at a higher elevation than before. Heavy rain came so we had to wait for an hour until it cleared up and then we started our birding.

On the gravel road we saw the incredible Barred Fruiteater which came into view as well as Bolivian Brush-finch and the very attractive Light-crowned Spinetail. Further along this road we saw a Chestnut bellied Mountain-tanager, Trilling Tapaculo and many Glossy-black Thrushes. The last bird before lunch was Ochre-faced Tody-flycatcher. We started our way back to Cochabamba, and stopped on the way back seeing new species like Hooded Mountain-tanager and Sword-billed Hummingbird. We ended the day by going to Laguna Alalay in Cochabamba and here we managed to see a lot of ducks and good views of Plumbeous Rail.

Day 4

Friday 20th November

We went in the direction of Cerro Tunari which is one hour away from Cochabamba, and managed to get really great views of Brown-backed Mockingbird, Bolivian Warbling-finch and Gray-hooded Parakeet sitting on the cliff. The most beautiful displays of hummingbirds were seen as they fed on some flowers - Giant Hummingbird was present, as was Red-tailed Comet and Wedge-tailed Hillstar. In addition to this we saw Maquis Canastero, Rock and Cochabamba Mountain-finches. When we got to the top the activity was great, birds were flying and the weather was sunny and beautiful. In the afternoon we started our way back and along the polylepis and saw the most fantastic birds of the day - Giant Conebill follow by a couple of Red-crested Cotingas. Along the way we found a couple of Ornate Tinamous, and then we drove back to Cochabamba.

Day 5

Saturday 21st November

We did a long drive from Cochabamba to Oruro, driving along the beautiful antiplano with several stops along the way, where we managed to see good birds for the area, like White-bellied Tyrannulet seen near Cochabamba, but the most exiting bird was the beautiful Citron-headed Yellow-finch. Also en route were some Common Miners, and Plain-mantled Tit-spinetail which was feeding near us. We also found some lizards nearly 4000m above sea level! Before we arrived at Oruro we saw Chilean Flamingos and Mountain Avocet. In the afternoon we went to Uru-Uru Lake where we were disappointed to find the lake much drier than expected, but some other new birds for us were Mountain Parakeet, Crested Ducks and Andean Negrito. After visiting the lake we went to the hotel, left the bags, had a good dinner with large portions of lamb and beef - everyone was very impressed how much meat people eat in Oruro!

Day 6

Sunday 22nd November

We had breakfast at 07:30 and then travelled from Oruro to La Paz. On the way we stopped at the lake where we saw Chilean Flamingoes, and another stop to look at a group of Vicuñas that were very close to the road. Along the drive we saw birds that we had seen before like Andean Lapwings with a group of Mountain Caracaras, but we got some new ones for the list also, such as Band-tailed Sierra-finch and Short-billed Pipit. We arrived at La Paz in the afternoon to get ready for the next day.

Day 7

Monday 23rd November

We departed from La Paz very early in the direction of the very famous "road of death" (Carretera de la muerte) towards Coroico. The first stop that we did was at La Cumbre and here the birding was fantastic when we had a couple of Gray-breasted Seedsnipes follow by Rufous-bellied and Andean Goose. We kept driving down and did another stop near a rocky place where a Short-tailed Finch was seen.

Pongo was the next destination and there we saw a White-browed Conebill, Tawny Tit-spinetail, and a Black-throated Flowerpiercer. Along the main road we had Golden-collared Tanager, and Orange-browed and Three-striped Hemispingus.

After lunch we did the trail at Cotapata and birding was fantastic - a Black-throated Thistletail, a very pretty endemic bird, came into the open, and Rufous Antpitta was also seen. Along the road towards Coroico we had fantastic sightings of Great Sapphire-winged Hummingbird, and many others. Enjoying the scenery we started our way back to La Paz late in the afternoon.

Day 8

Tuesday 24th November

We headed towards the famous Titicaca Lake where our big target was the Titicaca Grebe. We succeeded in having very good views of them several times over! There were many other water birds, like White tufted Grebe, Many-colored Rush-tyrant and many others that we had seen before. The next stop before Sorata was a small lake where the highlight was Giant Coot. Later we stopped to look for the Berlepsch's Canastero and we were lucky as the views of this endemic bird were fantastic and close. When we were leaving Sorata there was an Andean Condor flying above us! Lunch was near Titicaca Lake and after lunch we drove back to La Paz so clients had a little time to see the city.

Day 9

Wednesday 25th November

We did mainly the same route as Monday, but instead of going to Chuspipata we turned in the direction of Chulumani. En route we had wonderful view of Andean Parakeets and Scarlet-bellied Mountain-tanager. As we drove along we managed to get a very good flock which included several amazing new species such as Plushcap and Hooded Mountain Toucan. Enjoying the scenery we managed to see a Black hooded Sunbeam, and other species seen along the way included Drab Hemispingus, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Slaty Tanager and White-throated Tyrannulet. After all this excitement we had lunch in Coroico. Coming back again we stopped at La Cumbre and we saw many Andean Gulls there as well as Streak-throated Canastero. We arrived back at La Paz in the late afternoon.

Day 10

Thursday 26th November

Return flights to the UK

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Species Lists

Birds

- Ornate Tinamou *Nothoprocta ornata* – We saw a pair walking in plantation near Tunari.
- Darwins Nothura *Nothura darwinii* Seen few times along the roads in Cochabamba in the way to Villa Tunari.
- White-tufted Grebe, *Rollandia rolland*: seen very nicely at Alalay and Titicaca.
- Short-winged Grebe, *Rollandia microptera*: We saw many at Titicaca.
- Silvery Grebe, *Podiceps occipitalis*: this lovely species was seen at La Cumbre .
- Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* – A pair seen at Alalay.
- Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Very common at Alalay and Titicaca.
- Andean Goose. *Chloephaga melanoptera* Two pairs seen at La Cumbre and Some near the lake in the way to Sorata.
- Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Male and female were seen in the way to San Jose power station .
- Crested Duck *Anas specularioides* Many seen in the lakes in the highlands. Some found on the afternoon we reached Lake Uru Uru. Seen there much closer the following morning and finally seen extremely well at the Giant Coot lake on the road to Sorata.
- Speckled Teal, *Anas flavirostris*: this charming bird was seen on numerous occasions around Cochabamba, Oruro and La Paz. Some books called this birds like Yellow-billed Teal, though this is an inadequate name as northern subspecies have bluish bills.
- Yellow-billed Pintail, *Anas georgica*: seen on the majority of days of the tour at wetlands around Cochabamba, Oruro and La Paz.
- White-cheeked Pintail, *Anas bahamensis*: seen at Alalay and Titicaca.
- Puna Teal, *Anas puna*: this handsome bird was seen many times around Cochabamba and Oruro and, perhaps most numerous, at Titicaca where several pairs .
- Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*: at Alalay, and Titicaca. Very beautiful indeed.
- Rosy-billed Pochard, *Netta peposaca*: we had many great looks at this wonderful bird at Alalay .
- Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura ferruginea*: at Alalay, Uru Uru, and Titicaca.
- Red Shoveler *Anas platalea* – A pair seen at Alalay lake.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* One was seen in the Titicaca lake.
- Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolour* – One individual seen very well on a flooded area near Titicaca Lake in the way back from Sorata.
- Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* A very common bird seen many times.
- Great Egret *Casmerodius albus* Seen at Titicaca .
- Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* A few were seen at Titicaca.
- Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* very common in the trip .
- Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* – Few were seen at the Uru Uru lake and many at Titicaca.
- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Seen in Estacion San Jose.
- Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* – One seen flying in the way back from Sorata.
- Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*: this ohsoelegant bird was seen at Estacion San Jose.
- Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Seen at the power station.
- Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* One was seen the last day at Coroico road.
- Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*: This imposing bird was seen circling over a roadside valley on the way to Cerro Tunari.
- Variable Hawk, *Buteo polyosoma*: seen on the Cerro Tunari, in the dry valleys between Cochabamba and Oruro and down the Chulumani road.

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris* – Fairly common in small numbers .

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* – Seen in fly at the power station.

Mountain Caracara, *Phalacrocorax megalopterus*: seen on many days in the highlands almost exclusively black and white adults.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Small numbers in the trip.

Aplomado Falcon, *Falco femoralis*: we saw one flying as we went to Sorata.

Plumbeous Rail, *Rallus sanguinolentus*: seen very close at Alalay.

Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*: numerous at many wetland sites.

Giant Coot, *Fulica gigantea*: isn't this a great bird? at the lake on the road to Sorata.

Slate-coloured Coot, *Fulica ardesiaca*: numerous at Alalay, Uru Uru and Titicaca.

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana* – Common along the trip.

White-backed Stilt, *Himantopus melanurus* Many of them at Alalay , Corani, also near Oruro and Titicaca.

Andean Avocet, *Recurvirostra andina*: great views of this beautiful bird at the Uru Uru.

Andean Lapwing, *Vanellus resplendens*: around Uru Uru and Titicaca we saw many of these striking, vociferous birds.

American golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* – Seen near Oruro.

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*: slightly less common than normally but seen at wetlands around Cochabamba and Oruro.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* Some were seen along the trip .

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*. Some seen at Uru Uru.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia* Singles were seen in the way to the power station.

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, *Thinocorus orbignyianus*: we had very good scope views of male and female above La Cumbre.

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, *Attagis gayi* – A pair seen at la Cumbre , what a bird.

Andean Gull, *Larus serranus*: seen every day at every wetland site in the highlands.

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Columba fasciata*: seen many times in flight over cloudforest sites in Cochabamba and La Paz.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Columba plumbea* a couple were seen at the power station.

Eared Dove, *Zenaidura macroura*: abundant almost throughout the tour.

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove *Columbina minuta* – A pair seen at Casa Campestre in Cochabamba.

Picui Ground-Dove *Columbina picui* A very common bird, several dozen at day .

Barefaced Ground-Dove, *Metriopelia ceciliae*: we saw this attractive, cinnamon-spotted bird at Alalay and Cerro Tunari.

Black-winged Ground-Dove, *Metriopelia melanoptera*: this handsome bird was seen in the way to Cerro Tunari and between Oruro and La Paz.

Grey-hooded Parakeet, *Psilopsiagon aymara*: We saw them many times during the day we spent on the Cerro Tunari.

Mountain Parakeet *Psilopsiagon aurifrons* – Two groups were seen at Uru Uru lake and also from Oruro to La Paz.

Andean Parakeet *Bolborhynchus orbynesius* – A big group was seen at the entrance to Chulumani.

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius* A pair were seen at Alalay lake.

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* A couple seen at the power station.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* A few were seen in at the power station.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne sonaris* Many seen along the road from the power station.

Chesnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Several were seen flying over head in the way to the power station.

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* Up to 8 were seen flying over head when visiting Cerro Tunari.

Violet-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena violifer* Up to 4 were seen in the way to Tablas Monte and Chulumani.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon aureoventris* Common in the Cochabamba area.

Black-hooded Sunbeam, *Aglaeactis pamela*: there are no words for this stunning Bolivian endemic. It is, quite simply, breathtaking. The usual site near the Chulumani road was great.

Andean Hillstar, *Oreotrochilus estella*: A male seen on the road to Cerro Tunari and later a female seen .

Wedge-tailed Hillstar, *Oreotrochilus adela*: A male seen for long time on the road to Cerro Tunari ;What a bird;

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* Some people had a fantastic views of a female near the Tablas Monte road.

Great Sapphirewing, *Pterophanes cyanopterus*: another in a long list of wonderfully beautiful hummingbirds. We saw a resplendent male at the Chulumani road.

Giant Hummingbird, *Patagona gigas*: This magnificent bird was seen well on the Cerro Tunari.

Goulds Inca *Coleagina inca* – Seen by some people in the way to Tablas Monte.

Amethyst-throated Sunangel, *Heliangelus amethysticollis*: We saw this, another attractive species, at the top of the Coroico in the way to Tablas Monte.

Red-tailed Comet *Sappho sparganura* Some fantastic males were seen at Cerro Tunari .

Green tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* Seen by some people at Sorata.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Some were seen at Chulumani.

Scaled Metaltail *Metallura aeneocauda* Several seen in different days at , Tablas Monte and Chulumani.

Long-tailed Sylf *Agelaiocercus kingi* – Seen at the power station.

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* – A pair seen at San Jose power station.

Crested Quetzal *Pharomachrus antisianus*. Heard only at estacion San Jose.

Versicoloured Barbet, *Eubucco versicolor*: we had great views of males of this psychedelically lovely bird in the San Jose area.

Blue-banded Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus derbianus*: we had quick sites of this bird at the entrance to the power station.

Hooded MountainToucan, *Andigena cucullata*: we worked very hard the days before but we did not had any luck with this bird , until we went to the road to Chulumani.The toucan sat still for a few seconds for all to admire before flying away but we got good views of him.

Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Piculus rubiginosus*: we saw two or three individuals of this handsome species in the San Jose power station.

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* One was seen near San Jose power station.

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* One single bird was seen in the way to Cerro Tunari.

Andean Flicker, *Colaptes rupicola*: one of the most charismatic species of the puna. We saw them between Cochabamba and Oruro, between Oruro and La Paz, and near Titicaca.

Olive backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorrhynchus triangularis* – Seen nicely at the San Jose power station.

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen few times in the cloud fores area.

Common Miner, *Geositta cunicularia*: first seen by the road from Cochabamba to Oruro. We later saw this bird again and on the upper reaches of the road to Sorata.

Slender-billed Miner, *Geositta tenuirostris*: This lovely bird was seen on a little town in the way to Oruro.

Puna Miner *Geositta punensis* – We had good views of this bird at La Cumbre.

Rock Earthcreeper, *Upucerthia andaecola*: this is one of the prettiest members of the genus and we saw it In the way to Cerro Tunari.

Barwinged Cinclodes, *Cinclodes fuscus*: very common everywhere where there was open ground or water in the extreme highlands.

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* – Seen several times along the highlands.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* One of the most common species in Cochabamba.

Wren-like Rushbird, *Phleocryptes melanops*: seen, and heard snapping, at Titicaca.

Browncapped Tit-Spinetail, *Leptasthenura fuliginiceps*: seen in the way to Cerro Tunari. Definitely titlike.

Plain mantled Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura aegithaloides* – Seen along the road from Cochabamba to Oruro.

Tawny Tit-Spinetail, *Leptasthenura yanacensis*: We saw this rare and beautiful species in the way to Cerro Tunari and the Valle de Choquetanga above La Paz.

Black-throated Thistletail, *Schizoeaca harterti*: we saw a pair of this Bolivian endemic near the entrance to Chulumani.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* A couple was nicely seen in the forest at Tablas Monte.

Light-crowned Spinetail *Cranioleuca albiceps* One single bird was seen, but with great views, in the way to Cotapata.

Rusty-vented Canastero *Asthenes dorbignyi* Up to four were seen in the second growth near Cerro Tunari.

Streak-throated Canastero, *Asthenes humilis*: we had good looks at this rockandtussock loving species by a patch of boulders high up near La Cumbre.

Cordilleran Canastero *Asthenes modesta* – One seen at the top of Cerro Tunari.

Maquis Canastero *Asthenes heterura* – A pair was seen at Cerro Tunari.

Scribble-tailed Canastero, *Asthenes maculicauda*: we were treated to good looks at this lovely bird, as we walked up near Pongo, not everyone made this walk.

Berlepschs Canastero *Asthenes berelepschi*. Seen along the road to Sorata.

Streak-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus striaticeps* Some were seen in the way to Cerro Tunari.

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Many were seen the days we visited the Cloud Forest.

Montane Foliagegleaner, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*: we had good looks at this attractive, spectacled species in the power station trail.

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* – Seen at the top of the Coroico road.

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* A pair were seen in the way to Tablas Monte.

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicaudata* Two were seen at the San Jose power station.

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* – Fantastic sites along the trail in Cotapata.

Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera* – Heard only at Chulumani road.

Rufous-faced Antpitta *Grallaria erythrotis* We just hear this bird many times but not seen.

Olivecrowned Crescentchest *Melanopareia maximiliani* A nice one was seen on the way to Cerro Tunari, fantastic views.

Trilling Tapaculo *Scytalopus parvirostris* We were able to have pretty decent looks on a bird after play back in the way to Tablas Monte.

White-tipped Plantcutter *Phytotoma rutila* – A few were seen in Cochabamba area.

Red-crested Cotinga, *Ampelion rubrocristatus*: A pair seen at Cerro Tunari and Chuspipata cloud forest.

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* – A male seen very close at Tablas Monte road and also at Chulumani.

Yungas Manakin *Chiroxiphia boliviana* We manage to see one male in the power station trail.

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* Some were seen in the road to Tablas Monte.

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Up to 10 individuals were seen along the way to Tablas Monte.

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Few seen at Tablas Monte road.

Bolivian Tyrannulet *Zimmerius bolivianus* – Some seen at Tablas Monte.

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* – A very common bird in Tablas Monte forest where it was seen along and with mixed species flocks also at Chulumani.

Tufted Tit Tyrant, *Anairetes parulus*: this charming creature was first seen on the way to Cerro Tunari. Subsequently it was seen again on Chulumani road.

Many-coloured Rush Tyrant, *Tachuris rubrigastra*: a glorious eye full of a bird. We had great luck with this species, seeing on the shore of Titicaca.

White-bellied Tyrannulet *Serpophaga munda* It was seen just out from Cochabamba to Oruro.

Streak-necked Flycatcher, *Mionectes striaticollis*: this very attractive slate, moss and lemon-colored flycatcher was seen on the road to Chuspipata.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* – One was seen well at San Jose .

Ochrefaced Tody Flycatcher *Todirostrum plumbeiceps* A nice one was seen in the way to Tablas Monte .

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea* A pair was seen in Tablas Monte Forest and Chulumani.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few were seen in the way San Jose power station.

Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* – Few seen at San Jose power station.

Andean Negrito, *Lessonia oreas*: We had good sites of this delightful bird at Uru Uru and also at Titicaca.

Andean Tyrant *Knipolegus signatus* One single male was seen in Tablas Monte.

Rufous-breasted Chat Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* A pair was seen in the canopy of the Tablas Monte Cloud forest and also Cotatpata.

Crowned Chat Tyrant *Ochthoeca frontalis* A pair was seen in Chuspipata.

Brown-backed Chat Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* – Some were seen at Choquetanga.

D'Orbigny's Chat Tyrant *Ochthoeca oenanthoides* – Some were seen at Cerro Tunari and in the way from Cochabamba to Oruro.

Black-billed Shrike Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* – One seen close to the road from Titicaca to Sorata.

Cinereous Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola cinerea* – One seen at La Cumbre.

Taczanowski's Ground-Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola griseus* seen very well in Cerro Tunari.

Puna Ground-Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola juninensis* seen very nicely in La Cumbre.

White-fronted Ground-Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola albifrons* we had very good looks at this distinctive species at La Cumbre.

Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys* – Seen at the lower part of Cerro Tunari.

White-winged Black Tyrant *Knipolegus signatus* – Seen in the way to Cerro Tunari.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* A very common species that was in the Cochabamba area.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* – Seen well along the Tablas Monte road.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Seen in the way to San Jose power station.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Several were seen in the trip.

Andean Swallow, *Hirundo andecola*: many seen on all the highlands of the tour: at Uru Uru, La Cumbre.

Brown-bellied Swallow, *Notiochelidon murina*: common at high altitude sites above La Paz.

Short-billed Pipit *Anthus furcatus* – One seen from Oruro to La Paz.

Moustached Wren *Thryothorus genibarbis* we saw a nice pair in Los Volcanes.

Southern House Wren *Troglodytes musculus* A few were seen in Cochabamba.

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* A pair was seen in forest edge at the Cloud Forest in the way to Tablas Monte.

Brown-backed Mockingbird *Mimus dorsalis* – A pair seen nicely at Cerro Tunari.

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* A few were seen near Titicaca area.

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* A very common bird .

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* It was seen at Tablas Monte and Chulumani .

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus* Many seen at Cochabamba.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* A pair was seen near the power station.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia, *Chlorophonia cyanea*: A pair of these delightful creatures proved a great highlight of the day we spent at San Jose power station.

Spectacled Whitestart, *Myioborus melanocephalus*: very common in upperlevel cloudforest.

Palelegged Warbler, *Basileuterus signatus*: we saw this bird in the entrance to Tablas Monte and Cotapata.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* –Seen at San Jose power station.

Grass green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* – One was seen the last day by some people in Chusipata.

Three-striped Hemispigus *Hemispingus trifasciatus* –Seen with a flock at the entrance to Chulumani and also in Chusipata.

Drab Hemispigus *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* –Seen with a flock at Chusipata.

Orange browed Hemispigus *Hemispingus calophrys* – A pair seen at the entrance to Chulumani.

Superciliaried Hemispigus *Hemispingus superciliaris* –Seen on the way to Tablas Monte and Chulumani.

Rust-and-Yellow Tanager, *Thlypopsis ruficeps*: also a very pretty bird, it was typically common at all cloudforest sites.

Hooded MountainTanager, *Butorapis montana*: this wonderfully beautiful and big tanager was seen well at the top of the road to Tablas Monte and Cotapata .

Scarlet-bellied MountainTanager, *Anisognathus igniventris*: another entirely amazing bird and one we saw along the road to Tablas Monte and also in Chulumani.

Blue-winged MountainTanager *Anisognathus flavinucha* Many were seen in our visit to Tablas Monte and power station.

Chestnut-bellied MountainTanager, *Delothraupis castaneiventris*: We saw this bird in the way to Tablas Monte.

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum* – Seen at San Jose power station.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* A common bird that was seen near Cochabamba.

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Some were seen in the lower part of the Tablas Monte forest and Coroico.

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Several birds were seen in Alalay lake.

Golden-napped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix* – A pair was seen at San Jose power station.

Straw-backed Tanager *Tangara argyrofenges* –Seen by few people along the road in San Jose .

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* – Some seen at San Jose.

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Many was seen inside forest at the San Jose power station.

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* – Few seen at San Jose road.

Common BushTanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus* A dozen was seen at Tablas Monte.

Plushcap, *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*: this fantastic bird was seen in the entrance to Chulumani.

Cinereous Conebill, *Conirostrum cinereum*: we saw this subtly attractive little bird on the road Cerro Tunari and Chulumani.

Blue-backed Conebill, *Conirostrum sitticolor*: seen very well in the upper Tablas Monte.

White-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum ferrugineiventre*: this delightful treeline species was seen well at Pongo.

Giant Conebill, *Oreomanes fraseri*: We saw this fabled bird in Polylepis forest at mid elevation on the Cerro Tunari.

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* – A pair seen at Cerro Tunari.

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mistacalis* –Seen at Pongo and also in the way to Sorata.

Gray-bellied Flowerpiercer *Diglossa carbonaria* Some were seen at Cerro Tunari.

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Few were seen in forest canopy in the Tablas Monte and Chulumani area.

Deep-blue Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* – Seen by few people at San Jose .

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* A common species in the trip.

Gray-crested Finch *Lophospingus griseocristatus* Seen the first day at Alalay.

Black-hooded Sierra Finch, *Phrygilus atriceps*: we saw this very handsome bird on the Cerro Tunari .

Peruvian sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* –Seen around La Paz.

Plumbeous Sierra Finch, *Phrygilus unicolor*: this attractively understated little bird was seen beautifully at several sites near Cerro Tunari.

Band-tailed Sierra Finch *Phrygilus alaudinus* – Seen in the way from Oruro to La Paz.

Ash-breasted Sierra Finch, *Phrygilus plebejus*: groups and flocks of this species were seen on six days, around Cochabamba, Oruro, and La Paz.

White-winged Diuca finch *Diuca speculifera* – Seen at Cerro Tunari and also In La Cumbre.

Bolivian Warbling Finch *Poospiza boliviana* Some were seen in the way to Cerro Tunari .

Rufous-sided Warbling Finch *Poospiza hypochondria* – Seen at Cerro Tunari.

Cochabamba Mountain finch – *Poospiza garleppi* – Seen in the way to Cerro Tunari.

Ringed Warbling Finch *Poospiza torquata* Some seen in the Alalay area and Tunari.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* A common bird from the deciduous and semideciduous forest.

Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch, *Sicalis uropygialis*: this very charismatic inhabitant of the puna was first at Cerro Tunari.

Citronheaded Yellow-Finch, *Sicalis luteocephala*: This bird was seen between Cochabamba to Oruro.

Greenish Yellow-Finch, *Sicalis olivascens*: subtle but also lovely. This bird was seen well by all on the Cerro Tunari area and Oruro.

Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola* – A pair was seen in the way back from Sorata.

Great Pampa Finch *Embernagra platensis* A few were seen at Cerro Tunari.

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens* A pair seen at San Jose power station.

Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* Three were seen at Alalay and also in the highest area in Cerro Tunari.

Plain-coloured Seedeater, *Catamenia inornata*: we saw this unassuming bird at the top of the Cerro Tunari and around Titicaca.

Short-tailed Finch *Idiopis brachyurus* – One was seen below La Cumbre.

Bolivian Brush Finch *Atlapetes rufinucha* A very common species at Tablas Monte and Chulumani.

Rufous-bellied Saltator *Saltator rufiventris* – A pair seen at Cerro Tunari .

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantirostris* Fairly common and by dozens in the Alalay and Cerro Tunari areas.

Yellow-winged Blackbird, *Chrysosomus thilius*: we had many great looks at this beautiful bird, in wetlands around Alalay and Titicaca lake.

Bolivian Blackbird, *Oreopsar bolivianus*: we saw this Bolivian endemic genus in numbers on the Cerro Tunari and again in a grove of Eucalyptus as we drove on to Oruro.

Bay-winged Cowbird *Molothrus badius* A very common species in Cochabamba.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* A few were seen in Alalay lake.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A fairly common species in San Jorge.

Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens* Up to eight were seen in San Jorge.

Hooded Siskin, *Carduelis magellanica*: seen frequently, especially around Cochabamba and Oruro.

Olivaceous Siskin *Carduelis olivacea* – Seen at the power station.

Black Siskin, *Carduelis atrata*: this wonderful bird of the altiplano was first seen in Cerro Tunari . We later saw them several times around Titicaca.

Introduced Species

Rock Dove *Columba livea*House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Other wildlife encountered.

Wild Cavy *Cavia sp.* / *Galea sp*Vicuna *Vicugna vicugna*