



# Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## The Birds, Landscapes and Wildlife of Northwest Argentina

*Trip Report: 2 November to 5 December, 2009*



Magellanic Woodpecker by David Shackelford

### Top 10 birds as voted by participants:

1. Magellanic Woodpecker
2. Black-legged Seriema
3. Puna Tinamou
4. Red-tailed Comet
5. Rufous-throated Dipper
6. Horned Coot
7. Burrowing Parrot
8. Sandy Gallito
9. Gray-breasted Seedsnipe
10. Magellanic Horned Owl

## Tour Summary

The country of Argentina is as diverse as it is vast, extending from the rolling Pampas grasslands and dry desert coast, to the bromeliad-laden Yungas and southern forests of Patagonia that flank the high snow-covered Andes. Our high-spirited group covered this extensive territory, all the while admiring the unforgettable birds and wildlife, along with breathtaking scenery and geographically fascinating landscapes.

We began by exploring the windswept Valdes Peninsula, a seemingly desolate scene of short thorny scrub



in an arid environment. However, upon closer inspection it was found to host a collection of interesting wildlife, including family groups of Lesser Rheas striding across the plains, entertaining Elegant-crested Tinamou, Chilean Flamingo, Cinereous Harriers quartering over the landscape, a cooperative Scale-throated Earthcreeper, Two-banded Plover and flocks of the impressive Burrowing Parrot. We also beheld some striking coastal scenery where Magellanic Penguins burrowed into the earth, while nearby we encountered mammals such as the bizarre Patagonian Mara, herds of lanky Guanacos and a Patagonian Gray Fox guarding

over her den.

From here we boarded our vessel bound for Antarctica (20 days), which is covered in a separate trip report.

After arriving twenty days later in the remote coastal settlement of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, we set out in earnest along the final miles of the Pan-American Highway that stretches northward to Alaska. Entering the ancient woodlands of Tierra del Fuego National Park, where gnarly Southern Beeches adorned by colorful lichens and bearded mosses dominate the forest, we encountered our first noisy groups of Thorn-tailed Rayadito gleaning insects from the bark crevices, Ashy-headed Goose, confiding Dark-bellied Cinclodes feeding a fledgling, the perky Austral Negrito, both Flying and Flightless Steamerducks, beautiful Patagonian Sierra-Finch, Fire-eyed Diucon, a vocalizing South American Snipe, and phenomenal views of a Magellanic Horned Owl located on a day roost. However, the bird that undoubtedly stole the show is an icon of Patagonia, the charismatic Magellanic Woodpecker. Our experience was absolutely classic, with both a stunning male and spectacular female sporting a ridiculously long, curled crest that bounced comically as she ripped away at some bark only a few meters from us. Eventually we had to put down our binoculars to soak it all in since they were feeding so close!

From Buenos Aires we flew to Tucuman, the largest city in the northwest region of Argentina, where we met our local escort and friend – Luis. He helped to get us loaded into our bright red off-road truck, nicknamed the ‘Vermillion Flycatcher’. The initial flat farmlands quickly gave way to the steep angular foothills of the Andes, which were covered with immaculate Yungas cloud forest. Within a short time we located several localized specialties along the river gorges. These included the boldly patterned Yellow-striped Brush-Finch, Rufous-browed Warbling-Finch and the sprightly Brown-capped Whitestart; while along the swift waterways we found Torrent Duck, as



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well as outstanding views of the extremely localized Rufous-throated Dipper before making our way to the small settlement of Tafi del Valle.



The higher grassland slopes that we birded the following morning were extremely productive, with a single ravine producing awesome views of Ornate Tinamou, the endemic Moreno's Ground-Dove, our first chance to marvel at the outrageously colorful Red-tailed Comet, White-browed Tapaculo, Buff-breasted Earthcreeper, Stripe-fronted Thornbird, Puna Canastero and prolonged studies of the rare endemic Tucuman Mountain-Finch. Impressive Andean Condors and a pair of Aplomado Falcons also made appearances, while moister ravines yielded Paramo Pipit, glimpses of the difficult Scribble-tailed Canastero and looks at the cute Southern Dwarf Cavy.

Despite warnings of a severe drought, we encountered rain almost daily throughout our tour; luckily this usually lasted for only a few hours in the afternoons. The next morning we continued into the dryer valleys further northward. These supported Monte desert habitat interspersed with tall Cardon Cactus, often with birds perched on top. Included amongst these were White-fronted Woodpecker sallying for insects, Patagonian Mockingbird, and once even the nomadic White-throated Cacholote. The verdant wine lands of Cafayate were alive with the sound of the local subspecies of Burrowing Parrot, and birding through the thorny scrub and dry streambeds was brilliant. This produced our first Ringed and endemic Cinnamon Warbling-Finches, the localized Steinbach's Canastero, Green-barred and Checkered Woodpeckers, Chaco Puffbird, the outrageous Ultramarine Grosbeak, an obliging Chaco Earthcreeper and, with a bit of persistence, we also nailed down the active Sandy Gallito scurrying across the desert floor – its local name literally means 'little rooster'.

The towering canyon scenery the following day was an awe-inspiring experience as we descended through the Quebrada de las Conchas. Here spires of stone, fashioned over millions of years, twisted in dramatic formations around us. A cooling swim in the lake below our lodge (and perhaps an ice cream or two!) refreshed us for some exciting birding through the prickly Chaco, where we found the lovely Many-colored Chaco-Finch, Dusky-legged Guan, a tiny cooperative Tataupa Tinamou, noisy Chaco Chachalaca, Striped Woodpecker, impressive Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Masked Gnatcatcher, vocal Cinereous Tyrant, Cream-backed Woodpecker and the tiny White-barred Piculet, amongst many other species. We also accessed a rough dirt road where we tracked down a Gray Brocket Deer, as well as obtaining excellent views of the charming Black-legged Seriema.

Traversing the lofty Bishop's rise was another scenic experience, with remarkable landscapes winding along the narrow dirt roadways. We encountered some interesting mammals along the journey, including the delightful Viscacha (looking something like a cross between a rabbit and an oversized squirrel), brilliant views of Culpeo Red Fox, and a herd of Guanacos feeding around thousands of giant Cardon Cactus as far as the eye could see. Birds were no less entertaining with unobstructed views of Andean Tinamou, the retiring Maquis Canastero, White-sided Hillstar, Rock



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Earthcreeper, Spectacled Tyrant and Great Pampa Finch near a small wetland, Brown-capped Tit-Spintail, an obliging Dot-fronted Woodpecker, the migrant Slaty Elaenia, and outstanding views of Zimmer's Tapaculo – a species almost unknown to Argentina, and a lifer for our local guide even though he has completed more than forty birding trips through this region!



Heavy rain in Calilegua National Park attempted to slow us down, but the taunting calls of Giant Antshrike and White-throated Quail-Dove convinced us to continue moving the rocks and debris that impeded our path due to recent landslides. The weather eventually cleared, however, and the pristine Yungas forest reserve was alive with new bird sightings for our burgeoning list. These included the migratory Andean Slaty-Thrush, a banana-billed Toco Toucan, perched Alder and Turquoise-fronted Parrots, Yungas Dove, the gaudy Plush-crested Jay, Orange-headed Tanager, a pair of Golden-collared Macaws, Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant, a sparkling Blue-

capped Puffleg feeding on the abundant flowers along the track, Green-cheeked and raucous Mitred Parakeets, and tantalizing looks at the reclusive White-throated Antpitta.

Scouring a productive wetland the next morning allowed us to find a few species that are normally not on our route, such as Bare-faced Ibis, the scarce Tawny-headed Swallow, Lined Seedeater and Chestnut-headed Blackbird. Thereafter we began our ascent through the Humahuaca Valley into the high Andes, approaching an altitude of 4,000 meters. The clay adobe-style homes of this region blended perfectly with the colorful, tiled rock layers where endearing Vicunas scampered around us. Here we walked several kilometers through the thin air across open Altiplano grassland in order to access the reserve of Laguna Pozuelos, where we beheld a marvelous sight of hundreds of thousands of awaiting birds! These ranged from waterfowl and waders to flamingos and ibises. We soon located all three of the elegant flamingo species that occur in this habitat – namely Chilean, Puna and Andean – along with Andean Goose, Puna Ibis, the stylish Andean Avocet, Puna Teal, Andean Gull, and lovely scope views of several uncommon Puna Plovers. We were also fortunate to find the very scarce Puna Tinamou along the way to a remote lagoon, which necessitated some savvy off road driving! Here Grey-breasted Seedsnipe greeted us as we scanned the tranquil mountainous setting. White-tufted and Silvery Grebes displayed across the water's surface, while both Giant and the difficult but spectacular Horned Coots were preparing bright green algae nests at close range.

The following morning we enjoyed the numbing effects of coca leaves in order to combat the altitude (!), and then began our final ascent to the highest elevation we would reach during the tour. Bright Citron-headed Yellow-Finches and an amusing scurry of Tawny-throated Dotterel were soon added to our sightings, while rocky slopes produced good views of Strait-billed and Plain-breasted Earthcreepers. The traditional stone homes here were humbly isolated with elaborate rockwork fences painstakingly constructed to secure their sheep and llama flocks. The latter were a particular favorite with us; for some to watch, and for others to eat! At last we reached over 4,500 meters and were rewarded with great views of the eye-catching Red-backed Sierra-Finch, followed by



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a memorable experience with an obliging Wedge-tailed Hillstar.

During our descent back to civilization we visited the pre-Inca ruins of Tilcara, where Giant Hummingbirds were especially evident feeding on the blooming cactus flowers. We then ate our last homemade empanadas of the trip before sifting through the vibrant Andean market of Purmamarca with its displays of colorful blankets, wood carvings, clay flutes and hand woven baskets. Thereafter we continued towards our final exploration of the Alder forest of Yala National Park. Earlier this site had yielded phenomenal views of displaying male Lyre-tailed Nightjar, and our second visit continued to produce results with sightings of the migratory Roschild's Swift, Golden-winged Cacique and a responsive pair of flashy Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch.



From dramatic scenery, jovial company and innumerable spectacular bird and wildlife sightings, our extensive travel throughout Argentina was a journey that will not soon be forgotten. I would like to include a special thanks to Luis Segura, our excellent local Argentinean guide whose knowledge of the surroundings and cheerful personality was an immense pleasure to us all. Also, a very special thanks to Fred (i.e. the perky Rufous-collared Sparrow), who was a constant companion throughout our

travels, brightening every day with lively song!

(Photos: Magellanic Penguin, Pumamarca Hotel, Red-tailed Comet, Bishop's Rise, Birds Flocking at Laguna Pozuelos, Citron-headed Yellow-Finch and Highland Cactus Flower all by David Shackelford.)

## **Birds & Mammals of the Valdes Peninsula (Nov 2, 2009)**

### **BIRDS**

**Lesser Rhea** *Pterocnemia pennata*  
**Darwin's Nothura** *Nothura darwini* (H)  
**Elegant Crested-Tinamou** *Eudromia elegans*  
**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides*  
**Red Shoveler** *Anas platalea*  
**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas spinicauda*  
**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis*  
**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis*  
**Magellanic Penguin** *Spheniscus magellanicus*  
**Southern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus*  
**Northern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes halli*  
**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*  
**Magellan Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax magellanicus*  
**Imperial Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax atriceps*  
**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*  
**Cinereous Harrier** *Circus cinereus*  
**Red-backed Hawk** *Buteo polyosoma*  
**Chimango Caracara** *Milvago chimango*  
**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*  
**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*  
**Two-banded Plover** *Charadrius falklandicus*

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**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*  
**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*  
**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*  
**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii*  
**Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor*  
**Brown-hooded Gull** *Chroicocephalus maculipennis*  
**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*  
**Picui Ground-Dove** *Columbina picui*  
**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*  
**Burrowing Parrot** *Cyanoliseus patagonus*  
**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*  
**Common Miner** *Geositta cunicularia*  
**Scale-throated Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia dumetaria*  
**Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops*  
**Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*  
**Sharp-billed Canastero** *Asthenes pyrrholeuca*  
**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*  
**Southern Martin** *Progne elegans*  
**Chilean Swallow** *Tachycineta meyeni*  
**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*  
**Austral Thrush** *Turdus falcklandii*  
**Patagonian Mockingbird** *Mimus patagonicus*  
**Short-billed Pipit** *Anthus furcatus*  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*  
**Mourning Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti*  
**Common Diuca-Finch** *Diuca diuca*  
**Long-tailed Meadowlark** *Sturnella loyca*  
**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

### **MAMMALS**

**Patagonian Mara (Cavy)** *Dolichotis patagonum*  
**Guanaco** *Lama guanicoe*  
**Gray Fox** *Dusicyon griseus*  
**Southern Elephant Seal** *Mirounga leonina*

## **Birds & Mammals of Tierra del Fuego National Park (Nov 22, 2009)**

### **BIRDS**

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*  
**Red Shoveler** *Anas platalea*  
**Chiloe Wigeon** *Anas sibilatrix*  
**Kelp Goose** *Chloephaga hybrida*  
**Upland Goose** *Chloephaga picta*  
**Ashy-headed Goose** *Chloephaga poliocephala*  
**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides*  
**Flying Steamerduck** *Tachyeres patachonicus*  
**Flightless Steamerduck** *Tachyeres pteneres*  
**Magellanic Woodpecker** *Campephilus magellanicus*  
**Magellanic Horned Owl** *Bubo magellanicus*

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**South American Snipe** *Gallinago paraguaiiae*  
**Magellanic Oystercatcher** *Haematopus leucopodus*  
**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*  
**Great Skua** *Catharacta skua*  
**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*  
**Dolphin Gull** *Larus scoresbii*  
**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*  
**Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus*  
**Chimango Caracara** *Milvago chimango*  
**White-throated Caracara** *Phalcoeboenus albogularis*  
**Great Grebe** *Podiceps major*  
**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*  
**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus*  
**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus*  
**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps*  
**Austral Negrito** *Lessonia rufa*  
**Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola macloviana*  
**Fire-eyed Diucon** *Xolmis pyrope*  
**Thorn-tailed Rayadito** *Aphrastura spinicauda*  
**Bar-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes fuscus*  
**Dark-bellied Cinclodes** *Cinclodes patagonicus*  
**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*  
**Chilean Swallow** *Tachycineta meyeni*  
**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*  
**Black-chinned Siskin** *Carduelis barbata*  
**Austral Blackbird** *Curaeus curaeus*  
**Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus gayi*  
**Patagonian Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus patagonicus*  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*

### **MAMMALS**

**European Rabbit** *Oryctolagus cuniculus*  
**South American Sea Lion** *Otaria byronia*

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### **BIRDS**

**Darwin's Rhea** *Rhea (Pterocnemia) pennata*  
**Tataupa Tinamou** *Crypturellus tataupa*  
**Huayco Tinamou** *Rhynchotus maculicollis* (H)  
**Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* (H)  
**Ornate Tinamou** *Nothoprocta ornata*  
**Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii*  
**Brushland Tinamou** *Nothoprocta cinerascens* (H)  
**Elegant Crested-Tinamou** *Eudromia elegans*  
**Puna Tinamou** *Tinamotis pentlandii*  
**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland*  
**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*  
**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*  
**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis*  
**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

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**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix*  
**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*  
**Great Egret** *Ardea (Casmerodius) alba*  
**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus (Ardea) ibis*  
**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus*  
**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*  
**Bare-faced Ibis** *Plegadis Phimosus infuscatus*  
**Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi*  
**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus*  
**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*  
**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis*  
**Andean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus andinus*  
**Puna Flamingo** *Phoenicoparrus jamesi*  
**Coscoroba Swan** *Coscoroba coscoroba*  
**Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera*  
**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata*  
**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides*  
**Red Shoveler** *Anas platalea*  
**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera*  
**Puna Teal** *Anas puna*  
**Speckled (including Andean subspecies) Teal** *Anas flavirostris*  
**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*  
**Yellow-Billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*  
**Rosy-billed Pochard** *Netta peposaca*  
**Andean Ruddy-Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea*  
**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*  
**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*  
**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus*  
**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*  
**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*  
**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*  
**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*  
**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*  
**Red-backed (currently lumped with Puna) Hawk** *Buteo polyosoma*  
**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*  
**Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*  
**Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus*  
**Chimango Caracara** *Milvago chimango*  
**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*  
**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*  
**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*  
**Black-legged Seriema** *Chunga burmeisteri*  
**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata* (H)  
**Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*  
**Chaco Chachalaca** *Ortalis canicollis*  
**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*  
**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula chloropus*  
**White-winged Coot** *Fulica leucoptera*  
**Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca*  
**Red-gartered Coot** *Fulica armillata*

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**Giant Coot** *Fulica gigantea*  
**Horned Coot** *Fulica cornuta*  
**South American Stilt** *Himantopus melanurus*  
**Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina*  
**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*  
**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens*  
**Puna Plover** *Charadrius alticola*  
**Tawny-throated Dotterel** *Oreopholus ruficollis*  
**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*  
**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii*  
**Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor*  
**Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyianus*  
**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus*  
**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*  
**Picazuro Pigeon** *Columba picazuro*  
**Spot-winged Pigeon** *Columba maculosa*  
**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Columba cayennensis*  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*  
**Picui Ground-Dove** *Columbina picui*  
**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*  
**Moreno's Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia morenoi*  
**Black-winged Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia melanoptera*  
**Golden-spotted Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia aymara*  
**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*  
**Yungas Dove** *Leptotila megalura*  
**White-throated Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon frenata* (H)  
**Golden-collared Macaw** *Primolius auricollis*  
**Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Aratinga acuticaudata*  
**Mitred Parakeet** *Aratinga mitrata*  
**White-eyed Parakeet** *Aratinga leucophthalmus*  
**Burrowing Parrot** *Cyanoliseus patagonus*  
**Green-cheeked Parakeet** *Pyrrhura molinae*  
**Grey-hooded Parakeet** *Psilopsiagon aymara*  
**Mountain Parakeet** *Psilopsiagon aurifrons*  
**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*  
**Alder Parrot** *Amazona tucumana*  
**Turquoise-fronted Parrot** *Amazona aestiva*  
**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* (H)  
**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*  
**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*  
**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Otus choliba* (H)  
**Hoy's Screech-Owl** *Otus höyi* (H)  
**Yungas Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium bolivianum* (H)  
**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*  
**Lyre-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis lyra*  
**Rothschild's Swift** *Cypseloides rothschildi*  
**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*  
**Sick's (lumped with Ashy-tailed) Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis*  
**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus*  
**Planalto Hermit** *Phaethornis pretrei*

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**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans*  
**Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon aureoventris*  
**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster*  
**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys*  
**Andean Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus estella*  
**White-sided Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*  
**Wedge-tailed Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus adela*  
**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas*  
**Blue-capped Puffleg** *Eriocnemis glaucopoides*  
**Red-tailed Comet** *Sappho sparganura*  
**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* (H)  
**Chaco Puffbird** *Nystalus striatipectus*  
**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*  
**White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus*  
**White-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cactorum*  
**Striped Woodpecker** *Picoides lignarius*  
**Checkered Woodpecker** *Picoides mixtus*  
**Dot-fronted Woodpecker** *Veniliornis frontalis*  
**Golden-Olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosus*  
**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros*  
**Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola*  
**Cream-backed Woodpecker** *Campephilus leucopogon*  
**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*  
**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes major*  
**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*  
**Common Miner** *Geositta cunicularia*  
**Puna Miner** *Geositta punensis*  
**Rufous-banded Miner** *Geositta rufipennis*  
**Slender-billed Miner** *Geositta tenuirostris*  
**Plain-Breasted Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia jelskii*  
**Buff-breasted Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia validirostris*  
**Rock Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia andeacola*  
**Straight-billed Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia ruficauda*  
**Chaco Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia certhioides*  
**Bar-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes fuscus*  
**Oustalet's Cinclodes** *Cinclodes oustaleti*  
**White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis*  
**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*  
**Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura fuliginiceps*  
**Sooty-fronted Spinetail** *Synallaxis frontalis*  
**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae*  
**Ochre-cheeked Spinetail** *Poecilurus scutatus*  
**Stripe-crowned Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pyrrhophia*  
**Lesser Canastero** *Asthenes pyrrholeuca* (H)  
**Maquis Canastero** *Asthenes heterura*  
**Cordilleran Canastero** *Asthenes modesta*  
**Rusty-vented Canastero** *Asthenes dorbignyi*  
**Steinbach's Canastero** *Asthenes steinbachi*  
**Puna Canastero** *Asthenes sclateri*  
**Scribble-tailed Canastero** *Asthenes maculicauda*  
**Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber*

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**Streak-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus striaticeps*  
**Spotted-breasted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus maculipectus*  
**White-throated Cacholote** *Pseudoseisura gutturalis*  
**Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*  
**Giant Antshrike** *Batara cinerea*  
**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*  
**Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*  
**Black-capped Antwren** *Herpsilochmus atricapillus* (H)  
**White-throated Antpitta** *Grallaria albigula*  
**Sandy Gallito** *Teledromas fuscus*  
**White-browed Tapaculo** *Scytalopus superciliaris*  
**Zimmer's Tapaculo** *Scytalopus zimmeri*  
**Rough-legged Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias burmeisteri*  
**Sclater's Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias sclateri*  
**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*  
**Small-billed Elaenia** *Elaenia parvirostris*  
**Slaty Elaenia** *Elaenia strepera*  
**Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura*  
**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys*  
**Buff-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus hellmayri*  
**Sooty Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga nigricans*  
**White-crested Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga subcristata*  
**White-bellied Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga munda*  
**Greater Wagtail-Tyrant** *Stigmatura budytoides*  
**Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris*  
**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus*  
**Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*  
**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*  
**Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant** *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*  
**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus*  
**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans*  
**D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthoides*  
**White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys*  
**White Monjita** *Xolmis irupero*  
**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montana*  
**White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis andicola*  
**Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*  
**Cinereous Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola cinerea*  
**Andean Negrito** *Lessonia oreas*  
**Cinereous Tyrant** *Knipolegus striaticeps*  
**Andean Tyrant** *Knipolegus signatus*  
**White-winged Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus aterrimus*  
**Spectacled Tyrant** *Hymenops perspicillatus*  
**Yellow-browed Tyrant** *Satrapa icterophrys*  
**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*  
**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosus*  
**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*  
**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*

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**Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius*  
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*  
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*  
**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*  
**Crested Becard** *Pachyramphus validus*  
**White-tipped Plantcutter** *Phytotoma rutila*  
**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*  
**Plush-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax chrysops*  
**White-rumped Swallow** *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*  
**Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*  
**Southern Martin** *Progne modesta*  
**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*  
**Blue-and-White Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*  
**Andean Swallow** *Haplochelidon andaecola*  
**Tawny-headed Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx fucata*  
**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis*  
**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*  
**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis*  
**Rufous-throated Dipper** *Cinclus schulzi*  
**Masked Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila dumicola*  
**Spotted Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus dryas* (H)  
**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*  
**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco*  
**Andean-Slaty Thrush** *Turdus nigriceps*  
**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*  
**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*  
**Patagonian Mockingbird** *Mimus patagonicus*  
**Brown-backed Mockingbird** *Mimus dorsalis*  
**Correndera Pipit** *Anthus correndera*  
**Short-billed Pipit** *Anthus furcatus*  
**Hellmayr's Pipit** *Anthus hellmayri*  
**Paramo Pipit** *Anthus bogotensis*  
**Tropical Parula** *Parula pitiayumi*  
**Masked Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*  
**Brown-capped Whitestart** *Myioborus brunniceps*  
**Two-banded Warbler** *Basileuterus bivittatus*  
**Pale-legged Warbler** *Basileuterus signatus* (H)  
**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*  
**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*  
**Orange-headed Tanager** *Thlypopsis sordida*  
**Common Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus opthalmicus*  
**Guira Tanager** *Hemithraupis guira*  
**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*  
**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca*  
**Blue-and-Yellow Tanager** *Thraupis bonariensis*  
**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota*  
**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* (H)  
**Many-colored Chaco-Finch** *Saltatricula multicolor*  
**Red-pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*  
**Black-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus atriceps*  
**Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus gayi*

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**Mourning Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti*  
**Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor*  
**Red-backed Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus dorsalis*  
**Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus*  
**Band-tailed Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus alaudinus*  
**Common Diuca-Finch** *Diuca diuca*  
**Tucuman Mountain-Finch** *Compsospiza baeri*  
**Cinnamon Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza ornata*  
**Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza hypochondria*  
**Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza nigrorufa*  
**Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza erythrophrys*  
**Ringed Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza torquata*  
**Black-capped Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza melanoleuca*  
**Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis*  
**Lined Seedeater** *Sporophila lineola*  
**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata*  
**Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis citrina*  
**Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola*  
**Puna Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis lutea*  
**Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis uropygialis*  
**Citron-headed Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteocephala*  
**Greenish Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis olivascens*  
**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*  
**Great Pampa-Finch** *Embernagra platensis*  
**Yellow-striped Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes citrinellus*  
**Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes fulviceps*  
**Stripe-headed Brush-Finch** *Buarremon torquatus*  
**Saffron-billed Sparrow** *Arremon flavirostris*  
**Stripe-capped Sparrow** *Aimophila strigiceps*  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*  
**Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris*  
**Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantirostris*  
**Rufous-bellied Saltator** *Saltator rufiventris*  
**Ultramarine Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa brissonii*  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*  
**Golden-winged Cacique** *Cacicus chrysopterus*  
**Epaulet Oriole** *Icterus cayanensis*  
**Baywing Cowbird** *Agelaioides badius*  
**Screaming Cowbird** *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*  
**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*  
**Chestnut-capped Blackbird** *Chrysomus ruficapillus*  
**Long-tailed Meadowlark** *Sturnella loyca*  
**Hooded Siskin** *Carduelis magellanica*  
**Black Siskin** *Carduelis atrata*  
**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

## **MAMMALS**

**Guanaco** *Lama guanicoe*  
**Vicuña** *Vicugna vicugna*  
**Gray Fox** *Dusicyon griseus*  
**Culpeo (Red) Fox** *Dusycion (Lycalopex) culpaeus*

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**Gray Brocket Deer** *Mazama gouazoubira*

**Southern (Mountain) Viscacha** *Lagidium viscacia*

**Coypu (Nutria)** *Myocastor coypus*

Brown-colored rodent at Bishop's Rise is likely **Southern Andean Rhipidomys** *Rhipidomys austrinus*

**Gray Akodont** (gray mouse with white throat at 4500 meters) *Abrothrix illuteus*

Bat species seen at Yala NP is likely **Argentinean Brown Bat** *Eptesicus furinalis*

**Common (Andean) Cavy** *Cavia australis*

**Southern Dwarf Cavy** *Cavia apera*

**Yellow-toothed Cavy** *Cavia musteloides*

**European Rabbit** *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

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