

Report of a Birding Trip To

# Northern Argentina

From 5 June till 25 June 1999

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Burrowing Parakeets at Cachi, Salta Province, 12 June 1999; © Jan van der Laan.

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## Introduction

Between June 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 1999 I visited Argentina together with my girlfriend Marieke Wiringa. The main goal was to have a good and pleasant vacation, with some occasional birding. The itinerary was cunningly planned and while visiting nice places, I made it possible to see as many as possible endemics plus some of the better species shared with neighbouring countries. Like Chile, Argentina is a very pleasant country, and even more expensive, but a perfect country for a vacation.

## Itinerary

- 5<sup>th</sup> June** We took the KLM flight 791 (f 1500) from **Amsterdam** to Buenos Aires 23:15 hours (actually on June 4<sup>th</sup>). We made one stops at **São Paulo**, Brazil but it was dusky and clouded, so we could not see this huge city from above. Without any problems we reached **Buenos Aires** at 9:55 hours. Without delay we passed the customs and went straight to AVIS desk for the rental car, for the cost of a respectable \$ 670 for three weeks. This car, a Ford Ka, proved to be very good and solid. Then we drove to the centre of Buenos Aires. After checking out the outskirts first (very against our will), we arrived at the old run-down hotel **Eibar** (we booked that in advance and it was one of the conditions of the travel agency to spend a certain amount of money in order to get the cheapest air-fare). We walked around for two hours and went for an afternoon nap back to the hotel, but we woke up only the next morning!
- 6<sup>th</sup> June** This morning we went to **Costanera Sur**, a reserve in the centre of **Buenos Aires**. Interesting birds were Ringed Teal, Green Kingfisher, Yellow-billed Cardinal, Spot-flanked Gallinule, a juvenile Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Scarlet-headed Blackbird and Yellow-winged Blackbird. At noon we drove west in the direction of **Cordoba**. Night fell early and at 21:00 hours we stopped driving and found a motel in **Villa Maria** (\$35), which proved to be a rendezvous house...
- 7<sup>th</sup> June** We drove from **Villa Maria** to **Cordoba**. From there we drove to **Vila Carlos Paz** and after a minor lunch there we went straight to **El Condor** village in the Pampa de Achala, where according to several birding reports no less than three endemic species could be found: Cordoba Cinclodes, Olrog's Cinclodes and Cordoba Canastero. Only the Olrog's Cinclodes was present with White-winged Cinclodes, Black-billed Shrike Tyrant and the both common Chiguanco Thrush and Long-tailed Meadowlark. In the evening we drove back to **Villa Carlos Paz**, where we found a good hotel (\$60), had dinner and went to sleep.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June** In the morning we drove from **Villa Carlos Paz** to **El Condor** for a second attempt for the Cordoba Canastero and Cordoba Cinclodes. On our way to El Condor, I spotted a Spot-winged Falconet next to the road. At El Condor I had again no luck. The Cordoba Cinclodes is apparently not present in winter and the Canastero too or just silent. Again Olrog's Cinclodes was present, together with Corderilleean Canastero, White-winged Cinclodes, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle and Common Miner. On our way back to Villa Carlos Paz, a nice Aplomado Falcon sat next to the road. Next we drove north through **Cruz del Eje** and finally we found a small hotel in **Dean Funes** (\$35).
- 9<sup>th</sup> June** After breakfast we drove in the direction of Tucuman. On our way we passed **San José de la Salinas**, which is according to several sources a reliable spot for the endemic Salinas Monjita. We searched in good habitat for more than two hours in this Camargue-like habitat, but failed to find any. The bird probably disperse north in winter and gather in groups, so it is more difficult to find. 50 km before Tucuman the road became very bad (although good numbers of passerines), without any warning, so we had to make a by-pass and we arrived in **Tucuman** after sunset. We checked in Hotel Colonial (\$50) and before we went to sleep, we had dinner in a local restaurant.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June** After breakfast with again good Argentinean coffee we went south and then west on Ruta 307 to Tafi Del Valle. First we passed the Yunga forest along the **Rio los Sosas**. Just before the statue of an Indian, we stopped to scan the rocks and boulders in the river. There we saw a pair of Torrent Ducks and suddenly a Rufous-throated Dipper, the Number One speciality of this area. Other birds included Mitred Parakeet, Brown-capped Warbler, Black Phoebe, Mountain Wren, Common Bush-Tanager and White-winged Cinclodes. When driving further on we saw another pair of dippers accidentally at the spot explained on page 54 in *Where to Watch Birds in South America* by Nigel Wheatley. Finally we arrived in **Tafi Del Valle**, which seemed completely deserted of tourists, but we found a very good hotel still open for \$35 per night.

In Tafi I did some final birding in a river bed, which produced the only Night Heron, a lot of White-winged Cinclodes, Tropical Parula, Spot-billed Ground-tyrant and Band-tailed Seed-eater. In the evening when the sun disappeared it was suddenly very cold, almost at freezing point!

- 11<sup>th</sup> June** This morning I checked the ravine at 3000 meters at **Kilometre Post 80** north of Tafi Del Valle for the localised and endemic Tucuman Mountain-Finch. No luck, but I managed to see Cinereous Harrier, Andean Flicker, the endemic Bar-eyed Ground Dove and Black-billed Shrike-tyrant. Next we drove to Cachi. Just before **Abra del Infiernillo** a truck could not pass the hairpin bend due to slippery melting ice and water and we had to wait an hour until somebody managed to get the truck out. In the afternoon we finally reached **Cafayate**, but not before seeing some Burrowing Parrots! In Cafayate we took a room in Hotel Colon for a reasonable \$ 25.
- 12<sup>th</sup> June** After a good night sleep we left **Cafayate** for Cachi. Outside Cafayate at **San Carlos** we discovered a large group of Burrowing Parrots, coming from everywhere. Obviously this species is not threatened here. Other interesting birds just outside Cafayate were Andean Swift and Black-capped Monjita. Then the tarmac road stopped and turned into gravel for 70-100 km. However, the landscape was the most beautiful we should see in the whole of Argentina. It reminded me somehow of the Sinai Desert in Egypt or the Arava valley in Israel. A short stop produced Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail and a good and close observation of another Argentine endemic, the Steinbach's or Chestnut Canastero. Our car suffered a punctuated tyre, but this was changed without any problems. Besides, every passing car stopped and offered help! In the evening we reached **Cachi** and after some searching we found a nice and fully recommended hostel Hosteria Samay Huasi. Night was very cold!
- 13<sup>th</sup> June** After a cold night, but a good breakfast, we left **Cachi** and decided to drive to **Salta**. The first 30 kilometres were tarmac, but it changed again into dirt, but this road was overall better than the Cafayate - Cachi Road. We saw some Llamas and one Rock Earthcreeper. I hope to find the Tucuman Mountain-Finch/Rufous-bellied Saltator spot, supposed to be at San Carlos, according to Juan Mazar Barnett. We could not find the place and at a village called **San Martin**, the habitat suited both species best, but at that moment I thought driving on to San Carlos was better. At the end of the road the tarmac reappeared and the outskirts of Salta too. At home I checked Cotinga and the place to be was San Martin! At that time I was unaware. We took a rather expensive hotel in **Salta**, because we thought we earned it. Good dinner in some family restaurant with the unavoidable good wines!
- 14<sup>th</sup> June** Today we drove south from **Salta** to Cafayate. South of Salta we the only Andean Lapwings. The route to Cafayate was again very scenic, but no special birds were seen. In **Cafayate** we checked in the ACA-motel for a reasonable \$ 30. Behind the hotel I discovered a beautiful male Red-tailed Comet, but I did not succeed in photographing it.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June** In **Cafayate** we took an excursion in the **Etchard Vineyard** and after that I did some walking in the heat at milepost 1030 of Ruta 40, just to tell my fellow birders I have been looking for the White-throated Cachalote and Sandy Gallito. Behind our hotel I found the third Black-crowned Monjita of the holiday and a Lesser Shrike-Tyrant.
- 16<sup>th</sup> June** From Cafayate we drove to **Tafi Del Valle**. There I did a final attempt to find Tucuman Mountain-Finch, first at KM 80, later at the Tafi water works (OST: Obra Sanitario de Tafi or something) at KM 67. The water works were very good for birding. Ask permission at the gate and explain you are a birdwatcher and want to see the *Monterita Garganta Castaña*. I had no luck, but I find a Puno Canastero and pished-out two beautiful Yellow-striped Brush-finches. Suddenly clouds came out of the valley and quickly it became cold and foggy. We decided to leave the area and headed east to Iguazu. We made it to **Santiago del Estero**, a very busy town and after a long search we found a good hotel, where we had dinner too.
- 17<sup>th</sup> June** This day we drove from **Santiago del Estero** to **Resistencia**. The road went first through a huge area (700 km only) of Chaco woodland, which produced at least 7 Spot-winged Falconets and a probable dozen more. Other interesting birds along this road were Great Black-Hawk, Grey-cowled Wood-Rail and my only Blue-crowned Parakeet. Then we came into vast wetland areas and the first Maguari Storks appeared and large numbers of Bare-faced Ibis. Just before dark we reach **Resistencia** where we had to take a rather expensive hotel (\$ 80).
- 18<sup>th</sup> June** We drove a whole day from **Resistencia** to **Iguazu**. The landscape changed from enormous wetlands (with

Grey Monjita, Long-winged Harrier, Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures, Black-collared Hawk, Yellow-headed Caracara, Greater Rhea, Maguari Stork, Brazilian Duck, Yellow-rumped Marshbirds, Large-billed Terns, White-browed, Unicolored and Chestnut-capped Blackbirds, and good numbers of Wattled Jacanas) into the hilly landscape of **Misiones**. The main industry in Misiones is logging: everywhere we saw paper factories and big lorries carrying large logs. Not a single patch of primary forest seemed left. The soil is very sticky and cars coming from Misiones were all dark brown-red. At the gate of **Iguazu National Park** a leaflet was given to us for a nice hotel (named Orguidas Palace Hotel) for only \$ 33 plus breakfast. We took three nights there, just outside **Puerto Iguazu**.

- 19<sup>th</sup> June** This day we spent the whole day walking around the **Iguazu Falls**. Later, the whole afternoon was spent walking along the **Sendero Macuco** trail, which produced good numbers of birds, although the birds were not vocal and the lack of any flowering tree produced not a single hummingbird and the absence of the famous numbers of the Great Dusky Swift was also noteworthy.
- 20<sup>th</sup> June** In the morning we visited the beautiful **Garganta del Diabolo**, and enormous waterfall in a beautiful primary forest. In the afternoon I walked the **Sendero Macuco** trail (the only trail open to public, since a Puma had killed a three-year old child) again, which produced some new species plus an Axara's Agouti and a noisy flock of Brown Capuchin Monkeys.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June** In the morning it was very foggy, so any birding was not possible. We drove south to **the Corrientes Province** to see some of the famous Ibera Wetlands. We drove on some 20 kilometres on the non-paved road to **Colonia Carlos Pellegrini**. Good wetland with lots of passerines. Eventually I found a pair of Strange-tailed Tyrants and a pair of Black-and-White Monjitas. Next I looked for Saffron-cowled Blackbirds at the junction of roads 40 and 14, but no luck, although good numbers of Brown-and-yellow Marshbirds and Spectacled Tyrants were seen plus Greater Thornbird, Savanna Hawk, Long-winged Harrier, and a Ringed and an Amazon Kingfisher together on a bridge. At nightfall we drove south in this poor area and no hotel could be find. In the end, we found the very run-down Hotel Ibera in Paso de Los Libros (\$ 35), but the alternative was a prostitute motel along the road!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June** We continued to drive south from **Paso de Los Libros** in the direction of Buenos Aires. A pair of Plumbeous Ibis was seen and at the end of the morning we reached **El Palmar NP**, but although very beautiful, no special birds were seen. Spotted Nothura is common along the roads here. Finally we decided to stay at **Colon**, a little town at the Rio Parana, obviously very crowded in the summer, but nice and quiet when we were there.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June** We drove south to **Buenos Aires**. On our way to Buenos Aires, we visit the **Puerto Boca** area to look for Saffron-cowled Blackbird, but no luck. I managed to find a Paraguayan Snipe, the 4<sup>th</sup> Black-crowned Monjita of the holiday, Ringed Teal, Yellow-billed Cardinal, Long-tailed Reed-Finch, Black-capped Warbling-Finch, Blue-grey Saltator and good numbers of Brow-and-yellow Marshbirds, but no Saffron-cowled Blackbirds. We continued south and reached **Buenos Aires** after dark. We looked for an hotel and found one in the **Ricoletta** area for a terrible \$ 80 each night.
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** The whole day was spent in **Buenos Aires**. No special birds were seen. We took hotel Eibar again in Florida Street, only because it was included in the flight ticket. Excellent dinner in one of the restaurants in the docks.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June** **Buenos Aires**. Playing the occasional tourist. Beautiful city. Full metal rip-off in a restaurant (another bottle of water? Yes please. \$ 8 each when the bill came...).
- 26<sup>th</sup> June** In the morning we looked in the docks and finally saw on definite Olrog's Gull in **dock 1** flying by. In the afternoon we took a taxi to the Airport. Our flight departed in time and next day we arrived in **Schiphol, Amsterdam**.



## Suggested Reading

In Argentina several identification guides are available and several good bird reports. I used the following:

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## The Species Accounts

The order and nomenclature follows OC World Bird List (v11.2) by Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2021. Endemic species are in capitals. When the names were too different from the commonly used names, I will give the names as used in the Birds of South America between brackets.

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001. **Greater Rhea** - *Rhea americana*  
 18 June            2    along Ruta 12, c 30 km east of Corrientes (photographed).  
 21 June            14   along Ruta 14, c 20 km south-west of Paso de los Libres, Corrientes.
002. **Red-winged Tinamou** - *Rhynchotus rufescens*  
 22 June            2    El Palmar NP, Entre Rios (photographed).
003. **Brushland Tinamou** - *Nothoprocta cinerascens*  
 09 June            2    1 c 50 km and another c 30 km south of Tucuman, Tucuman.
004. **Andean Tinamou** - *Nothoprocta pentlandii*  
 07 June            1    between Villa Carlos Paz and Icho Cruz, Cordoba (photographed)  
 08 June            1    along the road between Icho Cruz and El Condor, Cordoba.  
 11 June            1    El Infiernillo, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
005. **Spotted Nothura** - *Nothura maculosa*  
 About 5 seen daily along roadsides in Corrientes and Entre Rios, common (c 15) in El Palmar NP.
006. **Southern Screamer** - *Chauna torquata*  
 First seen in the Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires. Fairly common in the Corrientes and Entre Rios province.
007. **White-faced Whistling-Duck** - *Dendrocygna viduata*  
 06 June            c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
008. **Fulvous Whistling-Duck** - *Dendrocygna bicolor*  
 06 June            c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
009. **Coscoroba Swan** - *Coscoroba coscoroba*  
 06 June            2    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
010. **Black-necked Swan** - *Cygnus melanocoryphus*  
 06 June            c 50    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
011. **Torrent Duck** - *Merganetta armata*  
 10 June            2    (pair) in the Rio de las Sosa just before the El Indio Statue, Tucuman.
012. **Brazilian Teal** - *Amazonetta brasiliensis*  
 18 June            3    along Ruta 12 c 30 km east of Corrientes, Corrientes.  
 23 June            2    just south of Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
013. **Ringed Teal** - *Callonetta leucophrys*  
 06 June            2    (pair) Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires (at first I thought this was not possible).  
 23 June            1    just south of Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
014. **Silver Teal** - *Anas versicolor*  
 06 June            3    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
015. **White-cheeked Pintail** - *Anas bahamensis*  
 07 June            2    along Ruta 10, between Villa Maria, Cordoba and Cordoba city.
016. **Yellow-billed (Speckled) Teal** - *Anas flavirostris*  
 06 June            5    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
 16 June            c 10    Embalse La Anostara, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.

017. **Rosy-billed Pochard** - *Netta peposaca*  
06 June                    5    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires (photographed).
018. **Lake Duck** - *Oxyura vittata*  
06 June                    c 25    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
019. **Great Dusky Swift** - *Cypseloides senex*  
19 June                    2    (only) above the Visitor Centre, Iguazu Falls, Misiones. Gone this time of year?
020. **Andean Swift** - *Aeronautes andecolus*  
Common (c 10 birds daily) around Cafayate and Cachi and between Cachi and Salta, Salta province (photographed).
021. **Scale-throated Hermit** - *Phaethornis eurynome*  
19 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.  
20 June                    1    in the backyard of the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.
022. **Red-tailed Comet** - *Sappho sparganura*  
12 June                    c 10    south Cachi, Salta.  
14 June                    5    ACA Hotel, Cafayate, Salta.  
15 June                    1    ACA Hotel, Cafayate, Salta.  
Hummingbirds were scarce due to the lack of flowers in the whole of Argentina this time of year.
023. **Violet-capped Woodnymph** - *Thalurania glaucopis*  
20 June                    1    in the backyard of Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.
024. **Guira Cuckoo** - *Guira guira*  
Common and widespread. Nevertheless a very nice bird!
025. **Smooth-billed Ani** - *Crotophaga ani*  
Common in the Misiones province and especially in the Iguazu NP.
026. **Squirrel Cuckoo** - *Piaya cayana*  
19 June                    3    Dos Hermanes, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    1    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
22 June                    1    El Palmar NP, Entre Rios.
027. **Picazuro Pigeon** - *Patagioenas picazuro*  
Common, especially in the eastern part of Argentina.
028. **Spot-winged Pigeon** - *Patagioenas maculosa*  
Common throughout the whole country.
029. **Ruddy Ground-Dove** - *Columbina talpacoti*  
07 June                    2    near Cordoba city.
030. **Picui Ground-Dove** - *Columbina picui*  
Very, very common.
031. **MORENO'S GROUND-DOVE** - *Metriopelia morenoi*  
11 June                    3    in the ravine at km 80, El Infiernillo, Tucuman.  
16 June                    2    in the ravine at km 80, El Infiernillo, Tucuman. Beautifully close with perfect light.
032. **White-tipped Dove** - *Leptotila verreauxi*  
Common throughout the whole country. Several doves seen along the Rio de la Sosa were most probably Great-tailed Doves.

033. **Eared Dove** - *Zenaida auriculata*  
Fairly common throughout the whole country.
034. **Grey-cowled Wood Rail** - *Aramides cajaneus*  
17 June                    2    2 km before Suncha, along the Ruta 6, Santiago del Estero.
035. **Giant Wood Rail** - *Aramides ypecaha*  
First seen along Ruta 6. Then regularly seen (1-3 daily) in the provinces of Misiones, Corrientes and Entre Rios.
036. **Spot-flanked Gallinule** - *Gallinula galeata*  
06 June                    4    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
21 June                    2    c 10 km along the road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
037. **Common Gallinule** - *Gallinula galeata*  
At least noted in Costanera Sur, but I have forgotten other observations.
038. **Red-fronted Coot** - *Fulica rufifrons*  
06 June                    c 20    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
039. **Red-gartered Coot** - *Fulica armillata*  
06 June                    c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
040. **White-winged Coot** - *Fulica leucoptera*  
06 June                    c 20    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
041. **Limpkin** - *Aramus guarauna*  
06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
09 June                    1    c 30 km south of Tucuman along Ruta 157, Tucuman.  
20 June                    1    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
042. **Pied-billed Grebe** - *Podilymbus podiceps*  
07 June                    c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
13 June                    1    in a small lake c 20 km south of Cachi, Salta.  
18 June                    c 10    along Ruta 12 between Corrientes and Ituzaingo, Corrientes.
043. **White-tufted Grebe** - *Rollandia rolland*  
06 June                    c 20    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
044. **Great Grebe** - *Podiceps major*  
06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
21 June                    1    along Ruta 40 between Santo Tome and La Cruz, Corrientes.
045. **Chilean Flamingo** - *Phoenicopterus chilensis*  
09 June                    c 15    Salinas Grande between Dean Funes, Cordoba and Recreo, Tucuman.
046. **White-backed Stilt** - *Himantopus melanurus*  
Common, seen almost daily in marshy areas.
047. **Southern Lapwing** - *Vanellus chilensis*  
Very common, already seen from the aeroplane on arrival.
048. **Andean Lapwing** - *Vanellus resplendens*  
14 June                    4    La Merced, south of Salta city.

049. **Wattled Jacana** - *Jacana jacana*  
Fairly common (especially in Corrientes province) along the roads where water was present in all provinces.
050. **South American Snipe** - *Gallinago paraguaiiae*  
23 June                    1    Puerto Boca, Gualeduaychú, Entre Rios.
051. **Greater Yellowlegs** - *Tringa melanoleuca*  
06 June                    1    (calling) Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
052. **Brown-hooded Gull** - *Chroicocephalus maculipennis*  
Common in Buenos Aires.
053. **Grey-headed Gull** - *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*  
Common in Buenos Aires.
054. **OLROG'S GULL** - *Larus atlanticus*  
26 June                    1    adult flying in Dock 3, Buenos Aires.
055. **Kelp Gull** - *Larus dominicanus*  
Common in Buenos Aires.
056. **Large-billed Tern** - *Phaetusa simplex*  
18 June                    2    between Corrientes en Posada, Corrientes.
057. **Wood Stork** - *Mycteria americana*  
17 June                    c 50    along Ruta 16 between Quitilipi and Resistencia, Prov. Del Chaco.  
18 June                    c 10    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.
058. **Maguari Stork** - *Ciconia maguari*  
Common in Chaco, Corrientes and Entre Rios provinces, with up to 30 seen daily and 3 at Dock 2 in Buenos Aires.
059. **Anhinga** - *Anhinga anhinga*  
20 June                    1    near Garganta de Diabolo, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
060. **Neotropic Cormorant** - *Nannopterum brasilianum*  
Very common.
061. **Plumbeous Ibis** - *Theristicus caerulescens*  
22 June                    2    south-west of Paso de los Libres, Corrientes.
062. **Buff-necked Ibis** - *Theristicus caudatus*  
14 June                    c 10    La Merced, south of Salta city. This species is split now from the Black-faced Ibis.
063. **Bare-faced Ibis (Whispering Ibis)** - *Phimosus infuscatus*  
17 June                    c 1000    along Ruta 16 between Quitilipi and Resistencia, Prov. Del Chaco.  
18 June                    c 100    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.
064. **White-faced Ibis** - *Plegadis chihi*  
Good numbers along roads where water was present in the Tucuman, Corrientes, Misiones and Entre Rios provinces.
065. **Roseate Spoonbill** - *Platalea ajaja*  
18 June                    c 10    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.  
21 June                    c 5    between Santo Tome and La Cruz, Corrientes.

066. **Rufescent Tiger-Heron** - *Tigrisoma lineatum*  
06 June                    1    immature, Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
067. **Black-crowned Night-Heron** - *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
10 June                    1    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
068. **Western Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus ibis*  
Common, seen almost daily in all provinces, sometimes in large flocks.
069. **Cocoi Heron** - *Ardea cocoi*  
Small numbers along roads where water was present in the Tucuman, Santiago del Estero, Chaco Corrientes and Entre Rios provinces.
070. **Great Egret** - *Ardea alba*  
Fairly common along roads where there was water present in all provinces.
071. **Whistling Heron** - *Syrigma sibilatrix*  
Fairly common along roads where water was present in the Corrientes, Misiones and Entre Rios provinces.
072. **Snowy Egret** - *Egretta thula*  
Small numbers along roads where water was present in all provinces.
073. **Andean Condor** - *Vultur gryphus*  
07 June                    c 10    between Copina and El Condor, Cordoba.  
08 June                    c 5    near El Condor, Cordoba.  
11 June                    1    El Infiernillo, Tucuman.  
15 June                    2    near Etchard Vinery, Cafayate, Salta.
074. **Black Vulture** - *Coragyps atratus*  
Fairly common throughout the whole country.
075. **Turkey Vulture** - *Cathartes aura*  
Seen regularly throughout the whole country.
076. **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** - *Cathartes burrovianus*  
18 June                    c 10    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes. Easy to identify by light pattern on primaries.
077. **White-tailed Kite** - *Elanus leucurus*  
Seen regularly along roadsides throughout the country.
078. **Long-winged Harrier** - *Circus buffoni*  
18 June                    1    between Corrientes en Posada, Corrientes.  
21 June                    1    Ibera Marshes, the junction of Ruta 14 and road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Corrientes.  
23 June                    1    Ceiman, Entre Rios.
079. **Cinereous Harrier** - *Circus cinereus*  
06 June                    1    c 50 km east of Rosario, Buenos Aires.  
11 June                    2    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
080. **Black-collared Hawk** - *Busarellus nigricollis*  
18 June                    1    adult between Corrientes en Posada, Corrientes (photographed).
081. **Snail Kite** - *Rostrhamus sociabilis*  
Locally common (e.g. in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Corrientes provinces), often in ditches along roads.

082. **Savanna Hawk** - *Buteogallus meridionalis*

21 June                    2    Ibera Marshes, near junction of Ruta 14 and road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Corrientes.

22 June                    1    along Ruta 14 between Paso de los Libres, Corrientes and Chajari, Entre Rios.

The raptors proved to be very nasty, since a lot of unidentifiable immature birds were seen through the whole country. Several were even photographed but are till today unrecognised.

083. **Great Black Hawk** - *Buteogallus urubitinga*

17 June                    3    between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.

084. **Roadside Hawk** - *Rupornis magnirostris*

Common throughout the whole country.

085. **White-tailed Hawk** - *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*

18 June                    1    adult between Corrientes en Posada, Corrientes.

086. **Variable Hawk (Red-backed Hawk)** - *Geranoaetus polyosoma*

07 June                    3    El Condor, Cordoba.

08 June                    2    El Condor, Cordoba.

11 June                    1    between El Infiernillo and Amaicha del Valle, Tucuman.

087. **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** - *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

Regular in the north-west in mountainous areas, e.g. around El Condor, Cordoba and Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.

088. **Short-tailed Hawk** - *Buteo brachyurus*

21 June                    1    near Wanda, Misiones.

089. **Burrowing Owl** - *Athene cunicularia*

Several times birds were seen along roadsides in Cordoba and Corrientes provinces. 3 birds were seen behind the hotel in Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman on 10 June and 2 birds near Talapampa, Salta on 14 June and 2 birds behind the ACA hotel in Cafayate, Salta.

090. **Short-eared Owl** - *Asio flammeus*

16 June                    1    car victim along the Ruta 9, 10 km southeast of Tucuman city.

091. **Surucua Trogon** - *Trogon surrucura*

19 June                    3    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.

20 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.

2    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.

092. **Amazon Kingfisher** - *Chloroceryle amazona*

21 June                    1    c 10 km along the road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes (photographed).

093. **Green Kingfisher** - *Chloroceryle americana*

06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.

094. **Ringed Kingfisher** - *Megaceryle torquata*

Regular throughout the whole country.

095. **Chestnut-eared Aracari** - *Pteroglossus castanotis*

19 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.

20 June                    c 10    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.

096. **Green-billed or Red-breasted Toucan** - *Ramphastos dicolorus*

19 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.

097. **Toco Toucan** - *Ramphastos toco*  
19 June                    c 10    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
098. **Ochre-collared Piculet** - *Picumnus temminckii*  
20 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                  2    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
099. **White-fronted Woodpecker** - *Melanerpes cactorum*  
10 June                    1    Etchard Vinery, Cafayate, Salta.  
13 June                    1    Cachi, Salta.
100. **White-spotted Woodpecker** - *Veniliornis spilogaster*  
20 June                    2    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
101. **Green-barred Woodpecker** - *Colaptes melanochloros*  
08 June                    4    El Condor, Cordoba.  
10 June                    2    just north of Cafayate, Salta.  
22 June                    2    El Palmar NP, Entre Rios.
102. **Andean Flicker** - *Colaptes rupicola*  
11 June                    4    between Tafi Del Valle and El Infiernillo, Tucuman.
103. **Campo or Field Flicker** - *Colaptes campestris*  
The most common woodpecker, seen almost daily.
104. **Pale-crested Woodpecker** - *Celeus lugubris*  
20 June                    c 10    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Iguazu, Misiones.
105. **Lineated Woodpecker** - *Dryocopus lineatus*  
20 June                    1    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
106. **Crested Caracara** - *Caracara plancus*  
Common along roadsides and occasional rubbish dumps.
107. **Yellow-headed Caracara** - *Milvago chimachima*  
18 June                    1    c 10 km east of Corrientes.  
19 June                    2    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
21 June                    1    Ibera Marshes, near junction of Ruta 14 and road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Corrientes.
108. **Chimango Caracara** - *Milvago chimango*  
Widespread. A large flock of c 500 birds was seen in Ibera marshlands on 21 June, feeding behind a plough!
109. **Spot-winged Falconet** - *Spizapteryx circumcinctus*  
08 June                    1    just south of Icho Cruz, Cordoba  
17 June                    c 15    between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Es.tero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
110. **American Kestrel** - *Falco sparverius*  
The most common raptor, seen daily.
111. **Aplomado Falcon** - *Falco femoralis*  
08 June                    1    c 20 km south of Icho Cruz, Cordoba (photographed).  
16 June                    2    near Tucuman along the Ruta 9, Tucuman.

112. **Monk Parakeet** - *Myiopsitta monachus*  
Common, even in the centre of Buenos Aires.
113. **Scaly-headed Parrot** - *Pionus maximiliani*  
19 June                    2    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
114. **Cobalt-rumped (Blue-winged) Parrotlet** - *Forpus xanthopterygius*  
19 June                    c 20    parking lot, Iguazu Falls, Misiones  
20 June                    c 10    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
115. **Burrowing Parakeet** - *Cyanoliseus patagonus*  
Common around Cafayate and Cachi, Salta.
116. **Blue-crowned Parakeet** - *Thectocercus acuticaudatus*  
17 June                    4    along Ruta 6 and 89 between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
117. **Mitred Parakeet** - *Psittacara mitratus*  
10 June                    4    Rio del la Sosa, just before the El Indio statue, Tucuman.
118. **White-eyed Parakeet** - *Psittacara leucophthalmus*  
14 June                    2    near Talapampa, Salta.
119. **Common Miner** - *Geositta cunicularia* 4488  
07 June                    c 5    El Condor, Cordoba.  
08 June                    c 10    El Condor, Cordoba (in some cases, Rufous-banded Miner was not excluded satisfactory).  
11 June                    c 10    between Amaicha del Valle and Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
13 June                    c 5    between Cachi and Salta, Salta.  
16 June                    c 10    between Amaicha del Valle and Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
120. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** - *Sittasomus griseicapillus*  
20 June                    2    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
121. **Plain Xenops** - *Xenops minutus*  
20 June                    1    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
122. **Rock Earthcreeper** - *Upucerthia andaecola*  
13 June                    1    30 km east of Cachi on the road between Cachi and Salta, Salta
123. **Rufous Hornero** - *Furnarius rufus*  
Common throughout the whole country, even on the Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires
124. **Buff-winged Cinclodes** - *Cinclodes fuscus*  
09 June                    1    Salinas Grande, south of Recreo, Tucuman.  
The Cordoba Cinclodes was not seen at Pampas de Achala, although they are common to abundant there. Apparently, they disperse to lower altitudes in winter.
125. **OLROG'S CINCLODES** - *Cinclodes olrogi*  
07 June                    2    in the famous creek at the El Condor cafe, Pampa de Achala, Cordoba.  
                                  1    Copina, Cordoba.  
08 June                    2    at a stream near the antenna at El Condor cafe, Pampa de Achala, Cordoba.  
Easy to find at the famous creek. The sound was a short and harsh *whit*, typically Cinclodes call.
126. **White-winged Cinclodes** - *Cinclodes atacamensis*  
07 June                    1    El Condor cafe, Pampa de Achala, Cordoba (the darker subspecies *C. a. schocolatinus*).

- 10 June            c 10    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
14 June            c 10    between Cachi and Salta, Salta.  
16 June            c 5     OST, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
127. **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** - *Philydor rufum*  
19 June            5     Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June            3     Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
128. **Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail** - *Leptasthenura fuliginiceps*  
16 June            3     at OST, north of Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
129. **Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail** - *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*  
12 June            2     c 5 km north of Angastaco, Cafayate - Cachi, Salta.
130. **Greater Thornbird** - *Phacellodomus ruber*  
21 June            1     Ibera, 20 km along the road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Corrientes (photographed).
131. **Short-billed Canastero** - *Asthenes baeri*  
23 June            2     (together) just south of Gualeguaychú, Entre Rios.
132. **Cordilleran Canastero** - *Asthenes modesta*  
07 June            1     near the antenna, El Condor, Pampa de Achala, Cordoba.  
08 June            1     (another location than the previous day) near the antenna, El Condor, Pampa de Achala, Cordoba.
133. **Puna Canastero** - *Asthenes punensis punensis*  
16 June            1     Tafi water works OST (Obra Sanitario de Tucaman), Tafi Del Valle, Tucaman.
134. **STEINBACH'S CANASTERO** - *Pseudasthenes steinbachi*  
12 June            1     (well seen) 5 km north of Angastaco, Cafayate - Cachi, Salta.
135. **Brown Cacholote** - *Pseudoseisura lophotes*  
Common in Chaco habitat in Cordoba province and a few in the El Palmar NP, Entre Rios.
136. **Chotoy Spinetail** - *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*  
23 June            1     Puerto Boca, Gualeguaychú, Entre Rios.  
                          1     Gualeguaychú, Entre Rios.
137. **Plain Antvireo** - *Dysithamnus mentalis*  
19 June            2     (pair) Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June            2     (another pair) Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
138. **White-shouldered Fire-eye** - *Pyriglena leucoptera*  
19 June            1     (pair) well seen at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
139. **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** - *Elaenia flavogaster*  
20 June            1     Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
140. **Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** - *Camptostoma obsoletum*  
20 June            1     Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
141. **Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** - *Anairetes flavirostris*  
13 June            2     behind the Hosteria Samay Huasi, Cachi, Salta.

142. **White-crested Tyrannulet** - *Serpophaga subcristata*.  
06 June                    4    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
143. **Yellow Tyrannulet** - *Capsiempis flaveola*  
20 June                    3    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
144. **Warbling Doradito** - *Pseudocolopteryx flaviventris*  
06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
The Spanish name is Sietacolore, the sevencoloured!
145. **Many-colored Rush Tyrant** - *Tachuris rubrigastra*  
06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
The Spanish name is Sietacolore, the sevencoloured!
146. **Eared Pygmy Tyrant** - *Myiornis auricularis*  
20 June                    1    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
147. **Cliff Flycatcher** - *Hirundinea ferruginea*  
12 June                    c 20    between Cachi and Cafayate, Salta (photographed).  
13 June                    c 10    between Cachi and Salta, Salta.  
16 June                    1    between Amaicha del Valle and Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
148. **Black Phoebe** - *Sayornis nigricans latirostris*  
10 June                    2    Rio de la Sosa, south of Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
149. **Vermilion Flycatcher** - *Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
09 June                    1    (male) at Salinas Grande between Dean Funes, Cordoba and Recreo, Tucuman.
150. **Yellow-browed Tyrant** - *Satrapa icterophrys*  
23 June                    1    Puerto Boca, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
151. **Spot-billed Ground Tyrant** - *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*  
10 June                    1    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
152. **Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant** - *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*  
7-8 June                    c 5    El Condor, Cordoba
153. **Austral Negrito** - *Lessonia rufa*  
08 June                    1    (male) Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba.
154. **Spectacled Tyrant** - *Hymenops perspicillatus*  
06 June                    c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
21 June                    c 25    along the road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.  
23 June                    c 10    Puerto Boca, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
155. **White-winged Black Tyrant** - *Knipolegus aterrimus*  
13 June                    2    (pair) behind the Hosteria Samay Huasi, Cachi, Salta.
156. **White Monjita** - *Xolmis irupero*  
Very common, but absent in Misiones.
157. **Grey Monjita** - *Xolmis cinereus*  
18 June                    2    between Corrientes en Posada, Corrientes.  
21 June                    1    c 20 km along the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.  
23 June                    1    Puerto Boca, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.

158. **Black-crowned Monjita** - *Xolmis coronatus*  
 09 June            1    c 30 km south of Tucuman (photographed).  
 12 June            1    just north of the junction at San Carlos, north of Cafayate, Salta.  
 15 June            1    behind the ACA hotel, Cafayate, Salta; also on 16 June.  
 23 June            1    Puerto Boca, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
159. **Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** - *Agriornis montanus*  
 7-8 June           2    El Condor, Cordoba.  
 11 June            1    K80, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
160. **Lesser Shrike-Tyrant** - *Agriornis murinus*  
 15 June            1    close behind the ACA Hotel, Cafayate, Salta; also on 16 June.
161. **Black-and-white Monjita** - *Heteroxolmis dominicana*  
 21 June            2    (pair) c 20 km along the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
162. **Strange-tailed Tyrant** - *Alectrurus risora*  
 21 June            2    (pair) c 20 km along the road to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes (photographed). One of the highlights of the holiday!
163. **Cattle Tyrant** - *Machetornis rixosus*  
 09 June            c 10    south of Tucuman along Ruta 157, Tucuman.  
 23 June            c 5    Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
164. **Great Kiskadee** - *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
 Very common and widespread, even seen in the centre of Buenos Aires.
165. **Tropical Kingbird** - *Tyrannus melancholicus*  
 Common in marshy areas.
166. **Sibilant Sirystes** - *Sirystes sibilator*  
 19 June            c 10    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
167. **White-tipped Plantcutter** - *Phytotoma rutila*  
 09 June            2    c 30 km south of Tucuman, Tucuman.  
 12 June            5    c 5 km east of Santiago del Estero, Santiago del Estero .
168. **Greenish Schiffornis** - *Schiffornis virescens*  
 19 June            4    singing at Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones (tape-recorded).  
 20 June            2    singing at Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
169. **Plush-crested Jay** - *Cyanocorax chrysops*  
 Common in moist forests in Tucuman, Salta and Misiones.
170. **Chilean Swallow** - *Tachycineta meyeni*  
 Common, the most common swallow.
171. **White-winged Swallow** - *Tachycineta albiventer*  
 20 June            c 10    Garganta de Diabolo, Iguazu Falls, Misiones (photographed).
172. **Blue-and-white Swallow** - *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*  
 Common, the second most common swallow.

173. **Black-collared Swallow** - *Pygochelidon melanoleuca*  
21 June                    c 10    Garganta del Diabolo, Iguazu Falls, Misiones (photographed).
174. **Tawny-headed Swallow** - *Alopochelidon fucata*  
09 June                    c 30    c 30 km south of Tucuman along Ruta 157, Tucuman.
175. **House Wren** - *Troglodytes aedon musculus*  
Common, seen almost daily.
176. **Mountain Wren** - *Troglodytes solstitialis*  
10 June                    1    El Indio, along Rio de la Sosa, Tucuman.
177. **Masked Gnatcatcher** - *Poliophtila dumicola*  
06 June                    c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.  
10 June                    2    South of Tucuman, near El Indio Statue, Tucuman.  
20 June                    c 5    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
178. **Chalk-browed Mockingbird** - *Mimus saturninus*  
Common around Buenos Aires and in Entre Rios State (photographed).
179. **Patagonian Mockingbird** - *Mimus patagonicus*  
Common in north-west (Tucuman and Salta provinces).
180. **White-banded Mockingbird** - *Mimus triurus*  
09 June                    1    between Dean Funes, Cordoba and Recreo, Tucuman.  
12 June                    c 5    between Cafayate and Cachi, Salta.  
14 June                    c 5    between Salta and Cafayate, Salta.
181. **Chiguanco or Dark Thrush** - *Turdus chiguanco anthracinus*  
Common El Condor, Cordoba and Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman (photographed).
182. **Pale-breasted Thrush** - *Turdus leucomelas*  
19 June                    1    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                  1    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    2    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
183. **Rufous-bellied Thrush** - *Turdus rufiventris*  
Common in Buenos Aires city and Entre Rios province.
184. **Creamy-bellied Thrush** - *Turdus amaurochalinus*  
19-20 June                1 or 2    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
Several thrushes seen at Iguazu were either this species or the previous species.
185. **RUFIOUS-THROATED DIPPER** - *Cinclus schulzi*  
10 June                    1    Rio de la Sosa, just before the El Indio statue, Tucuman province.  
                                  2    Rio de la Sosa at k35 (see Wheatley's *Where to watch birds in South America*).  
One of the highlights of the holiday. Especially the two birds were well seen, feeding on the rocks, looking for food in the algae.  
In flight, the whitish webs on the primaries are quite conspicuous.
186. **House Sparrow** - *Passer domesticus*  
Very common throughout the whole country.
187. **Correndera Pipit** - *Anthus correndera*  
21 June                    1    c 10 km along the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.

188. **Hooded Siskin** - *Carduelis magellanica*  
Seen regularly and locally common (e.g. Costanera Sur, OST at Tafi Del Valle).
189. **Purple-throated Euphonia** - *Euphonia chlorotica*  
20 June                    2    (pair) behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
190. **Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** - *Euphonia pectoralis*  
19 June                    1    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    1    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
191. **Common Bush-Tanager** - *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*  
10 June                    2    near El Indio Statue along the Rio de la Sosa, Tucuman.
192. **Chaco (Stripe-capped) Sparrow** - *Rhynchospiza strigiceps*  
08 June                    2    Icho Cruz, Cordoba.
193. **Grassland Sparrow** - *Ammodramus humeralis*  
21 June                    4    along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
194. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** - *Zonotrichia capensis*  
Very common, especially in mountainous areas.
195. **YELLOW-STRIPED BRUSH FINCH** - *Atlapetes citrinellus*  
16 June                    6    Tafi OST (waterworks at km 67, north of Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman  
Also on of the highlights. A pair came close after hissing and pishing and were feeding between dense ferns on the ground, out of sight, before they came into view.
196. **White-browed Blackbird** - *Sturnella superciliaris*  
18 June                    c 25    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.  
22 June                    1    along Ruta 14 between Paso de los Libres, Corrientes and Chajari, Entre Rios.
197. **Long-tailed Meadowlark** - *Sturnella loyca*  
07 June                    c 20    El Condor, Cordoba.  
08 June                    c 10    El Condor, Cordoba (photographed).  
11 June                    c 10    El Infiernillo, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
16 June                    c 8    El Infiernillo, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
198. **Solitary Cacique** - *Cacicus solitarius*  
16 June                    c 5    between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
199. **Red-rumped Cacique** - *Cacicus haemorrhous*  
19 June                    c 10    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    c 20    Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
200. **Epaulet Oriole** - *Icterus cayanensis*  
19 June                    4    parking lot, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
201. **Screaming Cowbird** - *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*  
Widespread and sometimes in large flocks. Most birds were seen when driving, but identification was not difficult since males and females show no sexually dimorphism.
202. **Shiny Cowbird** - *Molothrus bonariensis*  
Widespread and sometimes in large flocks. Most birds were seen when driving, but ID was not difficult since males and females are sexually dimorphic. Most blackbird species were seen while driving and stopping was not very safe in most cases.

203. **Scarlet-headed Blackbird** - *Amblyramphus holosericeus*  
06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires (photographed).
204. **Chopi Blackbird** - *Gnorimopsar chopi*  
21 June                    8    along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
205. **Greyish Baywing or Bay-winged Cowbird** – *Agelaioides badius*  
Very common in swampy areas.
206. **Yellow-winged Blackbird** - *Agelasticus thilius*  
06 June                    c 10    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.
207. **Unicolored Blackbird** - *Agelasticus cyanopus*  
16 June                    c 10    along Ruta 6 and 89 between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.  
18 June                    c 20    in several loose flocks between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.
208. **Chestnut-capped Blackbird** - *Chrysomus ruficapillus*  
18 June                    1    between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes.  
3 June                    c 30    just south of Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
209. **Brown-and-yellow Marshbird** - *Pseudoleistes virescens*  
21 June                    c 30    along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.  
23 June                    c 10    Puerto Boca camping, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios (photographed).  
                                  c 25    just south of Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
210. **Yellow-rumped Marshbird** - *Pseudoleistes guirahuro*  
18 June                    c 50    in several loose flocks between Corrientes and Posada, Corrientes (photographed).
211. **Tropical Parula** - *Setophaga pitiayumi*  
10 June                    2    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
19 June                    c 10    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    3    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                  c 5    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
Formerly known with the genus name, *Parula*, but together with e.g. *Dendroica* merged into *Setophaga*.
212. **Riverbank Warbler** - *Myiothlypis rivularis*  
20 June                    1    Garganta de Diabolo, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
This species has undergone many name changes, from vernacular to scientific!
213. **Golden-crowned Warbler** - *Basileuterus culicivorus*  
20 June                    2    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
214. **Brown-capped Whitestart** - *Myioborus brunniceps*  
09 June                    1    San Jose de Salinas.  
10 June                    c 5    near El Indio Statue along the Rio de la Sosa, Tucuman.  
                                  c 5    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
16 June                    1    near El Indio Statue along the Rio de la Sosa, Tucuman.
215. **Hepatic Tanager** - *Piranga flava*  
22 June                    3    El Palmar NP, Entre Rios.
216. **Red-crowned Ant Tanager** - *Habia rubica*  
19 June                    2    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.

217. **Hooded Tanager** - *Nemosia pileata*  
 20 June                    8    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                   3    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
218. **Pampa Finch** - *Embernagra platensis*  
 Widespread throughout the whole country. Both subspecies seen (*E. p. platensis* photographed).
219. **Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** - *Emberizoides herbicola*  
 21 June                    c 10    along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
220. **Band-tailed Sierra Finch** - *Porphyrospiza carbonaria*  
 11 June                    c 10    El Infiernillo, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.  
 16 June                    1    El Infiernillo, Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
221. **Guira Tanager** - *Hemithraupis guira*  
 20 June                    2    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                   2    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
222. **Blue Dacnis** - *Dacnis cayana*  
 19 June                    2    parking lot, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
 20 June                    3    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                   2    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
                                   2    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
223. **Many-coloured Chaco-Finch** - *Saltatricula multicolour*  
 09 June                    c 5    near San José de las Salinas, Cordoba.  
 16 June                    c 10    along Ruta 6 and 89 between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
224. **Green-winged Saltator** - *Saltator similis*  
 19 June                    1    behind the Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.
225. **Blue-grey Saltator** - *Saltator coerulescens*  
 23 June                    2    Puerto Boca camping, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
226. **Golden-billed Saltator** - *Saltator aurantiirostris*  
 10 June                    2    c 30 km south of Tucuman along Ruta 157, Tucuman.  
 16 June                    2    along Ruta 6 and 89 between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
227. **Black-goggled Tanager** - *Trichothraupis melanops*  
 19 June                    c 10    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
 20 June                    c 5    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
228. **Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested Finch)** - *Coryphospingus cucullatus*  
 09 June                    c 5    between Dean Funes, Cordoba and Recreo, Tucuman.  
 16 June                    c 10    along Ruta 6 and 89 between Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero and Charata, Prov del Chaco.
229. **White-lined Tanager** - *Tachyphonus rufus*  
 19 June                    4    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
230. **Tawny-bellied Seedeater** - *Sporophila hypoxantha*  
 21 June                    c 20    along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
231. **Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch** - *Poospiza nigrorufa*  
 06 June                    1    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires.

- 22 June                    1    El Palmar NP, Entre Rios.  
23 June                    2    Puerto Boca camping, Entre Rios.
232. **Long-tailed Reed Finch** - *Donacospiza albifrons*  
23 June                    2    Puerto Boca camping, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.  
                                  1    just south of Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
233. **Rufous-sided Warbling Finch** - *Poospizopsis hypocondria*  
12 June                    1    between the long stretch between Cafayate and Cachi, Salta.
234. **Ringed Warbling Finch** - *Microspingus torquatus*  
10 June                    1    Etchard Vinery, Cafayate.  
14 June                    1    ACA Hotel, Cafayate.
235. **Black-capped Warbling Finch** - *Microspingus melanoleucus*  
23 June                    4    Puerto Boca camping, Gualaguaychú, Entre Rios.
236. **Chestnut-vented Conebill** - *Conirostrum speciosum*  
19 June                    2    parking lot, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
20 June                    c 10 behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                  c 5    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
                                  c 5    Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
237. **Saffron Finch** - *Sicalis flaveola*  
09 June                    c 50 at the Salinas Grande between Dean Funes, Cordoba and Recreo, Tucuman.
238. **Grassland Yellow Finch** - *Sicalis luteola*  
21 June                    c 30 along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.
239. **Plumbeous Sierra Finch** - *Geospizopsis unicolor*  
7-8 June                    c 25 El Condor, Cordoba.
240. **Band-tailed Seedeater** - *Catamenia analis*  
07 June                    4    El Condor, Cordoba.  
09 June                    c 5    Tafi Del Valle, Tucuman.
241. **Fawn-breasted Tanager** - *Pipraeidea melanonota*  
20 June                    3    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                                  1    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
                                  2    at the Sendero Macuco, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.
242. **Blue-and-yellow Tanager** - *Thraupis bonariensis*  
The most common and widespread tanager (easy to identify when driving), seen daily in small numbers.
243. **Black-crested Finch** - *Lophospingus pusillus*  
14 June                    2    near Talapampa, Salta.  
15 June                    1    Cafayate, Salta.
244. **Diuca Finch** - *Diuca diuca minor*  
12 June                    1    between the long stretch between Cafayate and Cachi, Salta.
245. **Red-crested Cardinal** - *Paroaria coronata*  
Regularly seen, south of Tucuman (c 5) and c 10 along the long stretch between Santiago del Estero and Resistencia and along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.



246. **Yellow-billed Cardinal** - *Paroaria capitata*

06 June            2    Costanera Sur, Buenos Aires (photographed)  
23 June            2    Puerto Boca camping, Gualeguaychú, Entre Rios.

247. **Sayaca Tanager** - *Thraupis sayaca*

20 June            2    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.  
                         1    El Nandu camping, Iguazu Falls, Misiones.  
21 June            c 30 along the 20 km stretch of the Ruta 40 to Colonia Carlos Pellegrini, Ibera, Corrientes.

248. **Green-headed Tanager** - *Tangara seledon*

20 June            2    behind Orguidas Palace Hotel, Puerto Iguazu, Misiones.

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