

Bolivia Trip Report

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This trip was primarily a volunteer service trip and family vacation, so birding was only done during limited windows of free time. Locations were limited to:

- 1) Sorata, Lake Titicaca, La Paz, and areas between them (northern Altiplano) (over 3 weeks here, with almost 2 weeks in Sorata) (note: Rio Challa Suyu valley is immediately ne of Sorata; Palcapampa is southeast of Sorata on the way to Laguna Chillata; Mecapaca is southwest of La Paz)
- 2) Chalalan Lodge, Rurrenbaque, and the Rios Beni and Tuichi between the two (5 days here) (note: the weather at Chalalan was unusually cold, with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s)

Cinereous Tinamou <i>Crypturellus cinereus</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only; recorded)
Little Tinamou <i>Crypturellus soui</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only; recorded)
Undulated Tinamou <i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>	One heard at Chalalan (heard only)
Ornate Tinamou <i>Nothoprocta ornata</i>	One flushed from road west of Viacha at -16.7821, -68.5291
Huayco Tinamou <i>Rhynchotus maculicollis</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Short-winged Grebe <i>Rollandia microptera</i>	Many at Lake Titicaca
Silvery Grebe <i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	One at Lake Titicaca (near Huatajata)
Neotropic Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Many along Rio Tuichi/Beni
Anhinga <i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Several at Chalalan
Capped Heron <i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi/Beni
Cocoi Heron <i>Ardea cocoi</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Great Egret <i>Egretta alba</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi and one east of Huarina at -16.1785, -68.4041
Little Blue Heron <i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Snowy Egret <i>Egretta thula</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	One east of Achacachi
Black-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	One at Mecapaca
Fasciated Tiger-Heron <i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>	One along Rio Tuichi
Rufescent Tiger-Heron <i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	One at Chalalan
Andean Ibis <i>Theristicus branickii</i>	Flock of 20+ near Sorata below Laguna Chillata
Puna Ibis <i>Plegadis ridgwayi</i>	Many throughout Altiplano
Chilean Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	Flock of 20+ west of Viacha at -16.6748, -68.4373
Orinoco Goose <i>Neochen jubata</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Andean Goose <i>Chloephaga melanoptera</i>	Pair at roadside lake northeast of Achacachi -15.8958, -68.6675
Muscovy Duck <i>Cairina moschata</i>	One along Rio Tuichi
Andean Teal <i>Anas andium</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca, also east of Huarina at -16.1785, -68.4041
Yellow-billed Pintail <i>Anas georgica</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca
Puna Teal <i>Anas puna</i>	Flock of 20+ west of Viacha at -16.6748, -68.4373
Cinnamon Teal <i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	One east of Achacachi
Ruddy Duck <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca
Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Many at Rurrenbaque and Chalalan
Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	Many at Sorata and Rurrenbaque
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture <i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	Two along Rio Tuichi
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	One along Rio Tuichi

Double-toothed Kite <i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	One at Chalalan
Cinereous Harrier <i>Circus cinereus</i>	Few at Lake Titicaca (Huatajata) and w of Viacha at -16.8048, -68.6662
Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
White Hawk <i>Leucopternis albigollis</i>	Two at Chalalan
Great Black-Hawk <i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	Two along Rio Tuichi
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle <i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>	One at Mecapaca
Roadside Hawk <i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
White-throated Hawk <i>Buteo albigula</i>	One over Sorata several afternoons (with imm. Puna Hawk nearby)
Puna Hawk <i>Buteo poecilochrous</i>	Several at Sorata and other high places
Black Caracara <i>Daptrius ater</i>	Two along Rio Tuichi
Red-throated Caracara <i>Ibycter americanus</i>	Two at Chalalan
Mountain Caracara <i>Phalcoboenus megalopterus</i>	Many on Altiplano and near Sorata
Southern Caracara <i>Caracara plancus</i>	One along Rio Beni
American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	Several around Sorata and other Altiplano locations (hunting birds)
Aplomado Falcon <i>Falco femoralis</i>	One above Sorata (below L. Chillata); one w of Viacha at -16.8048, -68.6662
Bat Falcon <i>Falco rufigularis</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi and at Chalalan
Spix's Guan <i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	Several at Chalalan
Blue-throated Piping-Guan <i>Pipile cumanensis</i>	Several at Chalalan
Grey-necked Wood-Rail <i>Aramides cajanea</i>	One at Chalalan
Plumbeous Rail <i>Pardirallus sanguinolentus</i>	One at Mecapaca
Andean Coot <i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>	Many at Lake Titicaca
Giant Coot <i>Fulica gigantea</i>	Several at roadside lake northeast of Achacachi -15.8958, -68.6675
Sungrebe <i>Heliornis fulica</i>	One at Chalalan
Pied Lapwing <i>Vanellus cayanus</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Andean Lapwing <i>Vanellus resplendens</i>	Many on Altiplano
Spotted Sandpiper <i>Tringa macularia</i>	Two along Rio Tuichi
Puna Snipe <i>Gallinago andina</i>	One at Mecapaca
Andean Gull <i>Larus serranus</i>	Many on Altiplano and at Lake Titicaca
Large-billed Tern <i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	Several along Rios Beni and Tuichi
Yellow-billed or Amazon Tern <i>Sterna superciliaris</i>	Several along Rios Beni and Tuichi
Black Skimmer <i>Rynchops niger</i>	Two along Rio Tuichi
Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	Many in towns and cities
Spot-winged Pigeon <i>Patagioenas maculosa</i>	Many around Sorata and other Altiplano locations
Band-tailed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	Four near Sorata (below Laguna Chillata)
Pale-vented Pigeon <i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi and at Chalalan
Eared Dove <i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	Many around Sorata and other Altiplano locations
Picui Ground-Dove <i>Columbina picui</i>	Many around Sorata and Mecapaca
Bare-faced Ground-Dove <i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca and at plaza at -16.5295, -68.5517
Black-winged Ground-Dove <i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>	One near Sorata (near La Gruta de San Pedro)
Golden-spotted Ground-Dove <i>Metriopelia aymara</i>	One near Sorata
Gray-fronted Dove <i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Ruddy Quail-Dove <i>Geotrygon montana</i>	Two at Chalalan
Blue-and-yellow Macaw <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Many along Rio Tuichi and at Chalalan
Red-and-green Macaw <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Many along Rio Tuichi and at Chalalan
Chestnut-fronted Macaw <i>Ara severa</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi and at Chalalan
Mitred Parakeet <i>Aratinga mitrata</i>	One flock of 40+ regular around Sorata
White-eyed Parakeet <i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>	Many along Rios Beni and Tuichi and at Chalalan

Grey-hooded Parakeet <i>Bolborhynchus aymara</i>	8 at Mecapaca; 2 near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Cobalt-winged Parakeet <i>Brotogeris cyanoptera</i>	Several at Chalalan
White-bellied Parrot <i>Pionites leucogaster</i>	Many at Chalalan
Blue-headed Parrot <i>Pionus menstruus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Mealy Parrot <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Many at Chalalan
Squirrel Cuckoo <i>Piaya cayana</i>	Several at Chalalan
Smooth-billed Ani <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Several in Rurrenebaque
Guira Cuckoo <i>Guira guira</i>	Several at Rurrenebaque Airport
Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>	Several in Sorata (in palms of the central plaza)
Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl <i>Megascops watsonii</i>	Several at Chalalan
Spectacled Owl <i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Amazonian Pygmy-Owl <i>Glaucidium hardyi</i>	One at Chalalan
Great Potoo <i>Nyctibius grandis</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Sand-coloured Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles rupestris</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
White-collared Swift <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	Many over Rurrenebaque
Andean Swift <i>Aeronautes andecolus</i>	Several at Mecapaca
White-bellied Hummingbird <i>Amazilia chionogaster</i>	Many around Sorata
Green Violet-ear <i>Colibri thalassinus</i>	Several near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Sparkling Violet-ear <i>Colibri coruscans</i>	Several near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley and other sites)
Green-tailed Trainbearer <i>Lesbia nuna</i>	Several near Sorata
Tyrian Metaltail <i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Giant Hummingbird <i>Patagona gigas</i>	Several at Mecapaca
Reddish Hermit <i>Phaethornis ruber</i>	One at Chalalan
Great Sapphirewing <i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>	Several near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Red-tailed Comet <i>Sappho sparganura</i>	Several at Mecapaca
Hoatzin <i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>	Many at Chalalan
Black-tailed Trogon <i>Trogon melanurus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Collared Trogon <i>Trogon collaris</i>	Several at Chalalan
Violaceous Trogon <i>Trogon violaceus</i>	One at Chalalan
Broad-billed Motmot <i>Electron platyrhynchum</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Rufous Motmot <i>Baryphthengus martii</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only)
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	One at Chalalan
Green Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	One at Chalalan
Amazon Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Ringed Kingfisher <i>Ceryle torquatus</i>	One at Chalalan
Swallow-wing Puffbird <i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
White-necked Puffbird <i>Notharchus macrorhynchos</i>	One at Chalalan
Black-fronted Nunbird <i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	Several at Chalalan
White-fronted Nunbird <i>Monasa morphoeus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Ivory-billed Aracari <i>Pteroglossus azara</i>	One at Chalalan
Curl-crested Aracari <i>Pteroglossus beauharnaesii</i>	Several at Chalalan
White-throated Toucan <i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Andean Flicker <i>Colaptes rupicola</i>	Several at multiple Altiplano locations
Scaly-breasted Woodpecker <i>Celeus grammicus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Red-necked Woodpecker <i>Campephilus rubricollis</i>	Several at Chalalan
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper <i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	Two at Chalalan

Elegant Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus elegans</i>	Many at Chalalan
Buff-throated Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	One at Chalalan (behind my cabin every morning)
Southern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	One along Rio Tuichi
Andean Swallow <i>Haplochelidon andecola</i>	Many at Mecapaca and Lake Titicaca
White-winged Swallow <i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	Many along Rio Tuichi
Brown-bellied Swallow <i>Notiochelidon murina</i>	Several near Laguna Chillata
Blue-and-white Swallow <i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	Many at Sorata
White-banded Swallow <i>Atticora fasciata</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Correndera Pipit <i>Anthus correndera</i>	Several w of Viacha at -16.8048, -68.6662
White-capped Dipper <i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu)
Southern Nightingale-Wren <i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>	Several at Chalalan
House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Many near Sorata (with buffy-orange tail and vent)
Brown-backed Mockingbird <i>Mimus dorsalis</i>	One at Mecapaca
Chestnut-winged Foliage-Gleaner <i>Philydor erythropterus</i>	One at Chalalan
Scribble-tailed Canastero <i>Asthenes maculicauda</i>	One below Laguna Chillata
Azara's Spinetail <i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	Several near Sorata (with all orange tails; one with orange outer retrices)
Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail <i>Leptasthenura fuliginiceps</i>	Several near Sorata (Palcapampa) and at Mecapaca
Bar-winged Cinclodes <i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>	Several at many sites on the Altiplano
White-winged Cinclodes <i>Cinclodes atacamensis</i>	Several east of Huarina at -16.1785, -68.4041 and at Isla del Sol
Slender-billed Miner <i>Geositta tenuirostris</i>	Several below Laguna Chillata
Fasciated Antshrike <i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	One at Chalalan
White-shouldered Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus aethiops</i>	Two at Chalalan
Plain-winged Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus schistaceus</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only; recorded)
Bluish-slate Antshrike <i>Thamnomanes schistogynus</i>	One at Chalalan
Chestnut-tailed Antbird <i>Myrmeciza hemimelaena</i>	Several at Chalalan
Rufous-capped Antthrush <i>Formicarius colma</i>	One at Chalalan
Black-faced Antthrush <i>Formicarius analis</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Thrush-like Antpitta <i>Myrmothera campanisona</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
Undulated Antpitta <i>Grallaria squamigera</i>	One at Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley) (heard only)
Chiguanco Thrush <i>Turdus chiguanco</i>	Many at Sorata and other Altiplano sites
Great Thrush <i>Turdus fuscater</i>	Several at Mecapaca
Black-billed Thrush <i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	One at Chalalan
Lawrence's Thrush <i>Turdus lawrencii</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only)
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant <i>Agriornis montana</i>	Several at multiple Altiplano sites
Tufted Tit-Tyrant <i>Anairetes parulus</i>	Several near Sorata and at Mecapaca
White-crested Elaenia <i>Elaenia albiceps</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley) and one at Chalalan
White-eyed Tody-Tyrant <i>Hemitriccus zosterops</i>	One at Chalalan (heard only)
White-bellied Tody-Tyrant <i>Hemitriccus griseipectus</i>	One at Chalalan
Rufous-tailed Tyrant <i>Knipolegus poecilurus</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
White-winged Black-Tyrant <i>Knipolegus aterrimus</i>	Many near Sorata and other Altiplano sites
Sepia-capped Flycatcher <i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	One at Chalalan
Andean Negrito <i>Lessonia oreas</i>	One east of Huarina at -16.1785, -68.4041
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	One recorded at Sorata
Buff-banded Tyrannulet <i>Mecocerculus hellmayri</i>	Two near Sorata
White-throated Tyrannulet <i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	Several near Sorata
Cinereous Ground-Tyrant	One at Isla del Sol and one near Sorata below L. Chillata

Puna Ground-Tyrant <i>Muscisaxicola juninensis</i>	One near Sorata (Palcapampa) and several below L. Chillata
Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant <i>Muscisaxicola rufivertex</i>	Several near Sorata below L. Chillata
White-browed Ground-Tyrant <i>Muscisaxicola albilora</i>	One at Mecapaca and two near Sorata below L. Chillata
Dusky-capped Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	One near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant <i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>	Several near Sorata
D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant <i>Ochthoeca oenanthoides</i>	Several at Mecapaca and Lake Titicaca
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant <i>Ochthoeca rufipectoralis</i>	Several near Sorata
Drab Water-Tyrant <i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Gray-crowned Flatbill <i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	One recorded at Chalalan
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet <i>Phyllomyias uropygialis</i>	One in Sorata
Great Kiskadee <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi and in Rurrenebaque
Ringed Antpiper <i>Corythopis torquata</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only)
Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant <i>Tachuris rubrigastra</i>	Many at Lake Titicaca (near Huatajata)
Tropical Kingbird <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Several in Rurrenebaque
Blue-crowned Manakin <i>Lepidothrix coronata</i>	Several at Chalalan
Fiery-capped Manakin <i>Machaeropterus pyrocephalus</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only)
Round-tailed Manakin <i>Pipra chloromeros</i>	Several at Chalalan
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin <i>Tyranneutes stolzmanni</i>	Two at Chalalan (heard only)
White-tipped Plantcutter <i>Phytotoma rutila</i>	Several at Mecapaca
Red-crested Cotinga <i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>	Two near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Bright-rumped Attila <i>Attila spadiceus</i>	Several at Chalalan (heard only)
Cinereous Mourner <i>Laniocera hypopyrra</i>	One at Chalalan
Screaming Piha <i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>	Several at Chalalan
Masked Tityra <i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	One at Chalalan
Purplish Jay <i>Cyanocorax cyanomelas</i>	Two in Rurrenebaque and two along Rio Tuichi
Red-eyed Vireo <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Several at Chalalan
Hooded Siskin <i>Carduelis magellanica</i>	Several near Sorata (Rio Challa Suyu valley)
Yellow-bellied Siskin <i>Carduelis xanthogastra</i>	Several near Sorata (multiple sites) (breast mostly yellow)
Black Siskin <i>Carduelis atrata</i>	Many at Altiplano sites (including El Alto)
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Several in Sorata
Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch <i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>	Many at Isla del Sol and other Altiplano sites
Mourning Sierra-Finch <i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>	One at Isla del Sol
Peruvian Sierra-Finch <i>Phrygilus punensis</i>	Several at Isla del Sol and other Altiplano sites
Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch <i>Poospiza hypochondria</i>	One near Sorata below Laguna Chillata
Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch <i>Sicalis uropygialis</i>	Several at multiple Altiplano sites
Red-capped Cardinal <i>Paroaria gularis</i>	Several at Chalalan
Black-backed Grosbeak <i>Pheucticus aureoventris</i>	Several near Sorata
Golden-billed Saltator <i>Saltator aurantiirostris</i>	Many near Sorata
Crested Oropendola <i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Russet-backed Oropendola <i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>	Many near Rurrenebaque up to Chalalan
Olive Oropendola <i>Gymnostinops yuracares</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Yellow-rumped Cacique <i>Cacicus cela</i>	Many near Rurrenebaque up to Chalalan
Yellow-winged Blackbird <i>agelasticus thilius</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca (Huatajata)
Chopi Blackbird <i>Gnorimopsar chopi</i>	Flock of 15+ at Mecapaca
Giant Cowbird <i>Molothrus oryzivora</i>	Several along Rio Tuichi
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager <i>Habia rubica</i>	Several at Chalalan
Silver-beaked Tanager <i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	Many at Chalalan

Green-and-gold Tanager <i>Tangara schrankii</i>	Many at Chalalan
Masked Tanager <i>Tangara nigrocincta</i>	Several at Chalalan
Opal-rumped Tanager <i>Tangara velia</i>	Several at Chalalan
Turquoise Tanager <i>Tangara mexicana</i>	Several at Chalalan
Yellow-bellied Tanager <i>Tangara xanthogastra</i>	One at Chalalan
Swallow Tanager <i>Tersina viridis</i>	Two at Chalalan and two along Rio Tuichi
Rust-and-yellow Tanager <i>Thlypopsis ruficeps</i>	Several near Sorata
Blue-and-yellow Tanager <i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>	Several near Sorata
Palm Tanager <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	Several in Rurrenebaque and Chalalan
Sayaca Tanager <i>Thraupis sayaca</i>	Several near Sorata and in Rurrenebaque (with pale shoulders)
Cinereous Conebill <i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>	Many near Sorata and at Lake Titicaca
Green Honeycreeper <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	Several at Chalalan
Black-faced Dacnis <i>Dacnis lineata</i>	Several at Chalalan
Blue Dacnis <i>Dacnis cayana</i>	Several at Chalalan
Yellow-bellied Dacnis <i>Dacnis flaviventer</i>	Several at Chalalan
Rufous-collared Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	Many near Sorata and many Altiplano sites
Band-tailed Seedeater <i>Catamenia analis</i>	Several near Sorata
Plain-coloured Seedeater <i>Catamenia inornata</i>	Several near Sorata (near La Gruta de San Pedro)
Black-throated Flower-piercer <i>Diglossa brunneiventris</i>	Several at Lake Titicaca and few near Sorata

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