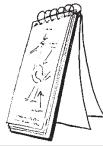


# Neotropical Notebook



Neotropical Notebook contains two sections. The first summarises records published elsewhere in the literature, following the format previously established in *Cotinga*. The second lists unpublished and undocumented records. Photographs are published where appropriate.

## PUBLISHED RECORDS FROM THE LITERATURE

### CARIBBEAN

#### Cuba

Formerly only a vagrant to the country, **American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* has recently been recorded breeding in Cuba, with two colonies located in the Ciénaga de Birama in June 2007<sup>64</sup>.

#### Grenada

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* has been recorded on Grenada (and in the Lesser Antilles) for the first time, a bird present on 31 May–1 June 2010<sup>130</sup>.

### MIDDLE AMERICA

#### Belize

**Harpy Eagle** *Harpia harpyja* has been discovered nesting in the country for the first time<sup>109</sup>.

#### Costa Rica

The latest (2012) update to the country's checklist includes the addition of eight completely new records not resulting from changed taxonomy—**Canvasback** *Aythya valisineria*, **Redhead** *A. americana*, **Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus*, **Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis*, **Manx Shearwater** *P. puffinus*, **Galápagos Shearwater** *P. subalaris*, **White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus* and **Red-tailed Tropicbird**

*P. rubricauda*—as well as seven for which more complete evidence is now available, namely **Markham's Storm Petrel** *Oceanodroma markhami*, **Clapper Rail** *Rallus longirostris*, **Grey Gull** *Leucophaeus modestus*, **Rufous Nightjar** *Antrostomus rufus*, **Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*, **Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis* and **Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*<sup>91</sup>. Ten new species for Cocos Island have been reported recently, namely **Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca carolinensis*, **Northern Shoveler** *A. clypeata*, **Sora** *Porzana carolina*, **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*, **Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*, **Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata*, **Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*, **Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris*, **Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* and **Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*<sup>57</sup>. A detailed look at the breeding biology of **White-eared Ground Sparrow** *Melozone leucotis* has revealed that the species constructs two different types of nest<sup>114</sup>.

#### El Salvador

The first country record of **Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula* was made in Montecristo National Park in July 2012<sup>99</sup>, while the first **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*, a species that is spreading north in Central America, was photographed in March 2012<sup>1</sup>.

#### Mexico

**Goosander** (Common Merganser) *Mergus merganser* has been photographed in Durango<sup>82</sup> (one of the southernmost records ever) and **Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis* is a new species for the state of Chihuahua<sup>88</sup>. A number of novel distributional records have been published

for the globally threatened **Black-capped Vireo** *Vireo atricapilla*<sup>78</sup>, **Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens*, **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinicus*, **Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*, **Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor* and **Bobolink** *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* have been added to the avifauna of Hidalgo<sup>126</sup>, while **Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa* has been confirmed in the same state<sup>20</sup>, **Mexican Jay** *Aphelocoma californica*, **Black-vented Oriole** *Icterus wagleri* and **Montezuma Oropendola** *Psarocolius montezuma* are new for Tamaulipas<sup>107</sup>, with **Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* reconfirmed for there, and **Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*, **Willet** *Tringa semipalmata* and **Snowy Plover** *Charadrius nivosus* all recorded for the first time in Querétaro<sup>56</sup>. The invasive **European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* has been discovered breeding in the city of Pachuca, Hidalgo<sup>45</sup>. **Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* has been added to the avifauna of Jalisco<sup>100</sup> and **Black-throated Magpie-Jay** *Calocitta colliei* to that of Michoacán<sup>3</sup>. **Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens* has been discovered at several new localities in Puebla and Oaxaca<sup>46</sup>. **Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* has been found breeding in the Sierra Madre del Sur, Guerrero<sup>14</sup>, and **Military Macaw** *Ara militaris* has been discovered in the north of the same state<sup>128</sup>, with a breeding colony in north-east Guerrero<sup>62</sup>. The spread of **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* continues, with the first breeding records in the Yucatán<sup>25</sup>. The nests and eggs of **Clarion Wren** *Troglodytes tanneri*<sup>123</sup>, **Cozumel Vireo** *Vireo bairdi*<sup>65</sup> and **Rose-bellied Bunting** *Passerina rositae*<sup>97</sup> have been described.

**Nicaragua**

Known from very few previous records in Nicaragua, **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Picoides scalaris* has been recorded on the country's north-east Pacific coast<sup>26</sup>.

**Panama**

Three new records for Panama are also first records for Middle America and the AOU's North American Checklist region:

**Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni*, **Large-billed Seed**

**Finch** *Oryzoborus crassirostris* and **Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus*<sup>5</sup>.

**SOUTH AMERICA****Argentina****White-chinned Sapphire**

*Hylocharis cyanea* is known from just one previous record in Argentina, in Buenos Aires in 1926, but a dead specimen was discovered at the border of Salta and Jujuy provinces in October 2010<sup>31</sup>. There have been further records of **Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** *Eupetomena macroura* in Misiones province<sup>21</sup>. Among new province records, the following six species are all new for San Juan: **Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus hyperorius*, **Snowy-crowned Tern**

*Sterna trudeaui*, **Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*, **Blue-tufted Starthroat** *Heliomaster furcifer*, a **doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx* sp. and **Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant** *Euscarthmus meloryphus*<sup>72</sup>.

**Puna Flamingo** *Phoenicoparrus jamesi*<sup>74</sup>, as well as **Dinelli's Doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx dinelliana*<sup>73</sup>, and separately **Grey Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*<sup>37</sup> and **Green-backed Firecrown** *Sephanoides sephaniodes*<sup>79</sup> have also been added to the same province's avifauna.

**Steinbach's Canastero** *Pseudasthenes steinbachi* to that of Río Negro<sup>8</sup>, **Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblyramphus holosericeus* appears to be establishing itself in Mendoza<sup>80</sup>, **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* has been discovered breeding in La Pampa<sup>89</sup>, while **Mitred Parakeet** *Aratinga mitrata* and

**Slaty Thrush** *Turdus nigriceps* are new for Santiago del Estero<sup>28</sup>. New research suggests that

**Quebracho Crested Tinamou**

*Eudromia formosa* is declining in northern Argentina<sup>19</sup>, while separately Smith *et al.*<sup>120</sup> report on aspects of the species' distribution, breeding and vocalisations; in contrast, the rare **Black-bodied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus schulzi* appears to be doing better than thought, at least in the mountains of Córdoba<sup>55</sup>. The first detailed breeding data for the widespread **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* have appeared<sup>15</sup>.

**Bolivia**

The nest and eggs of **D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthonoides* have been described from observations in dpto. La Paz<sup>81</sup>, and observations concerning the occurrence and breeding of **Crowned Eagle** *Urubitinga coronata* in dpto. Beni have also been reported<sup>12</sup>.

**Brazil**

Two new species have been added to the national list: **Little Thornbird** *Phacellodomus sibilatrix* (in Rio Grande do Sul, January 2012)<sup>11</sup> and Chaco **Earthcreeper** *Tarphonomus certhioides* (same state, July 2012)<sup>104</sup>, while records of **Bulwer's Petrel** *Bulweria bulwerii* (off Rio de Janeiro, December 2011)<sup>63</sup> and **Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus* (São Paulo, April 2012) are the first documented occurrences in Brazil<sup>22</sup>. Further records of **White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* in far southern Brazil have also been published<sup>32</sup>. Subject to considerable ornithological attention in recent years, Guilherme<sup>53</sup> has provided an overview and checklist of the birds of Acre, the latter numbering 667 confirmed species at present. A major contribution by Lees *et al.*<sup>67</sup> presents the results of a five-month survey of the birds of Paragominas, Pará, which recorded 440 species, with voucher documentation obtained for 418 of these; among the many notable range extensions were

the first records for Pará and Amazonia of **Spotted Piculet** *Picumnus pygmaeus*, the first records east of the rio Tocantins of **Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* and **Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak** *Parkerthraustes humeralis*, and multiple observations of the threatened *paraensis* subspecies of **Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexetastes rufigula*. Our knowledge of the avifauna of Tocantins continues to grow apace, with Dornas *et al.*<sup>36</sup> reporting important range extensions of **Marbled Wood Quail** *Odontophorus gujanensis*, **Blackish Nightjar** *Hydropsalis nigrescens*, **Striolated Puffbird** *Nystalus striolatus*, **Gould's Toucanet** *Selenidera gouldii*, **Manu Antbird** *Cercomacra manu*, **Chestnut-throated Spinetail** *Synallaxis cherriei*, **Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus*, **Purple-breasted Cotinga** *Cotinga cotinga* and **Pale-bellied Mourner** *Rhytipterna immunda* from there. New records and breeding data for **Sooty Swift** *Cypseloides fumigatus*, from the states of Bahia, Goiás, Minas Gerais and Tocantins, have substantially improved our knowledge of the species<sup>90</sup>. Dias *et al.*<sup>34</sup> have reviewed the status and distribution of **Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea* in Brazil.

An interesting work is that of Simpson *et al.*<sup>119</sup>, who prepared a list of 417 documented bird species in the well-watched municipality of Ubatuba, in coastal São Paulo, and a popular area with both resident and foreign birdwatchers on account of its many Atlantic Forest endemics, globally threatened species and rarities. **Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus*, **Grey-bellied Hawk** *Accipiter polioptilus*, **Yellow-breasted Crake** *Porzana flavigaster*, **White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus* and **Creamy-bellied Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila lactea* have been added to the state list for Santa Catarina<sup>111</sup>, as have **Great Dusky Swift** *Cypseloides senex*, **Masked Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila dumicola* and **Solitary Cacique**

*Proacicus solitarius*, while records of **Long-tufted Screech Owl** *Megascops sanctaecatarinae*, **Long-trained Nightjar** *Macropsalis forcipata*, **Greenish Tyrannulet** *Phyllosmyias virescens* and **Southern Antpipit** *Corythopis delalandi* are the first for the state to be published for at least 40 years<sup>2</sup>. Among other new or important state records published since our last review are the first **Chilean Skua** *Stercorarius chilensis*<sup>23</sup> and **Stygian Owl** *Asio stygius* for Espírito Santo<sup>118</sup>, **Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Aratinga acuticaudata* in Minas Gerais<sup>95</sup>, the first **Hyacinth Visorbearer** *Augastes scutatus* for Bahia<sup>127</sup>, **Rondônia Bushbird** *Clytoctantes atrogularis* in Acre<sup>54</sup>, the first **Caatinga Antwren** *Herpsilochmus selloui* for Tocantins<sup>94</sup>, the first **Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*<sup>85</sup> in Santa Catarina, the first **Russet-winged Spadebill** *Platyrinchus leucoryphus* for Bahia<sup>7</sup>, the first documented **Black-crowned Monjita** *Xolmis coronatus* in São Paulo<sup>69</sup>, the first **Masked Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta* for Distrito Federal<sup>102</sup>, the first **Ashy-headed Greenlet** *Hylophilus pectoralis* in Mato Grosso do Sul<sup>13</sup>, and the rediscovery of **Yellow-legged Tinamou** *Crypturellus noctivagus* in Rio Grande do Sul<sup>29</sup>, while nine new localities for **Great Dusky Swift** in Rio Grande do Sul have been reported<sup>71</sup> and the range of **Ochre-breasted Pipit** *Anthus nattereri* has been extended 170 km northwards in Minas Gerais<sup>83</sup>. Pacheco Nunes *et al.*<sup>96</sup> have reviewed the distribution of **Fasciated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* in south-central Brazil, in the states of Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul and Goiás. Ubaid *et al.*<sup>125</sup> present new records of **Buff-fronted Owl** *Aegolius harrisii* in Minas Gerais and São Paulo, including the discovery of a nest. For Mato Grosso do Sul, **Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* was a new state record, while **Black-throated Trogon** *Trogon rufus*, **Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus*

*ruficapillus*, **Buff-bellied Puffbird** *Notharchus swainsoni*, **Rufous-capped Spinetail** *Synallaxis ruficapilla* and **Bare-throated Bellbird** *Procnias nudicollis* were all unusual there<sup>87</sup>. **Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* is expanding its range across the Brazilian Amazon, undoubtedly in response to ongoing deforestation<sup>44</sup>. **Ocellated Crake** *Micropygia schomburgkii*, **Checkered Woodpecker** *Veniliornis mixtus*, **Sharp-tailed Tyrant** *Culicivora caudacuta* and **Black-masked Finch** *Coryphospiza melanotis* have all been documented in the southern Espinhaço of Minas Gerais<sup>84</sup>. Among breeding data recently published are works on **Grey-bellied Hawk** *Accipiter poliopterus*<sup>16</sup>, **White-rumped Hawk** *Buteo leucorrhous*<sup>132</sup>, **Long-tufted Screech Owl**<sup>124</sup>, **Least Nighthawk** *Chordeiles pusillus*<sup>70</sup>, **Ochraceous Piculet** *Picumnus limae*<sup>117</sup>, **Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*<sup>43</sup>, **Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*<sup>66</sup>, **Marsh Antwren** *Stymphalornis acutirostris*<sup>103</sup>, **Chestnut-belted Gnateater** *Conopophaga aurita*<sup>68</sup> and **Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*<sup>4</sup>.

### Chile

The second and third records of **Dark-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus melacoryphus* were made in 2011, in January and May<sup>18</sup>. **Chilean Mockingbird** *Mimus thenca* has been found breeding in the northern part of Chiloé Island<sup>24</sup>. Interesting records mainly from March 2011–February 2012 reported in *La Chiricoca* include: the country's third documented record of **White-capped Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta* off Region V in November 2011, **Henderson Petrel** *Pterodroma atrata* on Easter Island in May 2011 (species only recently documented there), a **Mottled Petrel** *P. inexpectata* in the Drake Passage in February 2012 (no documented records for Chile), a **Red-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon rubricauda* off Region III in January 2012, a **Blue-footed**

**Booby** *Sula nebouxii* off Arica in November 2011, a **Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* off Region II in February 2012, two adult **Yellow-crowned Night Herons** *Nyctanassa violacea* in Arica in April 2011 (see *Cotinga* 32: 157–158 for the first country records), a **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinicus* in Region XV in July 2011, the first documented record of **Wandering Tattler** *Tringa incana* on Easter Island, in March 2011 (and for **Sanderling** *Calidris alba* in December 2010), one or two **Brown Skuas** *Stercorarius antarcticus* on Bartolomé, in the Diego Ramírez archipelago in September–October 2011 (first documented record for Chile), two **Lesser Nighthawks** *Chordeiles acutipennis* in Region I in March 2011, the first Chilean record of **Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon lucidus* photographed in the Metropolitan Region in December 2011, four records of **Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* between late October 2011 and early February 2012 and a **Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* in Region III in October 2011 (second Chilean record)<sup>9,10</sup>.

### Colombia

An expedition in 2011 to the Amazonian state of Guainía produced two new species for the national checklist, **Crimson Fruitecrow** *Haematoderus militaris* (sight record only) and **Spotted Tanager** *Tangara punctata* (photographs)<sup>101</sup>, while **Pacific Hornero** *Furnarius cinnamomeus* has been found in the country for the first time (in dpto. Nariño)<sup>75</sup> and the second Colombian record of **Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri* involved two birds photographed on the north coast in March 2011<sup>110</sup>. Overlooked until recently, a specimen dating from October 1969 of **Black-and-white Tanager** *Conothraupis speculigera* is the first country record<sup>131</sup>. **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator* has been recorded for the first time on Providencia and San Andrés, both of which are in the Caribbean but politically part of Colombia<sup>129</sup>.

Avian inventories in the Serranía de San Lucas in northern Colombia yielded many novel distributional data, among them range extensions for **Pavonine Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx pavoninus*, **Lyre-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis lyra*, **White-tipped Sicklebill** *Eutoxeres aquila*, **Western Woodhaunter** *Hylocistes virgatus*, **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum*, **Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*, **Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor*, **White-crowned Tapaculo** *Scytalopus atratus*, **Rufous-browed Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes supercilialis*, **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus aurantiirostris*, **Golden Tanager** *Tangara arthus* and **Yellow-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavigularis*<sup>35</sup>. The first records in more than a decade of the globally threatened **Santa Marta Wren** *Troglodytes monticola* were made in December 2011<sup>76</sup>. Two new localities for **Todd's Parakeet** *Pyrrhura picta caeruleiceps* have been found in the north-east of the country<sup>17</sup>. **Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* appears to be expanding southwards, having recently arrived in dpto. Valle del Cauca<sup>41</sup>. Among interesting breeding biology data are papers on the endemic **Black Inca** *Coeligena prunellei*<sup>77</sup>, **Red-bellied Grackle** *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster*<sup>92</sup> and **Santa Marta Brush Finch** *Atlapetes melanocephalus*<sup>93</sup>, as well as **Blue-naped Chlorophonia cyanea**<sup>39</sup>. Contra the comment in *Cotinga* 34: 183, Pale-legged Warbler *Basileuterus signatus* had already been removed from the Colombian checklist mentioned therein.

### Ecuador

Natural history notes and new distributional information for **Indigo Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa indigotica* have been presented<sup>121</sup>. **Canary-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris versicololor* has been added to the country's list based on an established exotic population in Guayaquil<sup>40</sup>.

Solano-Ugalde & Real-Jibaja<sup>122</sup> present records of 18 species that improve our understanding of their distributions in eastern Ecuador. Guevara *et al.*<sup>52</sup> censused birds in Sangay National Park, Morona-Santiago, recording 127 species, of which four—**White-bearded Hermit** *Phaethornis hispidus*, **Black-mandibled Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus*, **Spectacled Bristle Tyrant** *Pogonotriccus orbitalis* and **Wing-banded Wren** *Microcerculus bumba*—represented range extensions. Breeding data for Ecuadorian birds continue to be published at a prodigious rate due to the efforts of Harold Greeney and his colleagues, with recent papers including a comparative look at **Ecuadorian Columbine** *buckleyi* and **Croaking Ground Doves** *C. cruziana*<sup>58</sup>, and new data for **Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata*<sup>86</sup>, **Ochre-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaricula flavirostris*<sup>50</sup>, **Crescent-faced Antpitta** *G. lineifrons*<sup>48</sup> and **Black-capped Hemispingus** *Hemispingus atropileus*<sup>49</sup>.

### Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The observation of a **Royal Penguin** *Eudyptes schlegeli* on New Island in January 2011 might represent the first confirmed record for the archipelago<sup>33</sup>.

### French Guiana

Relatively few nests of the secretive **Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* have been described, but to these can be added the first in French Guiana, in January 2009<sup>60</sup>; new nesting data for **Green Araçari** *Pteroglossus viridis* have also been published from the country<sup>60</sup>. Note that the incorrect scientific name was given in association with the first Black-and-white Tanager *Conothraupis speculigera* (not *C. mesoleuca*) reported in *Cotinga* 34: 184, 188.

### Peru

Despite many previous avifaunal surveys of extreme north-west Peru, Sánchez *et al.*<sup>112</sup> report the first (or first documented) records for Tumbes of **Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos*, **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*, **Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus*, **Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus*, **Pallid Dove** *Leptotila pallida*, **Mottled Owl** *Ciccaba virgata*, **Buff-fronted Owl** *Aegolius harrisii*, **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* (first for Peru), **Andean Emerald** *A. franciae viridiceps* (first Peruvian record of this taxon), **Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliothryx barroti* (sight record only, the first for Peru), **Olivaceous Piculet** *Picumnus olivaceus*, **Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Cranioleuca antiensis*, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*, **Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher** *Myiobius barbatus*, **Little Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola fluvialis*, **Ochraceous Attila** *Attila torridus*, **Flame-rumped Tanager** *Ramphocelus flammigerus*, **Silvery-throated Tanager** *Tangara icterocephala*, **Bay-crowned Brush Finch** *Atlapetes seебohmi* and **Blue Seedeater** *Amaurospiza concolor*. Robbins *et al.*<sup>105</sup> describe bird surveys over the course of a 30-year period at Abra Maruncunca, Puno, which yielded the first occurrence and clarification of the status in Peru for **Ochre-cheeked Spinetail** *Synallaxis scutata*, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus viridis*, **Scimitar-winged Piha** *Lipaugus uropygialis*, **White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis contemptus*, **Blue-browed Tanager** *Tangara c. cyanotis*, **White-browed Brush Finch** *Arremon torquatus* and **Yellow-bellied Siskin** *Sporagra xanthogastra*. Within the context of an avian inventory of Laquipampa Wildlife Refuge, Lambayeque, Angulo *et al.*<sup>6</sup> present notes on 16 species for which the new data consolidate our knowledge of their status and distribution in northern Peru. Further breeding data for the globally threatened **Peruvian Plantcutter** *Phytotoma raimondii*<sup>108</sup>, secretive **Olive Finch** *Arremon castaneiceps*<sup>38</sup> and little-known **Selva Cacique**

*Cacicus koepckeae* have been published<sup>51</sup>. The range of **Ecuadorian Thrush** *Turdus maculirostris* has been extended south to Piura<sup>30</sup> and that of **Rainbow Starfrontlet** *Coeligena iris* to Ancash (and to a new high elevation)<sup>116</sup>, while **Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus* is expanding northwards through the east of the country<sup>98</sup>, doubtless in response to deforestation. **Comb Duck** is an addition to the avifauna of Ayacucho<sup>42</sup> and **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* to the list for Manu National Park<sup>115</sup>. The first breeding data for **Bearded Mountaineer** *Oreonympha nobilis*<sup>27</sup>, **Stripe-headed Antpitta** *Grallaria andicolus*<sup>47</sup> and **Orange-eared Tanager** *Chlorochrysa calliparea*<sup>113</sup> have been published.

### Uruguay

The first records of **Great-winged Petrel** *Pterodroma macroptera* in the country were in May 2003 and March 2007<sup>61</sup>.

### Venezuela

The first breeding data for the globally threatened and endemic **Plain-flanked Rail** *Rallus wetmorei* have been published<sup>106</sup>.

## OTHER RECORDS RECEIVED

### Belize

The following records were submitted by J & JB. Single **Pinnated Botaurus** *pinnatus* and **American Bitterns** *B. lentiginosus* were at Hopkins, south of Dangriga, Stan Creek, on 22 February 2011, while two of the second-named species were at a pool between San Ignacio and Black Rock Lodge, Cayo, on 19 February 2011 (when known to have been present for at least two weeks). At least 20 **White-winged Doves** *Zenaida asiatica* were at Sittee River, south of Dangriga, Stan Creek, on 22 February 2011 (considered an ‘autumn migrant’ there; photographed). A **Swainson’s Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* at Black Rock Lodge,

near San Ignacio, on 15 February 2011, was presumably a winterer or very early spring migrant (usually not before late March), while a **White-throated Thrush** *Turdus assimilis* was also present at feeders there on 15–19 February 2011 (photographed), and a male **Rose-throated Tanager** *Piranga roseogularis* there on 14 February 2011 was at the southern edge of the species’ range, although it is well known to lodge staff. Also at Black Rock Lodge was a female **Western Tanager** *P. ludoviciana* on 13 February 2011 (considered only a vagrant to Belize), while two adult **Altamira Orioles** *Icterus gularis* at Jaguar Reef resort, Hopkins, Stan Creek, on 21 February 2011 (photographed), were well south of the species’ range as shown in Jones (2004, *Birds of Belize*).

### Colombia

In September 1997, TMD & LD observed several **American Golden Plovers** *Pluvialis*



Figure 1. Franklin’s Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*, Parque Simón Bolívar, Bogotá, Colombia, October 2011 (Miles McMullan)



Figure 2. Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae*, Clarita Botero, Ibagué, Colombia, January 2012 (Nick Athanas)

*dominica* and a **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* at CIAT, between Palmira and Cali, dpto. Valle del Cauca (03°30'14"N 76°21'20"W), where a semi-flooded rice field attracted many migrant waders, including **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* and both yellowlegs *Tringa* spp. The dowitcher was studied carefully with a North American field guide at hand, but no photographs were obtained. Both species are rare migrants in Colombia. A juvenile **Franklin’s Gull** *Leucophaeus pipixcan* was at Parque Simón Bolívar, Bogotá (04°39'26"N 74°05'42"W), in October 2011 (Fig. 1; TMD & MM) during a severe storm; there are very few previous inland records for Colombia and this is the first for the Bogotá region. A **Buff-winged Starfrontlet** *Coeligena lutetiae* was photographed (Fig. 2) on 26 January 2012 at 1,700 m at Clarita Botero, Ibagué (NA), an unusually low altitude (cf. McMullan et al. 2011: 2,800–3,700 m).

### Cuba

Interesting records from the Sabana-Camagüey archipelago included a very large flock of c.390 **American Avocets** *Recurvirostra americana* and a female-type **Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus* on Cayo Coco on 23 February 2013, with a female **Black-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris bicolor* on Cayo Paredón Grande on 7 March 2013 (ADM), while a series of unusually late records (all from spring 2013) are as follows: **Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* (La Habana, 27 April), **Canvasback** *A. valisineria* (La Habana, 27 April), **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator* (Cayo Coco, 3 May) and **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* (Cayo Coco, 4 May) (GMK, WP et al.). A **Chimney Swift** *Chaetura peligra* was over La Cueva de los Portales, Pinar del Río province, on 25 March 2013 (SA, CS). Reports from DA include a **Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius* on Cayo Coco on 8–9 March 2013; three **Lesser Black-**



Figure 3. Cape May Warbler *Setophaga tigrina*, Scarborough, Tobago, April 2013 (Beth Ellis)

**backed Gulls** *Larus fuscus* in Havana on 28 February 2013, with one there on 16 March and three again on 17 March; and a **Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis* in Parque Lenin, Havana, on 27 February 2013, with three there on 15 March.

#### Ecuador

Among the many impressive reports featured on the 'Aves Ecuador' website ([www.avesecuador.com](http://www.avesecuador.com)) are a **Southern Scrub Flycatcher** *Sublegatus modestus* at Pacto Sumaco, Napo, on 11 June 2012 (first record), a male **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta* at Lago San Pablo, Imbabura, on 28 June–2 July 2012 (first record), a female **Southern Martin** *Progne elegans* at Pañacocha, Sucumbíos, on 16 August 2012 (first documented record), two **Panama Flycatchers** *Myiarchus panamensis* at San Lorenzo, Esmeraldas, on 16 December 2012, and a **Dwarf Cuckoo** *Coccyzus pumilus* at Las Peñas, Esmeraldas, on 17 December 2012 (both first records); all of these are supported by photographs, and some also by sound-recordings.

#### Peru

On 20 August 2012 an adult

#### Marvelous Spatuletail

*Loddigesia mirabilis* was observed by JB & TM at Kuelap fortress (06°25'05"S 77°55'24"W), providing only the second record from the west side of the Utcubamba Valley and the highest-known elevation for the species (c.3,020 m). Local people claim that the species breeds there.

#### Trinidad & Tobago

A Cape May Warbler *Setophaga tigrina* was at Scarborough, Tobago on 7 April 2013 (I & BE; Fig. 3).

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