

Neotropical Notebook

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This article collates noteworthy records from recent literature and social media plus the occasional unpublished observation. Highlights include several potential additions to the South American avifauna and numerous new country records. Unless otherwise stated, inclusion of records here does not imply acceptance by the relevant records committee.

Argentina

Apparently the first record for South America of **Australasian Shoveler** *Spatula rhynchotis* (indeed, the first away from Australasia) comprises a male specimen discovered at the Museu Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Crozariol & Nacinovic, 2017). It was reportedly collected in Entre Ríos province, Argentina, prior to 1897. The poorly known **Dot-winged Crake** *Porzana spiloptera* is patchily distributed in the lowlands of southern South America. Zarco *et al.* (2017) report a new population at a high-elevation site in the central Andes (c.1,900 m in the Upsallata Valley, Mendoza) during January–February 2013 (Fig. 1). The first records of **Striped Owl** *Asio clamator* for north Patagonia (provinces Neuquén and Río Negro) were documented in 2017–18. They extend the known range southwest by 705 km (Bianchini 2018). Sarquis *et al.* (2017) document two species new for Entre Ríos province: **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* (based on photographs from 1991!) and **Surucua Trogon** *Trogon surrucura* (a range extension of 390 km from Santa Fé. Newly documented for Córdoba province is **Rufous-sided Crake** *Laterallus melanophaius* (Cejas *et al.* 2018). Pagano *et al.* (2017) detail the

first **Swallow-tailed Kites** *Elanoides forficatus* for Córdoba and Santiago del Estero provinces.

New for Buenos Aires province – and a range extension south of 270 km – is **Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* (Colombo *et al.* 2018).

1 Dot-winged Crake, Upsallata Valley, Mendoza, Argentina, January 2013 (Agustín Zarco/ECA-IADIZA-CONICET).



Brazil

Satellite telemetry has revealed a new species for Brazil and the Americas: a juvenile **Ascension Frigatebird** *Fregata aquila* was tracked into Brazilian waters in June–July 2014 (Williams *et al.* 2017). Another species new for Brazil and the Americas was an immature **Allen's Gallinule** *Porphyrio alleni* at Fernando de Noronha, Pernambuco, on 20 February 2018, photographed by Leopoldo Pivovar Plotecya (WikiAves WA2897831). The first **Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* for mainland South America was a bird photographed at Parque do Cocó, Fortaleza, Ceará, on 18 March 2018 (Macaulay Library record ML90340181, *per A. C. Lees in litt.*); this Old World species may now be established on Fernando do Noronha. Geolocator data for a female **Caribbean Martin** *Progne dominicensis* suggest that the species's wintering grounds include western Bahia, Brazil (Perlut *et al.* 2017). This would seem to represent the first confirmed record for Brazil. There were four other Brazilian firsts. A first calendar-year male **Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens* was photographed at Gameleira do Dida, Campo Formoso, Bahia, on 2 September 2016 (Deconto & Villegas Vallejos 2017). A female **Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus* was photographed at Laguna de Araruama, Praia Seca, Rio de Janeiro, on 27 November 2015 (Fig. 2; Pimenta & Alves Serpa 2017). Records of **European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* came from three sites in Rio Grande do Sul during 2014–2017 (Cavitione e Silva *et al.* 2017) and included numerous juveniles, providing evidence of the continuing spread of this non-native, Old World species. A female **Lophornis coquette**, thought to be **Rufous-crested** *L. delattrei* rather than the similar but geographically more remote **Spangled** *L. stictolophus*, was photographed in the Serra do Avisor, Acre, on 9 August 2017. Either taxon would be new for Brazil (de Andrade Plácido *et al.* 2018). Thiago Costa *et al.* (2017) report five new records of **Rondônia Bushbird** *Clytoctantes atrogularis* across three states (Mato



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2 Female Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* (right) with Wilson's Phalaropes *P. tricolor* and Black-necked Stilts *Himantopus mexicanus*, Laguna de Araruama, Praia Seca, Rio de Janeiro, 27 November 2015 (Eduardo Pimenta). **3** Buff-fronted Owl *Aegolius harrisi*, Parque dos Falcões, Itabaiana, Sergipe, Brazil, November 2014 (Juan Manuel Ruiz-Esparza Aguilar). **4** Adult male Buffy-fronted Seedeater *Sporophila frontalis*, Cachoeira dos Borges, Mampituba, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, September 2016 (Ricardo Dossa Colvero).

Grosso, Amazonas and Rondônia), considerably extending its known range. Hitherto this enigmatic, Vulnerable species from Amazonia was known only from the holotype and three field records. Of similar significance, a **Brazilian Merganser** *Mergus octosetaceus* (Critically Endangered) photographed at Serra do Mar in August 2017 was the first in São Paulo for c.200 years (Nema-Neto *et al.* 2018). New for Sergipe state were **Buff-fronted Owl** *Aegolius harrisi* (Fig. 3; Ruiz-Esparza *et al.* 2017b), **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* (Ruiz-Esparza *et al.* 2017a) and **Silvery-cheeked Antshrike** *Sakesphorus cristatus* (Guimarães *et al.* 2017). First documented records for Rio Grande do Sul were **Paint-billed Crake** (Bertin *et al.* 2017) and **Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* (da Silveira Pereira 2017). **Buffy-fronted Seedeater** *Sporophila frontalis* has been rediscovered in the state, 133 years after the last record (Fig. 4; Gava Just *et al.* 2017). Guilherme *et al.* (2017) document four new species for Acre: **Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis*, **Paint-billed Crake** *Neocrex erythrops*, **Plain-breasted Ground Dove** *Columbina minuta* and **Azure Gallinule** *Porphyrio flavirostris*. New for Piauí was **Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* (dos Santos Soares *et al.* 2017). New for São Paulo were **Coscoroba Swan** *Coscoroba coscoroba* (Alexandre *et al.* 2017), **Kerguelen Petrel** *Lugensa brevirostris* and **Light-mantled Albatross** *Phoebastria palpebrata* (both Chupil *et al.* 2018). New for Mato Grosso do Sul (plus a first for the Pantanal ecoregion and a range extension of c.1,000 km) was a **Lake Duck** *Oxyura vittata* (Severo-Neto *et al.* 2017). **Brazilian Ruby** *Clytolaema rubricauda* has been rediscovered in the same state after an absence of 130 years (Bencke *et al.* 2017). Three **Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis* at Palmas, Parana, on 26 January 2017 extend the known range 700 km south west (Andriola & Marcon 2017). A (belated!) analysis of seabird specimens collected during beach surveys of Paraná during 1992–1994 reveals three new state

records: **Cory's Shearwater** *Calonectris diomedea*, **Sooty Shearwater** *Ardenna griseus* and **Snowy Sheathbill** *Chionis albus* (Daudt *et al.* 2017). The authors propose removal from the state avifauna of **White-capped Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta* and **Broad-billed Prion** *Pachyptila vittata* “due to the lack of tangible evidence”. New for Espírito Santo is **Pale Baywing** *Agelaioides fringillarius* (Bonfa *et al.* 2018).

Chile

Tejeda *et al.* (2017) present the first documented country records of **White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*. Birds were recorded in December 2017 and January 2018 at Cascada Invertida, Cordillera de Maule. Chile's first documented **Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* was photographed at Hacienda Huenetelauquén, Coquimbo, in September 2016 (Fig. 5; Bravo *et al.* 2017). A decomposed **Broad-billed Prion** *Pachyptila vittata* found during a beached-bird survey in northern Chile on 28 February 2014 provided the species's first confirmed presence in Chilean waters (Portflitt-Toro *et al.* 2018). In *Neotropical Birding* 21: 12 and 21: 56, we reported that **Raimondi's Yellow Finch** *Sicalis raimondii* had been discovered in Chile. Subsequently, there have been several records from the Chaca and Camarones Valleys (Arica and Parinacota) from October 2016 to January 2017 (Medrano & Vizcarra 2017). These include a flock of 300 at Camarones, with suggestions of breeding. **Chocolate-vented Tyrant** *Neoxolmis rufiventris* was recorded c.600 km north of its known range, at Ñirehuao, Aysén, on 20 October 2014 (Godoy-Güinao *et al.* 2016). **Burrowing Parrot** *Cyanoliseus patagonus* has returned to the Maipo watershed near Santiago, after five decades of local extinction (González *et al.* 2017). Barros (2017a, 2017b) collates many interesting observations during 2016. These include: the first **Erect-crested Tinamou** *Eudromia elegans* for Magallanes region, in January; the first



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5 Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*, Hacienda Huentelauquén, Coquimbo, Chile, September 2016 (Carlos Zuleta).

Buller's Albatross *Thalassarche bulleri* for Juan Fernández (November); the first documented country records of **Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis* (in the Lluta Valley during April and Mejillones region in June); Chile's third **Wilson's Plover** *Charadrius wilsonia* (Huasco Valley, June); Chile's second to fourth **Least Terns** *Sternula antillarum* (Lluta Valley in June–July and November; and Tongoy in October); Chile's fourth **Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger* (Arica, October); Chile's first **Lesser Shirke-Tyrant** *Agriornis murina* (Rocuant-Andalién, January); Chile's third **Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris* (Arica, May); Chile's first confirmed **Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* (Arica/Parinacota, November–December); and the country's first **Bobolinks** *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (Ascotán, February; and Rocuant-Andalién, April). Details of several of these will hopefully be published in due course.

Colombia

Renjifo *et al.* (2017) present details of surveys in August 2010 of the slope of Cerro Tacarcuna. These include Colombia's first confirmed records of **Ochraceous Wren** *Troglodytes ochraceus* and **Beautiful Treerunner** *Margarornis bellulus*. **Black-headed Antthrush** *Formicarius nigricapillus*, **Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* and **Yellow-throated Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus*

flavigularis were new for the Darién highlands.

The authors also unveiled previously overlooked specimens from 1980 that provide the first confirmed records for Colombia of **Sooty-faced Finch** *Arremon crassirostris*. Another addition to the Colombian avifauna was **Yellow-crowned Elaenia** *Myiopagis flavivertex*, with four records between October 2014 and January 2017 near Caño Matraca, Puerto Inírida, eastern Guainía (Flórez & Kirwan 2017). The first record of **Ash-throated Crake** *Mustelirallus albicollis* for the Cordillera Central of the Colombian Andes was a road-killed individual at Porce, Antioquia, on 11 September 2005 (Calderón-Franco *et al.* 2017). This record represents a range extension of 250–300 km.

Costa Rica

The Comité de Especies Raras y Registros Ornitológicos de Costa Rica provided an updated list of the birds of the country, in the light of changes made between October 2015 and September 2016 (Garrigues *et al.* 2016). Four species are formally added to the Costa Rican list: **Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix* (see *Neotropical Birding* 21: 57), **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* (Guanacaste, 20 September 2015), **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* (Puntarenas, 20 February 2016) and **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* (Isla de Coco, 29 November 2015). The current country list stands at 918 species. Costa Rica's two previous records of **White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus* came from Isla de Coco in the Pacific Ocean. The first documented record for continental Costa Rica was a bird flying north near Tortuguero on 12 April 2013 (Koenraads & Elizondo 2017). **Rufous-crested Coquette** *Lophornis delattrei* has been rediscovered in the country – the first records since at least 1906 (Vegal del Val 2017). An immature male was present at Rancho Naturalista, Cartago, from 30 October to 15 November 2016.

Cuba

Rodríguez Castaneda *et al.* (2018) present the second and third records of **Lazuli Bunting** *Passerina amoena* for Cuba and the West Indies. Birds were caught by local trappers in Ciego de Ávila province on 20 November 2012 and Ciudad de la Habana province in December 2013. Intriguingly, the authors also present photos of a male **White-winged Snowfinch** *Montifringilla nivalis* purportedly captured in Artemisa province on 12 February 2014. The authors suggest that the bird “probably arrived through vagrancy” on the basis that it “is not a popular cage bird anywhere”. Given the paucity of extralimital records of this montane, Old World species, and the authors' context of clearly exotic birds, this seems rather a bold claim.



6 Ecuador's first Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*, 2 km north of Isla San Cristóbal, Galápagos, Ecuador, 13 August 2011 (George L. Armistead).

7 Tawny-throated Dotterel *Oreopholus ruficollis*, La Chocolata, Salinas, Ecuador, June 2015 (Jonas Nilsson/wildsumaco.com).

8 The first Swinhoe's Storm Petrel *Hydrobates monorhynchus* for South America: Île du Grand-Connétable Réserve Naturelle, French Guiana, 25 May 2017 (Jérémié Tribot).

Ecuador

The third report of the Committee for Ecuadorian Records in Ornithology (CERO) covers the period April 2014 to August 2015 (Freile *et al.* 2017). It reports six species new to Ecuador, one species new to continental Ecuador and four species with first documented records. The wholly new species are **Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca* (December 2014; see *Neotropical Birding* 18: 49–50), **Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus* (2011; Fig. 6; see *Cotinga* 34: 186), **Buller's Albatross** *Thalassarche bulleri* (1997), unidentified **gannet** *Morus* sp. (2002; treated as hypothetical in the absence of documentation), **Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus* (1997: sight record, so treated as hypothetical) and **Slaty Elaenia** *Elaenia strepera* (2014). The species new to Ecuador's continental landmass is **White-bellied Storm Petrel** *Fregretta grallaria* – although the observation was not documented, so the species is treated as hypothetical. The newly documented species are **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* (2014), **(American) Herring Gull** *Larus (argentatus) smithsonianus* (2015; see *Neotropical Birding* 18: 49–50), **Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* (2008 and 2014) and **Grey Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* (2014). Furthermore, notable range extensions for 14 species are presented, as are new records of 12 rare species and the first modern record of **Tawny-throated Dotterel** *Oreopholus ruficollis* (Fig. 7). With the additions documented in the CERO report, the formal Ecuador list stands at 1,679 species (52 undocumented). The first and second records of **Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* for the Ecuadorian Andes came from Parque



Jipiro (2,074 m), Loja, in August–September 2015 (Ordóñez-Delgado *et al.* 2017). They raise the species's known elevational range by c.500 m.

French Guiana

New for South America was a **Swinhoe's Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates monorhynchus* caught by hand when it collided with a small hut at Île du Grand-Connétable Réserve Naturelle on 25 May 2017 (Fig. 8; Flood *et al.* 2017).



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9 Guadeloupe's first Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*, Désirade, 10 November 2018 (Anthony Levesque).

10 Drake Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*, Campo Leon, Presidente Hayes, Paraguay, 6 August 2016 (Oscar Bordón). The country's first documented record, following two previous sight records.

11 Stripe-backed Bittern *Ixobrychus involucris*, Reserva Ecológica Taricaya, Madre de Dios, Peru, 22 May 2015 (Rachel Kilby).

12 Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*, Canoas de Punta Sal, Tumbes, Peru, 8 November 2015 (Dennis Osorio).



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Guadeloupe

The first **Squacco Heron** for the Caribbean was photographed at Désirade on 10 November 2018 (Fig. 9; A. Levesque *per* C. Sharpe *in litt.* 2018).

Mexico

New to Chihuahua state was a **Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica*, present in Aldama from 4 January to 2 February 2016 (González Carrasco 2017). Another new state record was a **Common Loon** *Gavia immer* at Playa Azul, Oaxaca, on 13 July 2014 (Villagómez *et al.* 2017). Five species were reported new to Zacatecas state: **West Mexican Chachalaca** *Ortalis poliocephala*, **Sinaloa Martin** *Progne sinaloae*, **Rufous-winged Sparrow** *Peucaea carpalis*, **Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* and **Blue Bunting** *Cyanocompsa parellina* (Pérez-Arteaga *et al.* 2017).

Paraguay

Clay *et al.* (2017) present the first documented Paraguayan records of **Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* (Bahía de Asunción, Central department, on 2 February 2011), **Franklin's Gull** *L. pipixcan* (Presidente Hayes on 17 June 2004 and 11 July 2007), **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* (Presidente Hayes on 25 July 1999, 3–4 July 2005 and 25 October 2014) and **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*

(Estancia La Graciela, Misiones, on 14 January 2016; see also Clay 2016). Reports of three other species are discussed and treated as hypothetical: **Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*, **Snowy-crowned Tern** *Sterna trudeaui* and **Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*. Lesterhuis *et al.* (2018) present the first documented records of **Speckled Teal** *Anas flavirostris*, **Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*, **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* (Fig. 10) and **Red-gartered Coot** *Fulica armillata*.

Peru

The first two country records of **Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* come from two locations in Loreto in June and August 2017; the latter was photographed (Cuelo Pizarro 2018). Following four records without supporting evidence, Peru's first fully documented **Stripe-backed Bittern** *Ixobrychus involucris* was at Reserva Ecológica Taricaya, 26 km northeast of Puerto Maldonado, Madre de Dios, on 22 May 2015 (Fig. 11; Kilby *et al.* 2018). The third record of **Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* for Peru (and the first to be accepted by the national rarities committee) was photographed at Canoas de Punta Sal, Tumbes, on 8 November 2015 (Fig. 12; García-Bravo & Osorio 2017). Two groups of **Scimitar-winged Piha** *Lipaugus uropygialis* in May 2004 at Santuario Nacional Megantoni, Cuzco, provide only the second Peruvian locality



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13 Flock of Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*, Coronie Dyke, Coronie, Totness, Suriname, 9 November 2017 (Thomas Kerkhove and Luciano Doest). **14** Ruff *Calidris pugnax*, at sea off Suriname (▲ 8.0704, -54.2977), 18 August 2015 (Andy Williams). **15** South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki*, at sea off Suriname (▲ 6.1833, -54.1833), 25 May 2014 (Tomas Willems). **16** Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*, at sea off Suriname (▲ 8.1481, - 54.0366), 16 July 2015 (James Saulino).

for the species and a range extension of c.400 km south east from Puno (Lane & Pequeño 2017). In March 2009, a new site was discovered for **Acre Antshrike** *Thamophilus divisorius* – only the fourth known for this species (Gonzalez & Acuy 2017). **Orange-crowned Euphonia** *Euphonia saturata* was documented for Lambayeque during 2016, a range extension south-east of 289 km (Lazo Paredes 2017). A **Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola capistratus* at Punta San Juan, Ica, on 27 August 2015 was the first for the Peruvian coast (Ampuero Merino *et al.* 2017) – an intriguing sea-level record of this high-altitude tyrannid. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* has been documented in the Peruvian Amazon for the first time, in Loreto and San Martín departments (Ugarte & Marianella Lavalle 2018).

Suriname

The first **Audouin's Gull** *Ichthyaeetus audouinii* for Suriname (and mainland South America) was a third-calendar-year photographed at New Amsterdam on 22 March 2018 and still present on 9 April (☞ surinamebirds.nl/php/bird.php?laau). It appears to be the same individual first seen in Trinidad and Tobago in 2016–17 (see *Neotropical Birding* 22: 54–58). Apparently the first country record of **Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris* comprised a group of nine birds at Coronie Dyke, Coronie, Totness, on

9 November 2017 (Fig. 13; Thomas Kerkhove and Luciano Doest *in litt.* 2018). Surveys in Suriname's territorial waters from 2013–2015 documented at-sea records of 10 taxa not previously known from the country (Willems *et al.* 2017). These were **Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*, **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax* (Fig. 14), **South Polar Skua** *Stercorarius maccormicki* (Fig. 15), **Long-tailed Jaeger** *S. longicaudus*, **Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis acuflavidus*, **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*, **Bridled Tern** *Onychoprion anaethetus*, **Black Noddy** *Anous minutus*, **Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* and **Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* (Fig. 16).

Trinidad and Tobago

A **White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus* photographed at Erin Savannahs, Trinidad, on 9–12 January 2018 constitutes the country's first record (Fig. 17; N. Lallsingh *in litt.* 2018).

17 White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*, Erin Savannahs, Trinidad, January 2018 (Nigel Lallsingh).



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Uruguay

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* has been confirmed to occur (presumably as a vagrant) in Uruguay, following publication of four records between 1995 and 2016, two of which were documented by photographs (Rodríguez-Cajaville *et al.* 2017). Potentially new for the country was an **Elegant Tern** *Thalasseus elegans* photographed at Punta del Este, Maldonado, on 19–23 February 2018 (T. Rabau *in litt.* 2018)

Venezuela

To suitable fanfare, the American Bird Conservancy (2017) announced the rediscovery of **Táchira Antpitta** *Grallaria chthonia*, an enigmatic, Critically Endangered species not seen since it was first recorded in 1955–56. In June 2016, a team led by Jhonathan Miranda found the species in Parque Nacional El Tamá. Miranda was also involved in finding a new bird for Venezuela (and apparently only the second documented record for South America): a **Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus* photographed at El Pico, Falcón, on 25 February 2018, by a team also including a former *Neotropical Birding* editor (Fig. 18; eBird checklist S43174377; Chris Sharpe *in litt.* 2018). The first country record of **White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus* comes from Reserva Biológica de Montecano, Falcón state, on 11 February 2017 (Rodríguez *et al.* 2017). Montecano also hosted **Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana* (first record since 2008) and **Magnolia Warbler** *S. manchada* (third country record); all three vagrants were present on 11 February. Also new for Venezuela was **Ash-coloured Tapaculo** *Myornis senilis*, with three individuals at at Parque Nacional El Tamá in May 2016 (Miranda & Kvarnäck 2017). Rengifo & Puente (2017) present a number of noteworthy records from the Venezuelan Andes and Maracaibo basin, covering a 15-year period. These include the country's 2nd–4th records of **Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* (all at Laguna de Mucubaji in 2007, 2010 and 2014), and 2nd–7th records of **Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus* (same site, 2007–2015). The authors also present details of: 19 species new for the Venezuelan

Andes (including five species of shorebird at the same site, Lagunda de Mucubaji); seven species new

18 Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*, El Pico, Falcón, Venezuela, 25 February 2018 (Christopher J. Sharpe). The first for Venezuela and second documented record for South America.



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for the western slopes of the Venezuelan Andes; one species new for the eastern slope of the same range; 10 species new for Mérida state; three species new for Trujillo; and one species new for Portuguesa.

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