

# Neotropical Notebook



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## CARIBBEAN

### BAHAMAS

A pair of white morph **Red-footed Boobies** *Sula sula* with a single chick were photographed on a small cay off San Salvador on 28 April 1995, the first confirmed breeding record for the Bahamas this century, although the species was recorded in the same area in 1986 and there is a possible report from Atwood's Cay<sup>21</sup>. Two records of **Eastern Phoebes** *Sayornis phoebe* on Grand Bahama, one at Rand Nature Center on 25 November 1995 and another at West End Pool the following day, are the first published records from the West Indies since one on Eleuthera, Bahamas in February 1986 (*American Birds* 40: 529) and only the second and third records since 1972<sup>15</sup>. The spread of the **Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* in the Bahamas continues, the species being recorded daily close to settlements on North Andros Island from 27-31 July 1995<sup>21</sup> (see *Cotinga* 3: 60).

### BERMUDA

A **Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis* at Spittal Pond from 10 August–20 September 1995 was the first record (*Birding World* 9 (2): 76). The first winter record of **Horned Grebe** *P. auritus* concerned one at Castle Harbour on 1 February 1995, whilst the third island record of **Tundra Swan** *Cygnus c. columbianus* was an immature at Spittal Pond on 27 November–1 December 1994 and the sixth **Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata* was off Bermuda on 12 January 1995. An **American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* from 29 October 1995 was the seventh record and a **Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica* the sixth record since 1970 (*Birding World* 9 (2): 76). The first island record of **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* at the Naval Air Station on 25 January 1995 was carefully compared with nearby **American Golden Plovers** *P. dominica*<sup>20</sup> and remained until April (*Birding World* 9 (2): 76). The first winter records for Bermuda of **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucooides* and **Solitary Vireo** *Vireo solitarius* involved a second winter at Bermuda on 2 February 1995 and a single at the same locality from 18 December 1994–February 1995 respectively<sup>20</sup>. The second **Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus* since 1970 was recorded on 11 October and the first **House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* for 10 years on 8 November. A **Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris* at Pembroke Marsh in January 1996 was the first island record, whilst an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cinerascens* on 30 January was

the second record (*Birding World* 9 (2): 76). A **Philadelphia Vireo** *Vireo philadelphicus* was an exceptional island record on 6 February 1995<sup>20</sup>. Autumn 1995 records included the first **Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum* for 12 years was recorded on 7 October, the fifth **Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis* on 24 November, the fourth **Purple Finch** *Carpodacus purpureus* on 12 November and the second **Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* on 18 October (*Birding World* 9 (2): 76).

### CUBA

Over 150 **American Avocets** *Recurvirostra americana* on the coast near Jíbaro, Sancti Spiritus province, between 9–19 June 1995 was the largest number ever reported from the country<sup>3</sup>. Duque<sup>12</sup> reported two rarities for Cuba: a subadult **Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina* collected at Quintana Arriba, north of Meseta de Anafe, on 25 November 1991, and an unusually early **Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* taken north of Havana on 20 September 1995.

### DOMINICA

The first **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* for the Lesser Antilles was reported from Roseau in 1987, where 12 were present on 26 May 1995<sup>20</sup>.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Three **West Indian Whistling-ducks** *Dendrocygna arborea* at Laguna del Salodillo on 22 April 1996 appears to be the first published record for the country since 1986<sup>15</sup>. A pale morph

**Swainson's Hawk** *Buteo swainsonii* just south of Montecristi on 22 April 1996 appears to be the first record for the West Indies (CGB, GMK, RSRW).

#### MONSERRAT

##### **Eurasian Collared Dove**

*Streptopelia decaocto* is now established at Victoria where it has bred since 1990; this and those reported from Dominica (see above) are the first records from the Lesser Antilles<sup>20</sup>.

#### PUERTO RICO

An adult male **Audubon's Oriole** *Icterus graduacauda* at Jobos Beach, near Ramey, on 12 June 1995<sup>5</sup> was the first record for the Caribbean. Given the species's lack of vagrancy potential, this record suggests an escaped cage bird but a range extension or wandering individual cannot be discounted. A female **Northern (Bullock's) Oriole** *I. galbula bullockii* was at Vieques on 22 December 1994<sup>20</sup>.

### CENTRAL AMERICA

#### BELIZE

In February 1996 up to seven **Common Ground-doves** *Columbina passerina* were present in the Placencia area, on the country's east coast, representing a considerable range extension, perhaps assisted by forest clearance (RDME, SM).

#### COSTA RICA

**Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* is not known to breed in Costa Rica; however ten engaged in courtship flights on Isla Santa Catalina on 21 November 1993 suggests that it may do so<sup>11</sup>.

A **Ruddy Crane** *Laterallus ruber* at Laguna de Lagarto Lodge on 12 November 1995 was about the third country record (JE, DK). A pair of **American Avocets** *Recurvirostra americana* at the mouth of the Parismina River on

19 November 1995 was a rare record and possibly the first for the Caribbean coast (AD, LE, BF). A **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites subruficollis* at Tarcoles on 10 August 1995 was perhaps injured (PE). **Rufous-browed Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes supercilialis* is now known to be common in the upper Río Tuis valley with a single also being recorded at Rancho Naturalista, providing confirmation of this species's presence in the Talamanca mountains (per JvdG). A female **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* at Palo Verde National Park on 8 June 1995 (JvdG) and a **Black-throated Green Warbler** *Dendroica virens* in the upper Río Tuis valley on 20 July 1995 (PE) were both unusually late; both birds presumably overwintered.

#### MEXICO

Contreras-Baldas *et al.*<sup>10</sup> list five new species for Nuevo León state, all in the Univ. Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL) collection: a **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*, an adult female and adult male **Yellow Warbler** *Dendroica petechia*, an adult male **Black-throated Blue Warbler** *D. caerulescens* (the first record for continental Mexico), an adult male **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* and an immature female **Northern Waterthrush** *Seiurus noveboracensis*. Additionally a male **Burrowing Owl** *Speotyto cunicularia* in the same collection was the first record from Aguascalientes state.

A series of first records from Tabasco state in 1993 are as follows: **American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*, **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* (recorded on four dates at El Bosque, with three on 14 September), **Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda* (one, probably a juvenile, on 20 September at El Bosque), **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites*

*subruficollis* (single juveniles at El Bosque on 5 and 21 September), **Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*, **Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis* (four at Atasta on 26 June), **Common Nighthawk** *Chordeiles minor*, "**Brewster's Warbler**" *Vermivora pinus* x *V. chrysoptera* (at El Bosque on 27 August), **Cerulean Warbler** *Dendroica cerulea* (recorded on five days at El Bosque with the first on 7 September), **Townsend's Warbler** *D. townsendi* (recorded on two dates at El Bosque with the first on 20 September), **Connecticut Warbler** *Oporornis agilis* (recorded at El Bosque on 26 August), **Swainson's Warbler** *Limnithlypis swainsonii* (recorded on four dates at El Bosque with the first on 5 September), a single **Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater* at Atasta on 27 June and a **Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* at El Bosque on 24 September. Additionally the first breeding record of **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* was obtained and a very recently fledged **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* at Los Idoles on 11 July suggested local breeding, the nearest known breeding sites being in western Veracruz (all records per MG).

#### PANAMA

At least 15, including three male **Scintillant Hummingbirds** *Selasphorus scintilla* above Cerro Colorado on 18 December 1995 were unusual as the species was only previously known in this area from a single record on Cerro Flores. A pair of **Flame-throated Warblers** *Parula gutturalis* at Cerro Colarado on 18 December 1995 appears to be the first record from eastern Chirique (all records DES).

### SOUTH AMERICA

#### ARGENTINA

There is just one previous record of **American Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* in Córdoba province; thus three south of Villa

General Belgrano, Calamuchita on 15 January 1994 and one at Casa Grande, Punilla on 7 March 1994 were significant<sup>27</sup>. Since November 1985 there have been several observations of **Grey-necked Wood-rail** *Aramides cajanea* at four localities in Córdoba province, and the species has also been tape-recorded at one site, providing the first province records<sup>27</sup>. A total of 8,988 **Horned Coots** *Fulica cornuta* were counted on lagoons in the Vilama and Pululos area, Jujuy province, in October 1995, with 180 nests also located<sup>7</sup>. The world population was previously estimated at c. 5,000 birds<sup>9</sup>. A single **Surfbird** *Aphriza virgata* was on Rio Grande beach, Tierra del Fuego on 17 and 22 February 1995; this species is usually restricted to the Pacific coast of South America in winter<sup>19</sup>, but is annual at this site (M. P. Pearman pers. comm.).

#### BOLIVIA

Recent records from Tarija department in the extreme south of the country include the first departmental records of **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* (five on the Rio Tarija just north of Tarija town on 14 December 1994 and five on the Rio Salinas between Entre Ríos and La Cueva on the same date), **Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera* (nine between Pasajes and Laguna Grande on 5 December 1995), **White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonarius* (at least 50 over Tarija airport on 14 December 1994) and **Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus borealis* (one by the Rio Emboroazu on 3 December 1995 – apparently the southernmost record in South America, just 10 km from the Argentinian border). Confirmation of species first recorded by Mayer<sup>18</sup> in Tarija involved an immature **Fasciated Tiger-heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* at the southern edge of Reserva Nacional Tariquia (date not

provided), frequent sightings of **Band-tailed Pigeons** *Columba fasciata* in forest west of Narvaez on 21 and 23 November 1995, three **Rufous-bellied Saltators** *Saltator rufiventris* in the Erquis valley near Tarija between 2,300–2,500 m, on 14 December 1994 and two in the Río La Huerta valley, near Camacho on 18 December 1994, while **Plumbeous Sierra-finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* was found to be common on the Cuesta de Sama, between Tarija and Iscayachi, in December 1994 and upriver of La Palca on 1 December 1995 (all records SJT, LT).

RB reports at least 16 **Military Macaws** *Ara militaris* south of Buena Vista and immediately north of the current boundary of Amboró National Park, Santa Cruz, on 5 April 1996, with at least 60 in the same area on 8 April 1996, the second or third Bolivian and Noel Kempff Mercado National Park record of **Rufous-tailed Attila** *Attila phoenicurus* at Flor de Oro on 11 April 1996, and a total of about ten of the threatened **Black-and-tawny Seedeater** *Sporophila nigrorufa* at Flor de Oro on 11 April 1996 with several, including two males, still there on 13 April 1996.

#### BRAZIL

Pacheco<sup>22</sup> documents the first occurrence of several new species in the Mamirauá Reserve (EEM) near the junction of the Rio Japurá and Rio Solimões, western Amazonas during fieldwork between January 1993 and September 1994. **Brown-throated Parakeet** *Aratinga pertinax* was noted on the northern border of the reserve on several occasions, which along with a record from Igarapé Belém<sup>1</sup> provide the first reports from the rio Solimões basin. **Olive-spotted Hummingbird** *Leucippus chlorocercus* was found to be common; elsewhere in Brazil it is known only from Ilha Marchantaria, near Manaus, and

elsewhere on the Solimões near Tabatinga on the Colombian border. Both **Yellow Tyrannulet** *Capsiempis flaveola* and **River Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga hypoleuca* were confirmed to occur, the former a westwards range extension of 600 km. The latter was only previously known in Brazil from a single record in Roraima and the lower Rio Madeira, south of the Amazon. Two records of **Little Ground-tyrant** *Muscisaxicola fluviatilis*, on 1 and 15 July 1993, were significant. The species is only known in Brazil from recent sight records in Rondônia and single records at Maruins, Rondônia, in June 1908 and on the upper Rio Madeira in November 1829. **Dull-capped Attila** *Attila bolivianus* was common at EEM, the first records north of the Amazon in Brazil, and **White-shouldered Antbird** *Myrmeciza melanocephala* was found in the westernmost sector of the reserve, an eastwards range extension of 500 km. The **White-bellied Spinetail** *Synallaxis propinqua* was discovered to be fairly common in EEM, whilst **Orange-fronted Plushcrown** *Metopothryx aurantiacus* was uncommon there; only two specimens and one sight record exist for Amazonian Brazil. A single **Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* at EEM on 25 August 1994 and four at Macapá, Amapá, on 10 January 1994 are only the second and third documented records in Amazonian Brazil. **Orange-fronted Yellow-finch** *Sicalis columbiana* was regular at EEM, a westward range extension of 400 km.

Whittaker<sup>30</sup> documents the first **Dwarf Cuckoo** *Coccyzus pumilus* for Brazil; a single on Maracá island, Roraima, on 23 December 1987. The same observer discovered three new species for Brazil during a survey of the upper Rio Juruá, near Boca de Tejo, Acre, in December 1995: **Rufous-fronted Anthrush**

*Formicarius rufifrons*, **Round-tailed Manakin** *Pipra chloromeros* and **Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis* (AW). Jaú National Park continues to provide interesting records: **Tawny-tufted Toucanet** *Selenidera spectabilis*, **Lanceolated Monklet** *Micromonacha lanceolata*, **Yellow-throated Antwren** *Myrmotherula ambigua* and **Chestnut-crested Antbird** *Rhegmatorhina cristata* have all been recorded recently, representing substantial range extensions from the upper Rio Negro (SB, ACa, MCH, MH). At the same locality AW recorded **Zimmer's Tody-tyrant** *Hemitriccus minimus*, previously known in Brazil only from south of the Amazon and east of the Rio Madeira. **Pelzeln's Tody-tyrant** *Hemitriccus inornatus* was discovered at a new site on the upper Rio Negro, near São Gabriel de Cachoeira, and a singing male **White-naped Seedeater** *Dolospingus fringilloides*, 150 km north of Manaus, on the Rio Apuau on 23 August 1995 was a range extension of c. 850 km from the upper Rio Negro (AW).

Three **Golden Parakeets** *Guaruba guarouba* in terra firme forest at Alta Floresta on 14 June 1991 were the first record from Mato Grosso state<sup>17</sup>. Collar<sup>8</sup> reports the possible occurrence of **Blue-cheeked Amazon** *Amazona dufresniana* in Brazil, based on the comments of hunters to the late Jean-Luc Dujardin; they claimed to have shot the species across the Oyapock in Amapá.

During a 12-day trip to Amapá TG and AW recorded an adult **Harpy Eagle** *Harpia harpyja* in gallery forest and cerrado north of Porto Grande (previous records from Amapá are all historical), a single **Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris* 20 km north of Macapá was the first record from north of the Amazon, while in terra firme forest between Serra

do Navio and Porto Grande **Todd's Antwren** *Herpsilochmus stictocephalus* was found to be very common in canopy flocks, it being both observed and tape-recorded (the third Brazilian record). At the same locality both **Glossy-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus surinamus* and **Olive-green Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes virescens* represented considerable range extensions from the nearest populations in French Guiana and around Manaus. **Ash-throated Crane** *Porzana albicollis* was heard in the surrounding grassland and **Smoky-fronted Tody-flycatcher** *Todirostrum fumifrons* was the first state record. The same observers recorded three pairs of **Great Xenops** *Megaxenops parnaguae* in disturbed caatinga near Lagoa Grande, Pernambuco, a new locality for the species.

Straube & Bornschein<sup>28</sup> report on a number of significant new records from north-western Paraná and adjacent areas. The following species were new records for Paraná: **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*, **Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber* and **Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher** *Todirostrum latirostre*. New species for southern Brazil were as follows: **Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*, **Blue-crowned Motmot** *Momotus momota*, **Slaty Antshrike** *Thamnophilus punctatus*, **White-thighed Swallow** *Neochelidon tibialis* and **Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata*. Additionally new species for Mato Grosso do Sul were also reported: **Ash-coloured Cuckoo** *Coccyzus cinereus*, **White-tailed Goldenthrout** *Polytomus guainumbi*, **Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* and **Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufa*.

Pacheco & Maciel<sup>23</sup> report the second record of **Cory's**

**Shearwater** *Calonectris diomedea* in Rio de Janeiro state; two found dead at Praia do Sul Biological Reserve, Ilha Grande, on 3 June 1994. A dead **Sickle-winged Nightjar** *Eleothreptus anomalus* was found at Fazenda Santa Rita, Paraná, only the fourth Brazilian record in the last 30 years<sup>4</sup>.

## CHILE

During visits to Chañaral Island, Atacama, in 1988-90 a colony of **Red-billed Tropicbirds** *Phaethon aethereus* was located, the first breeding record for Chile and the southernmost ever. The birds arrived in October and departed in late March or early April; it is possible that the colony became established as a result of displacement from more northerly breeding areas during the 1982-3 El Niño<sup>29</sup>.

## COLOMBIA

The following observations were submitted by EK. A **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* was at a White-necked Heron *A. cocoi* colony along the Río Cauca at Laguna de Sonso on 10 August 1994 (there are only three previous summer records), whilst a **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* at the same locality on the same date may have overwintered. An **American Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica* also at Laguna de Sonso on 10 August 1994 may also have overwintered; previous records are from September to December<sup>13</sup>. Four adult **Collared Plovers** *Charadrius collaris* with a single downy young at the same site represented perhaps the first breeding record for Colombia, whilst 25 **Semi-palmated Sandpipers** *Calidris pusilla*, also at Laguna de Sonso, may have overwintered and were only the third inland record<sup>13</sup>. Two **Orange-chinned Parakeets** *Brotogeris jugularis* at

Club Farallones on the outskirts of Cali on 6 August 1994 were the first record from the Cauca Valley. A well-watched **Marble-faced Bristle-tyrant** *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* at Belo Horizonte on 15-16 August 1994 is apparently the first record east of the Colombian Andes. Two adult **Red-capped Cardinals** *Paroaria gularis* at Club Farallones on 6 August 1994 and an immature on Laguna de Sonso on 10 August 1994 were the first records from the Cauca Valley but were possibly the result of escaped or released cage birds.

A group of 25 **White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus* with White-collared Swifts *Streptoprocne zonaris* at 3200 m in the Ucumari Reserve, west central Andes, in July 1995 appears to be a range extension (CD, JH, DSe).

#### ECUADOR

A **Rufous Potoo** *Nyctibius bracteatus* was roosting approximately two hours south-east of Coca on 14 December 1994, whilst the second male **Cerulean Warbler** *Dendroica cerulea* in west Ecuador was recorded at the same locality as the first, Mindo, on 10 December 1994 (both records SH).

#### GUYANA

Five **White-winged Potoos** *Nyctibius leucopterus* were found in the Iwokrama Rainforest Reserve in late July, providing further confirmation of the species's presence in Guyana (DJA). The only previous record was of two in the Kanuku Mountains in February 1993<sup>24</sup>.

#### SOUTH ATLANTIC

Prince & Croxall<sup>26</sup> report on 20 species new to South Georgia since the publication of the current checklist<sup>25</sup>: **Royal Penguin** *Eudyptes schlegeli* (singles in February 1984 and December 1992; the former was captured and photographed), **Royal**

**Albatross** *Diomedea epomophora* (six records), **Atlantic Petrel** *Pterodroma incerta* (nine records involving 13 individuals), **White-headed Petrel** *P. lessonii* (four records), **Great-winged Petrel** *P. macroptera* (singles in April 1977, February 1980 and March 1985), **Little Shearwater** *Puffinus assimilis* (singles in March 1985 and February 1986), **Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris* (small breeding population established in the Cumberland Bay area and six records from Bird Island), **Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* (six records, including one photographed, since 1991, although perhaps only three individuals involved), **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* (singles in April 1986 and August 1991), **Allen's Gallinule** *Porphyryla alleni* (corpse found in December 1984), **Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* (one photographed in October-November 1994), **Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor* (one photographed in October 1983), **South Polar Skua** *Catharacta maccormicki* (16 records of 19 birds), **Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* (adult photographed in January 1984), **Dolphin Gull** *Larus scoresbii* (one in April 1985 and one, then three in February-March 1986), **Brown-hooded Gull** *L. maculipennis* (single in May 1987), **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* (single in April 1992 was ship-assisted), **Dark-faced Ground-tyrant** *Muscisaxicola macloviana* (single photographed in September 1994), **Chilean Swallow** *Tachycineta leucopyga* (two in April 1982 were previously identified as European House Martin *Delichon urbica*) and **Long-tailed Meadowlark** *Sturnella loyca* (single in April 1987).

In addition the same authors report a number of other significant records: **Emperor**

**Penguin** *Aptenodytes forsteri* (eighth record), **Adelie Penguin** *Pygoscelis adeliae* (fifth to eighth records), **Magellanic Penguin** *Spheniscus magellanicus* (fourth to seventh records), **Shy Albatross** *Diomedea cauta salvini* (second record), **Sooty Albatross** *Phoebastria fusca* (second to fifth records), **Broad-billed Prion** *Pachyptila vittata* (second and third records), **White-bellied Storm-petrel** *Fregatta grallaria* (probable in May 1975, no confirmed records), **Great Egret** *Casmerodius albus* (fifth record), **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* (third record), **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* (191 birds recorded since first record in 1977), **Chiloe Wigeon** *Anas sibilatrix* (sixth record), **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyryla martinica* (second record), **White-rumped Sandpiper** *Calidris fuscicollis* (8th-17th records), **Pectoral Sandpiper** *C. melanotos* (third to sixth records) and **Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea* (third inshore record).

A moribund **Black-necked Swan** *Cygnus melanocoryphus* found at Rothera Base, Adelaide Island, inside the Antarctic Circle on 8 January 1996 was the southernmost record ever (*Birding World* 9 (6): 214).

#### VENEZUELA

Three breeding-plumaged **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* were at a tidal lagoon at Chichiriviche on 25 April 1995 (NA); there are no published records from the country. Kirwan<sup>14</sup> documents two recent sight and tape-recorded occurrences of **Amazonian Pygmy-owl** *Glaucidium hardyi* from Bolívar; a third record was of one heard in the Imataca Forest Reserve, east of El Palmar, on 17 July 1995 (AC, NC, DS *et al.*). **Bar-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes fuscus* was recorded for the first time at the Páramo de Tamá, on the Colombian-Venezuelan border at 3,100 m on

19 February 1992, with a second bird caught at the same altitude in May 1994<sup>6</sup>.

Barrowclough *et al.*<sup>2</sup> report on their observations on the Cerro Tamacuarí area, Amazonas, in March 1988 and January and March 1989, an area previously unsampled by ornithologists. The principal ornithological highlights were as follows: **Little Chachalaca** *Ortalis motmot* was heard calling daily (unknown from the nearby Duida or Neblina tepuís), **Dusky Spinetail** *Synallaxis macconnelli* was common (one specimen from Neblina, unrecorded from Duida), two **Plain Antvireos** *Dysithamnus mentalis* were collected (recorded at Neblina but not at Duida), **Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock** *Rupicola rupicola* was commonly encountered (unrecorded from Duida), **Pale-eyed Thrush** *Platycichla leucops* was common (unrecorded from Duida), **Speckled Tanager** *Tangara guttata* was common (unrecorded from Duida) and **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* was also common (unrecorded from Neblina).

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