

## Four more records of Rusty Tinamou *Crypturellus brevirostris* in Colombia and a revision of its known range

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Reportamos aquí cuatro registros adicionales de la Panguanita Oxidada *Crypturellus brevirostris* en la Amazonía colombiana y realizamos una revisión de su distribución conocida. A partir de un muestreo acústico pasivo, detectamos cuatro sitios adicionales a los reportados recientemente en los alrededores de Araracuara, departamento de Caquetá, Colombia. Estos registros pueden soportar iniciativas de uso sostenible de biodiversidad por parte de las comunidades de Araracuara; por ejemplo, fortaleciendo actividades de aviturismo. Futuro trabajo colaborativo con comunidades locales podría ayudar a entender mejor la biología de este poco conocido especialista de suelos pobres amazónicos que muy probablemente es residente de Colombia.

Rusty Tinamou *Crypturellus brevirostris* is a forest-dwelling species discontinuously distributed in northern Amazonia and the Guiana Shield<sup>4,8</sup>. As with other members of the genus *Crypturellus*<sup>19,23</sup>, its vocalisations are often the first and only way to detect it in the field<sup>5</sup>. Although this species has been described as “fairly common”<sup>29</sup>, there is a lack of studies providing estimates of its global population size and information on its life history<sup>4,8</sup>. Not even its habitat preferences are well known, being reported both in *terra firme*<sup>21,24</sup> and seasonally flooded forests<sup>8,24</sup>. Once thought to be endemic to the upper Amazon basin, *C. brevirostris* was until recently considered hypothetical for north-western Amazonia<sup>3,10,12,16,25</sup>.

Recently, Socolar *et al.*<sup>25</sup> reported substantial range extensions for birds near the Araracuara area in the central Amazon of Colombia, including *C. brevirostris*. The study also discusses the distribution of white-sand and other poor-soil specialists in north-western Amazonia, which have proved more widespread and less patchy than previously thought<sup>25,26</sup>. Before Socolar *et al.*'s expeditions<sup>25</sup>, *C. brevirostris* was only hypothetical in Colombia<sup>10</sup>, with a single observation from Serranía de Naquen in Guainía<sup>16</sup> that prompted its inclusion in Colombian field guides<sup>3</sup>. By the time of Socolar *et al.*'s first expeditions to the remote area of Araracuara (August 2019)<sup>25</sup>, OAC was coordinating a research agenda on acoustics for the Instituto Humboldt in Colombia<sup>15</sup> and oversaw the deployment of six autonomous Acoustic Recording Units (hereafter, ARUs)<sup>1</sup> at Loma de Cotudos (Fig. 1)<sup>25</sup>. Revisiting the acoustic data, we detected a vocalisation of *C. brevirostris*. We contextualised our record by reviewing the available distribution information of the species<sup>5,8,9,21,24,25</sup>.

### Methods

Six ARUs were deployed on a transect at Loma de Cotudos<sup>1,25</sup>, Yari River (Fig. 1), from 8–12 August 2019. The ARUs were programmed to be active for 1 minute and inactive for 9 minutes, gathering 144 recordings per day per site ( $n = 3,260$  recordings) at a sample rate of 44.1 kHz and at 16-bit resolution. We used ARBIMON portable recorders, which consist of LG cell phones containing the ARBIMON touch app. The recordings were normalised to  $\sim 3$  kHz<sup>2</sup>, then uploaded to the Rainforest Connection ARBIMON platform (<https://rfcx.org>), where we reviewed some of the recordings in a non-systematic way. With a single detection of *C. brevirostris* at 20h10 on 11 August 2019 at the site ARU1 (0°32'34.8" S, 72°15'25.2" W; 175 m elevation), we ran a Pattern Matching (PM) model that returned another three detections (Fig. 2A–D). This PM model is a supervised template-matching analysis included in ARBIMON. It uses a window of the spectrogram (a template) to search for similar sounds in time-frequency domain coordinates within a user-defined playlist of recordings<sup>14,20</sup>, in our case the entire audio dataset.

To contextualise our records within the distribution of the species, we searched for physical specimens in the Global Biodiversity Information Facility ( $n = 18$ ; only 5 georeferenced). We also extracted eBird records *sensu lato* ( $n = 50$ ) and filtered the records to include only complete checklists (travelling or stationary)  $\leq 5$  km or  $\leq 5$  h<sup>13</sup>, which significantly reduced the number of records ( $n = 7$ ). (For reference, the R code used in these procedures is at <https://github.com/OACColombia/RustyTinamou><sup>11,30</sup>.) Additionally, we extracted acoustic records from xeno-canto ( $n = 13$ ; <http://tinyurl.com/xeno-canto>) and Macaulay Library ( $n = 6$ ; <http://tinyurl.com/MacaulayLibrary>). Then, using the program QGIS v3.14, we combined all these