

### First record of Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa* in Uruguay

The range of Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa* extends across central and southern Brazil, north-west Bolivia, eastern Paraguay and north-east Argentina<sup>2,4</sup>. The southernmost records are from Alegrete (29°39'S 55°24'W), Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil<sup>3</sup>, and Colonia Carlos Pellegrini (28°32'S 57°10'W), Corrientes, Argentina<sup>1</sup>.

On 21 July 2007, two Streamer-tailed Tyrants were observed beside Arroyo Maldonado wetland, at Balneario Barra de Maldonado, dpto. Maldonado (34°53'S 54°52'W). The site is 5 m above sea level and 2.7 km from the Atlantic Ocean. The birds were watched for several minutes before they flew off, not to be seen again. Photographs (Fig. 1) and video footage were obtained to document the record. Other visits to the area were made but the species was not observed again, and the area was burned two months after the sighting.

Arroyo Maldonado wetland (34°53'S 54°52'W) is an Important Bird Area (J. Aldabe pers. comm.) and harbours threatened species such as Olog's Gull *Larus atlanticus* and Black-and-white Monjita *Xolmis dominicanus* (pers. obs.). The wetlands comprise hyaline fields with *Spartina* sp. (Poaceae), *Schoenoplectus pungens* (Cyperaceae), *Juncus acutus* (Juncaceae) and *Salicornia ambigua* (Chenopodiaceae) the dominant vegetation. The suburban area where the *Gubernetes* were seen is characterised by gardens dominated by exotic species, surrounded by stands of Pampas grass *Cortadeira selloana* (Poaceae), cattails *Typha* sp. (Typhaceae) and *Eryngium* sp. (Apiaceae). The introduced Long-leaved Wattle *Acacia longifolia* (Leguminosae) is abundant.

This record is the first in Uruguay and the southernmost ever, being c.580 km further south than the previous limit. However, without evidence to the contrary, we consider the birds to have been vagrants, rather than indicative of a resident population.



Figure 1. Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa*, Arroyo Maldonado, Balneario Barra de Maldonado, 21 July 2007 (Diego Caballero-Sadi)

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