

## Noteworthy bird records for south-west Peru

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Se presentan algunos registros raros o nuevas extensiones de distribución de seis especies de aves en el sudoeste de Perú: el segundo registro de *Buteo albigula* en el oeste de Perú, nuevo rango de distribución de *Colaptes atricollis* hasta Moquegua y Tacna, confirmación de *Metallura phoebe* en Tacna, confirmación y extensión de distribución para *Asthenes pudibunda* en el sur de Perú, nuevo rango altitudinal de *Conirostrum tamarugense*, confirmación y extensión de distribución de *Sicalis raimondii* hasta Tacna.

Here we present interesting records, which represent range extensions or records of birds rare in south-west Peru, for six species, all in recent years.

### White-throated Hawk *Buteo albigula*

One was observed by TEH and EMA in *Eucalyptus* woodland at 3,000 m, just east of Chiguata (16°23'S 71°23'W), on 16 May 1996 (Fig. 1). It was seen at close range and documented photographically. This

is only the second observation of the species to be reported from the west side of the Andes in Peru (J. Fjeldså pers. comm.).

### Black-necked Flicker *Colaptes atricollis*

Endemic to the west Andean slope of Peru, from La Libertad and Ancash to western Arequipa (Colca). In recent years, we have repeatedly seen it in the two southernmost departments of Peru. On 3 May



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Figure 1. White-throated Hawk *Buteo albigula*, Chiguata, Peru, May 1996 (Tor Egil Høgsås)

Figure 2. Black Metaltail *Metallura phoebe*, Chiguata, Peru, February 1996 (Tor Egil Høgsås)

Figures 3–4. Tamarugo Conebill *Conirostrum tamarugense*, above Pachia, Peru; in Fig. 4 with Cinereous Conebill *C. cinereum* (on right) for comparison (Tor Egil Høgsås)

1996, EMA with B. Morán and others saw one in Huatahua (16°25'S 70°49'W), Sanchez Cerro, dpto. Moquegua, at 2,750 m, in *Weberbauerocereus* sp. with bromeliads. This is the first record in Moquegua. JPN observed one at 2,350–2,450 m in Chucutamani (17°28'S 70°07'W), in March–April 1998, with the identity being confirmed on 14 April 1988 by TEH and JPN. This individual was observed within an arid valley with cactus on the hillsides and some agricultural areas beside the river. This is the first record in dpto. Tacna and the southernmost observation ever.

### Black Metaltail *Metallura phoebe*

Common from Cajamarca to Moquegua on the west Andean slope in Peru. Two were collected in 'Chile' in the 19th century, but as the international border has changed since then, they may have been taken in what is now dpto. Tacna, Peru. We have made several observations in Tacna during recent years. JPN observed one in prov. Tarata, during April 1998, just outside the village of Tarata (17°28'S 70°01'W) at 3,070 m. JPN and TEH investigated the small river valley just south of Tarata, on 13 April 1988 and observed another *Metallura phoebe* there. The next day one was also seen by TEH in Chucutamani (17°28'S 70°07'W), at 2,355 m. During a short visit to Vila Vilani, close to the Chilean border, on 25 August 1999, TEH observed a *Metallura phoebe* at close range for several minutes.

### Canyon Canastero *Asthenes pudibunda*

Endemic to the Pacific slope of Peru, south to western Arequipa<sup>3</sup>, with its presence in northern Chile, as indicated in Ridgely & Tudor<sup>4</sup>, having recently been confirmed by van der Gaast<sup>6</sup>, who reported observations around Putre since 1992. In addition, according to Torres-Mura<sup>5</sup>, R. Kuschel collected it there in July 1971. Our records from dptos. Arequipa and Tacna, Peru, which help to complete a gap in the species' known range, are as follows. TEH observed one beside the road to Colca, dpto. Arequipa, at c.4,000 m, on 27 December 1995. Two were also seen by TEH in *Polylepis* at 3,700 m, in Chiguata, on 11 April 1996. The species was repeatedly observed in Chiguata at 2,900 m, on 1 June 2000 by TEH and EMA, on this occasion in scrub along a river. In dpto. Tacna, TEH saw one singing at close range and subsequently two others, a few hundred metres above the village of Palca (17°46'S 69°57'W), at 3,100 m, on 29 October 1997.

### Tamarugo Conebill *Conirostrum tamarugense*

On 22 August 1996, TEH and EMA captured three possible immatures among a mixed flock with Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* at 1,300 m, in Calientes, a few kilometres above Pachia, dpto. Tacna (17°53'S 70°09'W; Figs. 3–4). All

earlier records of this species in Peru have been above 3,000 m, mainly in *Polylepis*. Our observation demonstrates that it may migrate through the coastal lowlands of Peru from the breeding area in Pampa el Tamarugal, Chile<sup>1</sup>, rather than follow the more continuous vegetation at higher altitudes.

### Raimondi's Yellow-finch *Sicalis raimondii*

Reported from Cajamarca to Moquegua by Fjeldsá & Krabbe<sup>2</sup>, who suspected that it might reach Chile; Ridgely & Tudor<sup>3</sup> indicate a local distribution from Cajamarca to Arequipa. On 20 July 1996, TEH and JPN visited Quebrada de Burros, dpto. Tacna, which is a small valley with sparse vegetation at just 30 m. Here, we observed a flock of at least 300 *Sicalis raimondii*. They perched mainly on rocks on the hillside, sometimes visiting the sparse grass vegetation. Subsequently we have seen *S. raimondii* at this locality only during the austral winter and we believe that it nests at higher altitudes in the department.

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