

# Uruguay: gateway to Neotropical birdlife

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*For years, Neotropical Birding has yearned to showcase the avian riches of Uruguay, a country with great ecotourism potential that has long been overshadowed by its larger neighbours. The country's top birder puts things right with a mouth-watering taster of the country's best birding sites.*



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**1** The Endangered Saffron-cowled Blackbird *Xanthopsar flavus*, Bañado de los Indios, Rocha, December 2008. A star bird in Uruguay's Pampas grasslands.