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# Ochre-browed Thistletail

## *Schizoeaca coryi*

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**O**chre-browed Thistletail *Schizoeaca coryi* is a Venezuelan endemic restricted to the high Andes. It occurs in the páramo zone from 2,800–4,100 metres above sea level, where it frequents low dense foliage sometimes amongst boulder fields. It tends to be fairly shy although a single high-pitched piping note (given while feeding) often betrays its presence. It is closely related to the poorly-known Perijá Thistletail *Schizoeaca perijana* which is restricted to the

Perijá Mountains on the Venezuela–Colombia border, but that species lacks any rufous in the supercilium or face, and is much longer tailed. As far as I am aware these are the first published photographs of this species although there are a few others available on the web.

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Left: Breast-on view of presumed male Ochre-browed Thistletail *Schizoeaca coryi* showing broad rufous supercilium extending back onto sides of nape (David Fisher)

Below: Presumed male Ochre-browed Thistletail *Schizoeaca coryi* from behind—beware of foreshortening of tail due to angle in both photographs (David Fisher)