

Project Update: June 2017

Between September and December 2016, we developed fieldwork activities in central and southern Chile, and western Argentine Patagonia. We work with ornithologists, biologists, falconers, students, nature photographers and tour guides, covering different landscapes including Maulino deciduous forests, southern temperate forests and Valdivian evergreen forests. The principal outcomes derived from this work, are as follows:

- 1) A new range extension of the rufous-tailed hawk in central Chile (passing from 35° to 34°S). The species was never been recorded in northern Maule region before. The presence in that zone shows potential population declines in the past decades, due to habitat loss and degradation.
- 2) New information about the status of the rufous-tailed hawk (*Buteo ventralis*) in Argentine Patagonia. With the data obtained in the fieldwork, showing an extreme rarity of the species across all the western Argentina Patagonia, we think that the species may be critically endangered in that country.

