

## **Project Update: August 2012**

### **Review Article about Southern South American Grassland Birds**

I have written an article in collaboration with a group of leading researchers and conservationists from Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. The paper summarizes the status of grassland bird ecology and conservation in the region. I believe this contribution will promote further research and conservation action targeted to native grasslands of our region. I acknowledged RSGF's support to my work in the corresponding section of the article.

### **National Red List of Uruguayan Birds**

In collaboration with two Uruguayan colleagues we have recently completed the first conservation assessment of the whole Uruguayan avifauna (450+ species). We applied international IUCN Red List criteria and identified 46 nationally threatened species (many of which are grassland specialists). The document includes a paragraph for each threatened species where ecology and conservation-related data are presented. In the case of grassland birds I included significant information gathered as part of my Pampas Birds Project. This is the first national red list produced in our country. The National Environmental Bureau has agreed to print 500 copies of the document which will be distributed free of charge among relevant individuals and organisations. The list will be published in the following weeks.

### **Field Guide to the Birds of the Pampas**

I am currently working on a photographic field guide to Pampas Birds. The book will include some 1500 photos and will have English and Spanish texts. Again, a significant amount of photos and information included in this guide were obtained during activities related to the Pampas Birds Project. I really hope this colourful book will help raise awareness among the general public. Right now, the book is going through graphic design and I expect it to be published by late October or early November 2012.