Project Update: October 2011

Efforts have been primarily directed to dissemination of results and public awareness during the last few months. Several presentations have been delivered at universities and other centres. As part of the public awareness campaign many new materials have been distributed among the general public and children: brochures, posters, T-shirts, calendars, etc. In addition, technical advice and information on grassland bird conservation was provided for an international publication that focuses on migratory animals of conservation-concern.

Three new cattle ranches were visited during the winter in order to provide advice regarding grassland bird habitat management as part of a government programme that supports agriculture schemes that combine production with conservation.

Fieldwork conducted during the non-breeding season (May-June 2011) provided additional information regarding the importance of the study area as habitat for long-distance winter migrants. The 2011 grassland birds' breeding season is about to start and activities will include the participation of several volunteers. As usual, the pampas meadowlark will be the focus of research activities and we hope to gather as much information as last year.









	Perdiz - (Nothura maculosa) - Spotted Nothura	and a second	Lechuza de Campo - (Athene cunicularia) - Burrowing Owl		Viudita Chocolate • (Neoxolmis rufiventris) • Chocolate-vented Tyrant ▲		Misto · (Sicalis Iuteola) · Grassland Yellow-Finch
	Gavilán Langostero - (Buteo swainsoni) - Siwainson's Hawk		Nacundá - (Podager nacunda) - Nacunda Nighthawk ▼	X	Yetapå de Collar • (Alectrurus risora) • Strange-tailed Tyrant •	No.	Capuchino Corona Gris • (Sporophila cinnamomea) • Chestnut Seedeater • •
A	Tero • (Vanellus chilensis) • Southern Lapwing	2	Carpintero de Campo - (Colaptes campestris) - Campo Flicker		Cachirla Dorada • (Anthus natteren) • Ochre-breasted Pipit •	45	Dragón • (Xanthopsar flavus) • Saffron-cowled Blackbird
Á.	Chorlo Cabezón - (Oreopholus ruficollis) - Tawny-throated Dotterel	1	Caminera - (Geositta cunicularia) - Common Miner	A.	Chingolo Ceja Amarilla - (Ammodramus humeralis) - Grassland Sparrow	*	Pecho Colorado - (Sturnella superciliaris) - White-browed Blackbird
A	Batitú - (Bartramia Iongicauda) - Upland Sandpiper		Viudita Blanca Grande • (Xolmis dominicanus) • Black-and-white Monjita		Monterita Cabeza Gris - (Donacospiza albifrons) - Long-talled Reed-Finch		Loica Pampeana • (Sturnella defilippii) • Pampas Meadowlark



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