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Origins Argentina is a travel and tourism agency based in the northwest of Argentina dedicated to providing unique experiences for travelers, designing tailor-made trips all over the country. Our experience in the field and our decision to practice responsible tourism based on fair trade criteria have led us to strengthen ties with different communities nationwide.

BIRDING IN THE NORHWEST OF ARGENTINA



Rufous Hornero *(Furnarius rufus)* is our national bird and it's endemic to South America. It belongs to the Furnariidae Family, and it builds an oven-shaped nest with clay and vegetation, giving the bird its different names. Its second English name is Red Ovenbird

"Not only does the diversity of birds in a certain territory constitute an important cultural, natural and touristic resource, but it is also an indicator of its ecological quality.

The state of Salta has the greatest variety of birds in Argentina with 661 species that represents more than 65 percent of bird species in the country.

Argentina is home to an impressive number of species of birds that vary from residents, that stay all year around to breeding birds that spend a good part of the growing season in Argentina to raise their young; migrants who pass through Argentina with the seasons to wintering birds who like to spend a good part of the winter in Argentina to escape colder conditions up north. While many species of birds are relatively common as they are part of the ecosystems of the state, it is always a thrill to stumble upon a rare bird or vagrant that does not really form part of any the Argentina ecosystems"

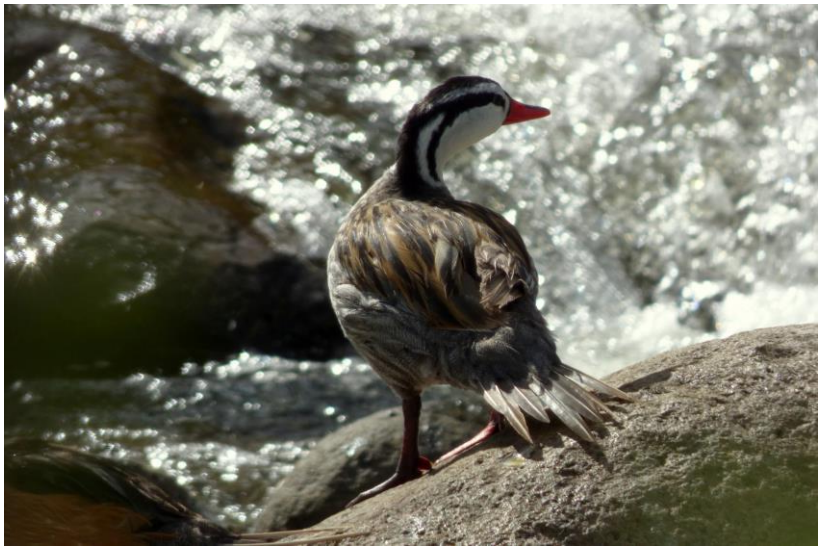
Salta Birds Checklist – F.Moschione, O. Spitzenagel y M. Gonzales

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 – OCT 16th – SALTA – CAMPO QUIJANO – CORRALITO – SALTA (-/L/-)

- **Distance:** 110 km round trip
- **Pick-up:** 6:30am in Salta
- **Itinerary Difficulty:** Easy walking – Wildlife viewing – 4 km in 4 hours approx. – Rated (2) – Easy Active.
- **Detailed:** An early start gives us a greater chance to discover the beautiful birds of the region. After one-hour driving, we begin walking along the old pathway that used to connect the central valley with the Calchaqui Valley and it exhibits an interesting combination of transition of Yungas with a mountain stream, habitat of the amazing Torrent Duck. At 12h 30 approx., we have lunch in a local "Estancia" perfect for a relaxing end of the activity. We arrive back in Salta around 3:30pm.
- **Potential:** 150 species.
- **Eco-Region:** Yungas Forests and Mountain River

Torrent Duck, Rufous-Throated Dipper, Tyrant, Black Phoebe, Andean Condor, Raptors, Cacique



PATO DE TORRENTE *(Merganetta armata)*

PRICE per Person USD 80.-

What's included?	Not Included
• Private transportation – Maximum 10 passengers • Specialized bilingual guide • Binocular • Field Guide and check List • Lunch • Taxes • Insurance	• Internal flights • Tips • Any other service or activity not mentioned in the program

Getting Ready

After the cold and dry season of the winter, springtime temperatures climb reaching 25.8°C (78.4°F) generally in the afternoon with overnight lows of 10.9°C (51.6°F).

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Comfortable clothing, Earth-toned clothing is best. Birds have a highly developed sensitivity to color, as evidenced by females choosing brightly colored mates. This means that brightly colored clothes are visible to birds. Shoes should be comfortable, closed-toed, and waterproof depending on the conditions.

What to Bring:

• Day Pack (15-20L) • Light rain/windproof jacket • Fleece/insulating jacket • Water bottles or hydration bladder • Sunscreen and lip balm with SPF • Sun hat • Sunglasses • Sunscreen	• Insect repellant • Binoculars • Camera • Hand sanitizer/ Alcohol or antiseptic wipes • Skin lotion • Personal items/medications

General Terms & Conditions of Sales

BOOKING

Features and services are subject to availability until the booking its confirm by the client through a 20% down payment the full amount set out in the proposal received and all the relevant documentation has been signed and completed in full by the client. Any amendments to, or cancellation of the booking shall be subject to these terms and conditions. The tour price must be paid by not later than 30 days prior to the departure date for the tour, failing which the Company reserves the right to deem the booking as having been cancelled, and to levy the cancellation penalties set out in these terms and conditions

TOUR PRICE

The quotation issued by our company for tailor-made itineraries have a validity of 14 days. The price indicated in the quotation can be modified even after the down payment in the following situations: - Lack of availability in the requested services; In this case the agency will provide an alternative that is similar in terms of services and / or price to the original proposal. - Sharp run-up in prices due to: Significant exchange rate change, hyperinflation, sharp increase in fuels (Exchange rate reference www.bna.com.ar/bp/bp_cotizaciones.asp)

MODIFICATIONS

If the itinerary has to be changed for weather conditions or emergencies, the tour company Origins EVT will work to find the best alternative for customers. However, the tour company will not take responsibility for those changes or extra costs incurred. Cancellation Conditions

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Cancellation of a scheduled tour booking must be made in writing. In all cases the agency may retain a percentage of the total service as a cancellation fee according to the following table (except cruises):

- More than 60 days before departure date: 5% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.
- 60 to 31 days: 15% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.
- 30 to 21 days: 35% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.
- 20 to 14 days: 50% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.
- 13 to 7 days: 75% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.
- Less than 7 days before departure date: 100% of the tour price is held as cancellation fee.