Primer relevamiento ornitológico en la Cordillera Mosetenes, con una comparación latitudinal de comunidades de aves en los Yungas bajos de Bolivia

First ornithological survey of Cordillera Mosetenes, with a latitudinal comparison among lower Yungas bird communities in Bolivia

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RESUMEN

La Cordillera Mosetenes en los Yungas bajos del departamento de Cochabamba se caracteriza por ser uno de los mayores vacíos de conocimiento ornitológico en los Andes bolivianos. El presente trabajo informa sobre la primera expedición ornitológica a esta cordillera y presenta datos sobre la diversidad, composición y importancia para la conservación de la comunidad de aves terrestres en los alrededores de la Laguna Carachupa (1180-1600 m.s.n.m.) en la parte central de la Cordillera Mosetenes. Los datos fueron obtenidos en agosto y septiembre de 2003 con un método de muestréo estandardizado semi-cuantitativo. Los resultados son comparados con aquellos de dos otras localidades yungeñas a altitudes muy similares que fueron muestreadas con el mismo método y durante la misma época (mediados a finales de la época seca). Registré un total de 183 especies de aves terrestres en la Laguna Carachupa, incluyendo nueve especies de rango restringido, cuatro de las cuales son casi endémicas de Bolivia, una especie 'vulnerable', dos 'casi amenazadas' y 24 especies indicadoras para Bosque Siempre Verde Montano Tropical Superior (BSMTS). Las dos especies 'casi amenazadas' fueron consideradas como 'vulnerable' hasta muy recientemente. Datos obtenidos en el presente estudio contribuyeron al cambio en su categoría de amenaza, y la Cordillera Mosetenes aparentemente es el sitio de mayor concentración de sus publicaciones, lo que subraya su importancia para la conservación. La riqueza total estimada de especies para la Laguna Carachupa (aproximadamente 200 especies) fue muy similar a la de Cerro Asunta Pata en el departamento de La Paz, y fue considerablemente mayor que en la Serranía de Callejas al oeste del Parque Nacional Carrasco (aproximadamente 145 especies). Estas diferencias probablemente son relacionadas con variaciones en las características del hábitat y niveles de precipitación. La similitud en la composición de las comunidades fue mayor entre Laguna Carachupa y Serranía de Callejas (69 %), y menor entre esta última y Cerro Asunta Pata (52 %). El porcentaje de especies exclusivamente andinas y especies indicadoras para BSMTS mostró un incremento latitudinal pronunciado desde Cerro Asunta Pata hacia la Serranía de Callejas al sur. Tal grado de recambio geográfico de especies sugiere que la conservación de la diversidad de aves yungeñas requiere de varias áreas protegidas interconectadas a lo largo de la vertiente oriental de los Andes.

Palabras Clave: composición de comunidades de aves, especies indicadoras del hábitat, método de las listas de 10 especies, Yungas, Bolivia

ABSTRACT

Cordillera Mosetenes in the lower Yungas of depto. Cochabamba represents one of the largest ornithological knowledge gaps in the Bolivian Andes. Here I report on the first ornithological expedition to this mountain range and present data on the diversity, composition, and conservation importance of the forest bird community at Laguna Carachupa (1180-1600 m altitude) on central Cordillera Mosetenes obtained in August-September 2003 using a standardized, semi-quantitative survey method. Results are compared to those from two other Yungas localities at very similar altitudes surveyed with the same method and in the same season (mid to late dry season). I recorded a total of 183 terrestrial species at Laguna Carachupa, including nine restricted-range species, four of which are Bolivian near endemics, one 'vulnerable', two 'near threatened', and 24 habitat indicator species for Upper Tropical Montane Evergreen Forest (UTMEF). Both 'near threatened' species were considered 'vulnerable' until recently. Data obtained during this study contributed to the status change, and Cordillera Mosetenes appears to be their stronghold, underlining its conservation importance. Estimated total species richness at Laguna Carachupa (about 200 species) was very similar to that of Cerro Asunta Pata in depto. La Paz and considerably greater than on Serranía de Callejas in western Parque Nacional Carrasco (about 145 species). These differences appear to be related to variations in habitat characteristics and precipitation levels. Similarity in community composition was greatest between Laguna Carachupa and Serranía de Callejas (69 %) and lowest between the latter and Cerro Asunta Pata (52 %). The proportion of exclusively Andean species and indicator species for UTMEF showed a pronounced latitudinal increase from Cerro Asunta Pata southward to Serranía de Callejas. This high degree of geographic species turnover suggests that the conservation of Bolivian Yungas bird diversity requires several interconnected protected areas along the east

Key Words: bird community composition, habitat indicator species, 10-species-list method, Yungas, Bolivia

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INTRODUCTION

Our knowledge about the distribution of Bolivian birds has improved considerably over the past 10-15 years, especially with respect to montane forests on the east Andean slope in the Yungas ecoregion (Hennessey *et al.*, 2003b; Herzog *et al.*, 2008). Much recent field research has been carried out in or adjacent to protected areas (e.g., Perry *et al.*, 1997; Hennessey & Gomez, 2003; Hennessey *et al.*, 2003a; Herzog *et al.*, 2005) and to a lesser degree in biogeographically interesting but unprotected localities (e.g., Herzog *et al.*, 1999; Herzog & Kessler, 2002; MacLeod *et al.*, 2005). Nonetheless, considerable gaps remain in the distribution of bird inventory sites across the Bolivian Yungas, hampering biodiversity research and informed conservation planning.

By far the most significant of these gaps is Cordillera Mosetenes in depto. Cochabamba due to its remoteness and complex topography, resulting in exceedingly difficult access to this outlying Andean ridge. The only ornithological data from the region were obtained in 2001 by MacLeod *et al.* (2005) at the Río Altamachi at the southwest base of Cordillera Mosetenes, and in 2004 by S.K.H. (unpubl. data) and R. Soria-Auza at the northwest tip. However, nothing is known about the bird communities on the slopes of Cordillera Mosetenes itself, which comprises no less than about 3,000 km² of ornithologically uncharted terrain.

The aim of my field work on Cordillera Mosetenes was an extensive rapid assessment of the diversity, composition, and conservation importance of the bird community using a standardized, semi-quantitative survey method (Herzog *et al.*, 2002). I used the same method at over 50 study sites throughout the east slope of the Bolivian Andes, allowing for unique comparisons.

In this paper, I present a description of the bird community at a site on central Cordillera Mosetenes and compare it with two other Yungas localities at very similar or identical altitudes, which lend themselves especially well to a direct comparison with Cordillera Mosetenes: (1) Serranía de Callejas south of Cordillera Mosetenes in western Parque Nacional Carrasco (Herzog *et al.*, 2005); and (2) Cerro Asunta Pata to the north in depto. La Paz (see Herzog *et al.*, 2002). The latter site is a mountain range of similar altitude as Cordillera Mosetenes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cordillera Mosetenes is separated from the main Andes by the Río Altamachi. It is about 130 km long, 20-25 km wide, up to 2,050 m high, and probably contains the largest completely uninhabited forest tract in Bolivia. It is one of the country's most humid regions (Macía & Fuertes, 2008) and of extremely difficult access due to its steep topography. Parts of the area are protected in the Terri-torio Indígena y Parque Nacional Isiboro-Sécure, including my study area.

I conducted bird surveys within a radius of about 1 km around a small lagoon (Laguna Carachupa, 16°13'58"S, 66°24'54"W; Fig. 1; mean annual precipitation ca. 4,000 mm, Müller et al., 2002) from 28 August to 21 September 2003. Rather than habitat characteristics, the sole criterion for choosing this site was the availability of an open area where a helicopter could land. Surveys extended from stream valleys at 1,180 m altitude to a mountain ridge at 1,600 m, although survey effort was most intensive at 1,250-1,400 m. All of the main habitat types (see below) were covered by the survey. On 27-28 August 2003, I made opportunistic observations during a layover at San Agustín (16°45'52"S, 66°14'39", ca. 1,460 m; Fig. 1) at the upper Río Altamachi on the east slope of Cordillera Cocapata. The site comprised a large clearing, secondary scrub, degraded humid forest edge, and alder (Alnus spp.) groves in ravines. Because this area also is remote and of difficult access, the birds observed at San Agustin are included in Appendix 1.

The vegetation at Laguna Carachupa can be divided into five main categories (for further details see Macía & Fuertes, 2008). As determined from several overflights by small airplane and helicopter, this habitat mosaic stretches across 80-90 % of the area of Cordillera Mosetenes: (1) Mature forest was 20-25 m tall, had a rather open understory and was restricted to scattered patches about 0.1-0.5 ha in extent. Epiphytic plants were present in moderate density and abundant only on scattered, up to 35 m tall emergent trees (Ficus spp.). (2) Most of the area was covered by regenerating forest of variable age, caused by natural disturbances due to landslides or tree falls. Older regenerating forest differed from mature forest in its lower canopy height (10-20 m), lack of thick-trunked trees, denser understory, and fewer epiphytes. (3) Less widespread young successional stages were dominated by dense scrub (Panicum sp., Solanum spp., Acalypha spp., Hedyosmum spp.), with emergent trees (Cecropia spp.) to 12 m tall. (4) Large tracts were formed by up to 15 m tall Guadua bamboo

forest. Within dense bamboo stands very little tree regeneration was observed. (5) Stunted ridge forest occurred at 1,500-1,600 m, with trees 3-12 m tall (exceptionally to 15 m) and thickly covered in liverworts, mosses, and vascular epiphytes. Small *Chusquea* bamboo was frequent, but did not form dense thickets.

For a quantitative assessment of the study area's bird species richness I used a modified version of the mspecies-list method (Herzog et al., 2002). The survey method is detailed in Herzog et al. (2002) and only briefly summarized here. While walking slowly and quietly from dawn to dusk (and occasionally before dawn and after dusk) along newly cut trails and "randomly" through the habitat where feasible, all visual and acoustical observations of birds (including numbers of individuals per species) within 50 m of the observer (Schieck, 1997) were recorded continuously. Observations of birds at distances of > 50 m were also noted but excluded from quantitative analysis. The observer's movement rate depended largely on the level of bird activity. Tape recordings were made extensively to supplement observations and for later identification of unknown voices (Parker, 1991; Haselmayer & Quinn, 2000), and they were integrated into the master list of temporally consecutive observations. When spending longer time periods in one spot (e.g., to observe mixed-species flocks) and during re-sampling of the same area, repeated counts of obviously territorial individuals were avoided.

The master list of temporally consecutive bird observations at Laguna Carachupa was divided into lists of 10 species: the first list consists of the first 10 species observed, the second list includes the following 10 species and may contain species already found on the first list, and so on. Cumulative species number was then plotted as a function of list number, treating each 10-species list as a separate sample. By randomizing sample accumulation order 50 times using the program *EstimateS* 6.0 (Colwell, 2000) I obtained sample-based rarefaction curves and estimated total species richness with the MMMean statistic (Raaijmakers, 1987; Keating & Quinn, 1998), the estimator recommended by Herzog *et al.* (2002). Aquatic species were excluded from this analysis.

Each species encountered during field work was assigned to one of five relative abundance categories (see Appendix 1). In addition, the relative abundance of each species recorded during the quantitative species richness assessment was expressed as the proportion of 10-species lists that contained the given species.

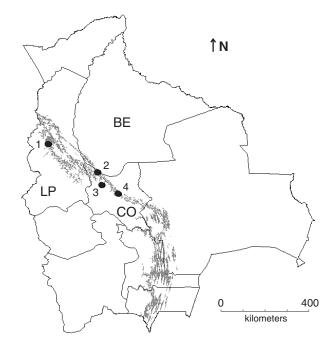


Figure 1. Location of the study areas (black dots) in the Bolivian Yungas (LP = depto. La Paz; CO = depto. Cochabamba; BE = depto. Beni). Numbers correspond to the following localities: 1 = Cerro Asunta Pata; 2 = Laguna Carachupa on Cordillera Mosetenes; 3 = San Agustin; 4 = Serranía de Callejas. Gray shading denotes areas at altitudes of 1150-1600 m on the east Andean slope.

The same methods were used to collect and analyze data from two Yungas localities characterized by lower montane evergreen forest and to which the results from Laguna Carachupa are compared here:

- (1) Cerro Asunta Pata (15°03'S, 68°29'W; Fig. 1; see Herzog *et al.*, 2002) is located ca. 260 km northwest of Laguna Carachupa in depto. La Paz along the road from Charazani to Apolo at the border of the Área Natural de Manejo Integrado Apolobamba. An altitudinal gradient from 1,150 m to 1,500 m was surveyed for 10 days in June 1997; altitudes above 1,500 m were not accessible. The area's vegetation consisted of up to 30 m tall forest in a transition from lowland to montane altitudinal belts. Mean annual precipitation is approximately 2,500 mm (Müller *et al.*, 2002).
- (2) Serranía de Callejas is located ca. 135 km southeast of Laguna Carachupa (385 km southeast of Cerro Asunta Pata) in western Parque Nacional Carrasco (17°08'S, 65°35'W; Fig. 1; Herzog *et al.*, 2005), depto. Cochabamba. Here I surveyed the same altitudinal gradient as on Cordillera Mosetenes (1,180-1,600 m) for nine days in late August 1996. In late October and early

November 1997, at the onset of the rainy season, I resurveyed the area from 1,180-1,500 m for five days. To avoid double sampling of the same individuals, those data were excluded from the quantitative assessment of species richness and relative abundance; however, they were included in a comparison of similarity in overall community composition between sites (see below). In contrast to Cerro Asunta Pata, the area was situated on an extensive, steep altitudinal gradient from treeline to Amazonian lowlands, and canopy height averaged only 19-20 m. Mean annual precipitation is approximately 6,000 mm (Müller *et al.*, 2002).

Differences in overall community composition (excluding aquatic species) between the three localities were determined with Sorensen's similarity coefficient. To examine differences in community composition in more detail, all species were assigned to two mutually exclusive categories (Herzog et al., 2005) based on the distributional data in Parker et al. (1996) and Hennessey et al. (2003b): (1) Andean species, i.e., species restricted to montane areas (including foothill zones) that are generally absent from the lowlands (below 300 m); and (2) lowland species, i.e., species present in the lowlands below 300 m that may or may not occur in montane areas. Finally, I examined trends in the number and proportion of indicator species of Upper Tropical (900-1,600 m) Montane Evergreen Forest listed by Parker et al. (1996: 424) for the Central Andes zoogeographic region.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

General results and noteworthy records

A total of 187 species were recorded at Laguna Carachupa, including four aquatic species (Appendix 1). Two additional species associated with aquatic habitats (Fasciated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum*, Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*) were observed by D. Embert (pers. com.) at a stream at 1080 m altitude not visited by the author. During the layover at San Agustín on the upper Río Altamachi I recorded 55 species, including 12 species not observed on Cordillera Mosetenes (Appendix 1), resulting in a total of 201 species recorded throughout the entire expedition. At Laguna Carachupa, 123 species (66 %) were documented by tape recordings (Appendix 1).

The three most species-rich bird families at Laguna Carachupa were tyrant flycatchers (Tyrannidae, 27 species), tanagers (Thraupidae, 23), and ovenbirds

(Furnariidae, 19) (Appendix 1). Ovenbirds were exceptionally well represented even when excluding seven species of woodcreepers (subfamily Dendrocolaptinae), which were merged into the Furnariidae only recently (see Remsen et al. 2008). Of the 37 Bolivian indicator species for Upper Tropical (900-1,600 m) Montane Evergreen Forest listed by Parker et al. (1996) for the Central Andes zoogeographic region, 24 were recorded at Laguna Carachupa (Appendix 1). However, six of the 37 indicator species are known in Bolivia only from as far south as depto. La Paz and/or from altitudes above 1,600 m (see Hennessey et al., 2003b). Thus, 77 % of the 31 potentially occurring indicator species were recorded. Additionally, I found three indicator species for Bamboo, five for Hill Tropical (500-900 m) Humid Broadleaf Forest, and 11 for Midmontane (1,600-2,600 m) Evergreen Forest (Appendix 1) (Parker et al., 1996).

Four species nearly endemic to Bolivia (Simoxenops striatus, Thamnophilus aroyae, Myrmotherula grisea, Hemitriccus spodiops) and nine restricted-range species (i.e., species whose distributional ranges do not exceed 50,000 km²; Stattersfield et al., 1998) (the four aforementioned species and Pseudotriccus simplex, Zimmerius bolivianus, Myiophobus inornatus, Chiroxiphia boliviana, Tangara argyrofenges) were found in the study area. One 'vulnerable' (Ara militaris) and two 'near threatened' (Simoxenops striatus, Myrmotherula grisea) species also were recorded (BirdLife International, 2008). Until recently, S. striatus and M. grisea were considered 'vulnerable', but data obtained during this study contributed to a status change of both species to 'near-threatened' (Herzog et al., 2008; BirdLife International, 2008). With estimated population densities of 20 and 15 pairs/km², respectively, Cordillera Mosetenes is a stronghold for both species (Herzog *et al.*, 2008)

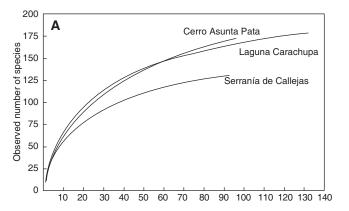
Several observations represent new and noteworthy distributional records (as compared to Hennessey *et al.*, 2003b). The presence of *Cochlearius cochlearius* at Laguna Carachupa extends the species' known upper altitudinal limit in Bolivia from 600 m to 1,300 m and represents the first report of the species for the Yungas ecoregion. *Ara militaris* was observed just once when two pairs flew over the camp site, which represents the first record of the species in the region between the northern La Paz Yungas and southeast Parque Nacional Carrasco. *Glaucidium parkeri* was previously only known from depto. La Paz. This owl went undetected until playback of a reference recording of the species stimulated an individual to reply vocally. *Glaucidium parkeri* has recently also been observed in southeast

Parque Nacional Amboró in depto. Santa Cruz (author, unpublished data), so its occurrence at Laguna Carachupa was not entirely unexpected. The bamboo specialist *Drymophila devillei* (which, surprisingly, was not considered a bamboo specialist by Parker *et al.*, 1996) occurred up to 1,400 m, representing an upward altitudinal range extension of 400 m. Similarly, *Cissopis leveriana* was known to occur only up to an altitude of about 1,000 m, whereas a pair was observed repeatedly at 1,310 m. Finally, two *Tiaris obscura* observed repeatedly at Laguna Carachupa represent the first report of this species for depto. Cocha-bamba.

Diversity and biogeography

The species accumulation curve at Laguna Carachupa did not approach an asymptote (Fig. 2), suggesting that a number of species present in the study area had not been detected despite the intensive survey effort (> 3 weeks) and the relatively small survey area (ca. 20 ha). Alternatively, the extensive survey period may have been too long for a snap-shot assessment of the bird community at a given moment in time, and instead the survey was influenced by temporal variation in local community composition (i.e., due to species' movements into the study area during the survey period).

As apparent in Fig. 2 and Table 1, survey effort (i.e., number of 10-species lists compiled, number of individuals recorded) at Laguna Carachupa was about 30-35 % higher than on Cerro Asunta Pata and Serranía de Callejas. Both the raw species accumulation curves (Fig. 2A) and the curves of estimated total species richness (Fig. 2B) indicated similarly high species richness on Cerro Asunta Pata and at Laguna Carachupa (slightly higher on Cerro Asunta Pata), and considerably lower species richness on Serranía de Callejas. After standardizing estimated species richness for survey effort following the procedure suggested by Herzog et al. (2002; see also Herzog et al., 2005), both Cerro Asunta Pata and Laguna Carachupa were predicted to contain about 200 species, whereas Serranía de Callejas fell short of this value by over 55 species (Table 1). The comparatively low species richness on Serranía de Callejas is likely related to the area's low forest stature (especially compared with Cerro Asunta Pata) and excessively high precipitation. By contrast, high species richness despite the paucity of tall, mature forest at Laguna Carachupa probably is a result of a high degree of habitat diversity and heterogeneity.



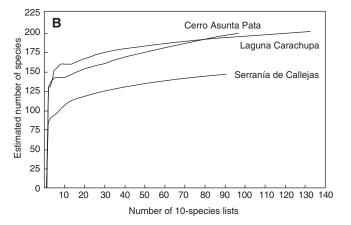


Figure 2. Observed (A) and estimated (B) number of species as a function of the number of 10-species lists compiled at three lower Yungas localities in the Bolivian Andes. Sample accumulation order of all curves was randomized 50 times using *EstimateS* 6.0 (Colwell 2000). Total species richness estimated with the MMMean statistic (Raaijmakers, 1987; Keating & Quinn, 1998).

On Serranía de Callejas a total of 158 species were recorded during both visits (20 species were exclusive to the 1997 rainy season survey), whereas 177 species were observed on Cerro Asunta Pata. The total number of species recorded at all three localities combined was 285. Laguna Carachupa and Serranía de Callejas shared 118, Laguna Carachupa and Cerro Asunta Pata 102, and Cerro Asunta Pata and Serranía de Callejas 87 species. Seventy-four species occurred at all three sites, whereas 126 species were each observed at only one locality. Cerro Asunta Pata had by far the highest number of unique species (62), whereas Laguna Carachupa and Serranía de Callejas had similar numbers (37 *versus* 27, respectively). The Sorensen similarity coefficient

indicated highest similarity between Laguna Carachupa and Serranía de Callejas (69 %) and lowest similarity between Serranía de Callejas and Cerro Asunta Pata (52 %), with an intermediate value for Laguna Carachupa *versus* Cerro Asunta Pata (57 %).

Table 1. Diversity statistics for three survey localities in the lower Bolivian Yungas (1150-1600 m altitude).

Parameter	Cerro Asunta Pata	Laguna Carchupa	Serranía de Callejas
Number of 10-species lists compiled	97	133	93
Mean number of individuals per list ± SD	13.8 ± 2.6	13.2 ± 4.9	14.5 ± 2.5
Total number of individuals recorded Number of species recorded (excluding	1341	1757	1352
aquatic birds)	175	180	131
Estimated total species richness ¹ Estimated richness standardized for	200	202	147
survey effort ²	200	198	143

Estimated with the MMMean statistic (Raaijmakers, 1987; Keating & Quinn, 1998).

² Following the procedure suggested by Herzog et al. (2002, 2005).

The three sites further exhibited a pronounced latitudinal gradient in community composition (Fig. 3). The proportion of exclusively Andean species increased from 36 % at Cerro Asunta Pata to 45 % at Laguna Carachupa to 59 % on Serranía de Callejas (Fig. 3). The same latitudinal trend was apparent in the proportion of indicator species for Upper Tropical (900-1,600 m) Montane Evergreen Forest, which increased from 9 % (16 species) on Cerro Asunta Pata to 17 % (27 species) on Serranía de Callejas (Fig. 4).

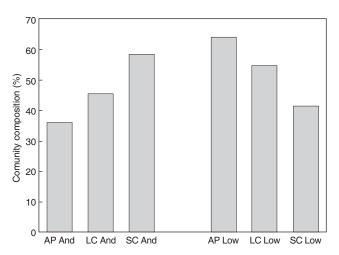


Figure 3. The proportion of bird species restricted to the Andes (And) increases from northwest to southeast at three lower Yungas localities in the Bolivian Andes (AP = Cerro Asunta Pata; LC = Laguna Carachupa on Cordillera Mosetenes; SC = Serranía de Callejas in western Parque Nacional Carrasco). The reverse is true for species occurring in the lowlands (Low).

As all species are weighted equally by Sorensen's qualitative similarity coefficient regardless of their relative abundance, Figures 5 and 6 shows pair-wise comparisons of the relative abundance of the 25 most common species at each locality. In two identical communities all data points would fall exactly on the central diagonal line, whereas the spread of data points increases with increasing dissimilarity between communities. Laguna Carachupa and Cerro Asunta Pata (n = 39 species) exhibit a fairly strong degree of dissimilarity (Fig. 5). Six of the most common species on Cerro Asunta Pata were absent from Laguna Carachupa, and four common species at Laguna Carachupa were not recorded on Cerro Asunta Pata. Some indicator species for Upper Tropical Montane Evergreen Forest, e.g. Basileuterus tristriatus, Chamaeza campanisona, and Conopophaga ardesiaca, were much more common at Laguna Carachupa than on Cerro Asunta Pata, whereas the reverse is true for species typical of lowland forest such as Saltator maximus, Tangara chilensis, and Myrmeciza hemimelaena (Fig. 5). The relationship between Laguna Carachupa and Serranía de Callejas (n = 36 species) is skewed towards higher relative abundances on Serranía de Callejas, culminating in the very high values for B. tristriatus, Henicorhina leucophrys, and Chlorospingus ophthalmicus (Fig. 6), but the two sites nonetheless are more similar overall than Laguna Carachupa and Cerro Asunta Pata. For example, more data points are located close to the central diagonal line, and only one species (*Philydor rufum*) was not recorded at both sites. Thus, the general result exhibited by Sorensen's similarity coefficient is confirmed also when examining relative abundances of the most common species.

Conservation implications

The three Yungas forest localities compared here exhibit considerable variation in species richness, community composition, and abundances of individual species despite being situated at the same or very similar altitudes within the same ecoregion and at relatively short distances from each other (the linear distance between the northernmost and southernmost locality is 385 km). Such a high degree of geographic species turnover strongly suggests that the conservation of the diversity of Bolivian Yungas birds requires several interconnected protected areas spread out along the east Andean slope. Reliance on just one or two of the seven currently existing national-level protected areas that are at least partly situated in the Yungas ecoregion would be an insufficient conservation strategy.

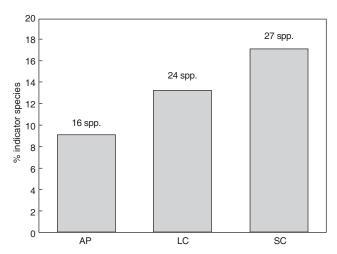


Figure 4. The proportion of indicator species for Upper Tropical (900-1,600 m) Montane Evergreen Forest (Parker et al., 1996) increases latitudinally from northwest to southeast at three lower Yungas localities in the Bolivian Andes (AP = Cerro Asunta Pata; LC = Laguna Carachupa on Cordillera Mosetenes; SC = Serranía de Callejas in western Parque Nacional Carrasco).

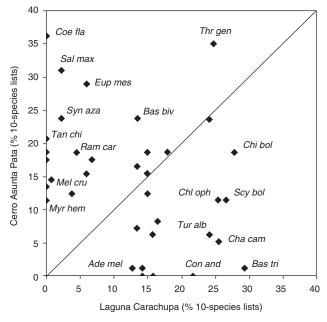


Figure 5. Relative abundance (percent of 10-species lists containing a given species) of the 25 most common species at Laguna Carachupa compared to that of the 25 most common species on Cerro Asunta Pata (Ade mel = Adelomyia melanogenys; Bas biv = Basileuterus bivittatus; Bas tri = Basileuterus tristriatus; Cha cam = Chamaeza campanisona; Chi bol = Chiroxiphia boliviana; Chl oph = Chlorospingus ophthalmicus; Coe fla = Coereba flaveola; Con ard = Conopophaga ardesiaca; Eup mes = Euphonia mesochrysa; Mel cru = Melanerpes cruentatus; Myr hem = Myrmeciza hemimelaena; Ram car = Ramphocelus carbo; Sal max = Saltator maximus; Scy bol = Scytalopus bolivianus; Syn aza = Synallaxis azarae; Tan chi = Tangara chilensis; Thr gen = Thryothorus genibarbis; Tur alb = Turdus albicollis).

The high species richness and distinct community composition along with the presence of apparently viable populations of two 'near threatened' species nearly endemic to Bolivia (Simoxenops striatus, Myrmotherula grisea) at Laguna Carachupa render Cordillera Mosetenes of high conservation importance. Both species are scarce elsewhere and Cordillera Mosetenes appears to be a stronghold for them. In addition, the natural protection of Cordillera Mosetenes from human colonization due to its remoteness make its formal, government and non-government sponsored protection economically feasible.

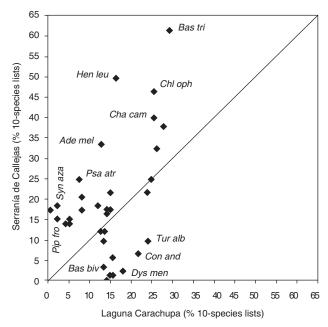


Figure 6. Relative abundance (percent of 10-species lists containing a given species) of the 25 most common species at Laguna Carachupa compared to that of the 25 most common species on Serranía de Callejas, respectively (Ade mel = Adelomyia melanogenys; Bas biv = Basileuterus bivittatus; Bas tri = Basileuterus tristriatus; Cha cam = Chamaeza campanisona; Chl oph = Chlorospingus ophthalmicus; Con ard = Conopophaga ardesiaca; Dys men = Dysithamnus mentalis; Hen leu = Henicorhina leucophrys; Pip fro = Pipreola frontalis; Psa atr = Psarocolius atrovirens; Syn aza = Synallaxis azarae; Tur alb = Turdus albicollis).

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Appendix 1. Bird species recorded on 27-28 August 2003 at San Agustín, upper Río Altamachi (16°45'51.8"S, 66°14'39", ca. 1,460 m), and from 28 August to 21 September 2008 at Laguna Carachupa, Cordillera Mosetenes (16°13'58"S, 66°24'54"W, 1,180-1,600 m). Species sequence and taxonomy follow Remsen *et al.* (2008). *Abundance categories*: r = rare, between one and four individuals observed (or at most two observations of small flocks for parrots and swifts); u = uncommon, between five and 10 individuals observed or estimated; f = fairly common, between 11 and 20 individuals observed or estimated; c = common, between 21 and 35 individuals observed or estimated; a = abundant, more than 35 individuals observed or estimated. Evidence: T = tape recording; P = photograph; V = visual observation; A = acoustical observation. Habitat indicator species in the Central Andes zoogeographic region according to Parker *et al.* (1996): HT = Hill Tropical (500-900 m) Humid Broadleaf Forest; UT = Upper Tropical (900-1,600 m) Montane Evergreen Forest; MM = Midmontane (1,600-2,600 m) Evergreen Forest; B = Bamboo.

Family/Scientific name			Lagı	oa	
	Common name	San Agustín	Rel. Abundance	Evidence	Indicator species
Tinamidae (2)					
Tinamus tao	Gray Tinamou		r	Т	
Crypturellus obsoletus Cracidae (3)	Brown Tinamou	Х	f	Т	
Penelope montagnii	Andean Guan		u	Т	
Pipile cumanensis	Blue-throated Piping-Guan	X	u	Т	
Ortalis guttata	Speckled Chachalaca		С	Т	
Odontophoridae (1)				•	
Odontophorus speciosus Podicipedidae (1)	Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail	Х	u	Α	MM
Tachybaptus dominicus	Least Grebe		u	Т	
Phalacrocoracidae (1)					
Phalacrocorax brasilianus Ardeidae (1)	Neotropic Cormorant		r	V	
Cochlearius cochlearius	Boat-billed Heron		u	Т	
Cathartidae (2)					
Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture		r	V	
Sarcoramphus papa	King Vulture		r	V	
Accipitridae (9)	3				
Chondrohierax uncinatus	Hook-billed Kite	Х	_	_	
Elanoides forficatus	Swallow-tailed Kite		С	V	
Harpagus bidentatus	Double-toothed Kite		r	V	
Ictinia plumbea	Plumbeous Kite		r	V	
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Х			
Harpyhaliaetus solitarius	Solitary Eagle		r	V	
Buteo magnirostris	Roadside Hawk	Х	r	V	
B. brachyurus	Short-tailed Hawk		r	V	
Spizaetus isidori	Black-and-chestnut Eagle		r	P/T	
Falconidae (2)					
Micrastur ruficollis	Barred Forest-Falcon		u	Т	
M. semitorquatus	Collared Forest-Falcon		r	Ä	
Columbidae (2)				, ,	
Patagioenas plumbea	Plumbeous Pigeon	Х	С	Т	
Geotrygon frenata	White-throated Quail-Dove	~	f	T/V	MM
Psittacidae (6)					
Ara militaris	Military Macaw		r	V. A	
Pyrrhura molinae	Green-cheeked Parakeet	Х	C	V, A	
Bolborhynchus lineola	Barred Parakeet	~	r	A	В
Pionus menstruus	Blue-headed Parrot	Х	f	T	
Pionus sordidus	Red-billed Parrot	X	_	<u>.</u>	
Amazona farinosa	Mealy Parrot	X	f	Т	
Cuculidae (2)	,		•	-	
Piaya cayana	Squirrel Cuckoo		u	Т	
Dromococcyx pavoninus	Pavonine Cuckoo		u	Ť	
Strigidae (3)			-	•	
Megascops ingens	Rufescent Screech-Owl	Х	u	Т	
Pulsatrix melanota	Band-bellied Owl	•	r	Ť	HT
Glaucidium parkeri	Subtropical Pygmy-Owl		r	Ä	

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Nyctibiidae (2)					
Nyctibius grandis	Great Potoo		r	Α	
N. griseus	Common Potoo		r	Α	
Caprimulgidae (2)					
Lurocalis rufiventris	Rufous-bellied Nighthawk		u	Т	MM
Nyctiphrynus ocellatus	Ocellated Poorwill		u	Т	
Apodidae (3)					
Streptoprocne rutila	Chestnut-collared Swift		r	V	
S. zonaris	White-collared Swift		f	V	
Aeronautes montivagus	White-tipped Swift	X	u	V	
Trochilidae (11)					
Phaethornis stuarti	White-browed Hermit		u	Т	
P. malaris	Great-billed Hermit		С	Т	
Doryfera ludovicae	Green-fronted Lancebill		r	V	
Colibri thalassinus	Green Violet-ear		u	Т	
C. coruscans	Sparkling Violet-ear		f	Т	
Adelomyia melanogenys	Speckled Hummingbird		f	Т	MM
Ocreatus underwoodii	Booted Racquet-tail		r	V	
Heliodoxa leadbeateri	Violet-fronted Brilliant		r	Т	UT
Chaetocercus mulsant	White-bellied Woodstar		r	V	
Klais guimeti	Violet-headed Hummingbird		r	Т	UT
Thalurania furcata	Fork-tailed Woodnymph	X	r	V, A	
Trogonidae (3)					
Pharomachrus antisianus	Crested Quetzal		f	Т	UT
Trogon curucui	Blue-crowned Trogon		r	Т	
T. personatus	Masked Trogon		r	Α	UT
Alcedinidae (1)					
Megaceryle torquata	Ringed Kingfisher	X	r	Т	
Capitonidae (1)					
Eubucco versicolor	Versicolored Barbet		u	Т	
Ramphastidae (4)					
Ramphastos tucanus	White-throated Toucan		r	Α	
R. vitellinus	Channel-billed Toucan	Х	u	Т	
Aulacorhynchus derbianus	Chestnut-tipped Toucanet		f	Т	
Pteroglossus castanotis	Chestnut-eared Aracari		u	Т	
Picidae (6)					
Melanerpes cruentatus	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker		r	V	
Picoides fumigatus	Smoky-brown Woodpecker		r	Ţ	
Veniliornis nigriceps	Bar-bellied Woodpecker		r	A	
Colaptes rubiginosus	Golden-olive Woodpecker	Х	u	Ţ	
Dryocopus lineatus	Lineated Woodpecker	X	u	T	
Campephilus rubricollis	Red-necked Woodpecker		r	Т	
Furnariidae (19)	A 1 - O - in - + - ii			-	
Synallaxis azarae	Azara's Spinetail	Х	r	T	
S. cabanisi	Cabanis's Spinetail		f	Ţ	
Cranioleuca curtata	Ash-browed Spinetail		u	T	
Premnoplex brunnescens	Spotted Barbtail		C	T	UT
Anabacerthia striaticollis	Montane Foliage-gleaner		f	T	UT
Syndactyla rufosuperciliata	Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	Х	C	T	UT
Simoxenops striatus	Bolivian Recurvebill		f	T	HT
Philydor erythrocercum	Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner		u	T	
P. rufum	Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner		C	T	N 4 N 4
Thripadectes holostictus	Striped Treehunter		f	T	MM
Automolus ochrolaemus	Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner		С	T	
Lochmias nematura	Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper		r	A	
Sittasomus griseicapillus	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Х	u	T	N 4 N 4
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus	Strong-billed Woodcreeper		r	T	MM
Dendrocolaptes picumnus	Black-banded Woodcreeper		r	T T	117
Xiphorhynchus ocellatus	Ocellated Woodcreeper		С	ı	UT

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X. triangularis	Olive-backed Woodcreeper		u	Т	UT
Lepidocolaptes albolineatus	Lineated Woodcreeper		r	T	
Campylorhamphus trochilirostris	Red-billed Scythebill		f	Т	
Thamnophilidae (9)					
Thamnophilus palliatus	Chestnut-backed Antshrike		u	Т	
T. caerulescens	Variable Antshrike		r	V <u>,</u> A	
T. aethiops	White-shouldered Antshrike		u	T	
T. aroyae	Upland Antshrike		С	T	UT
Dysithamnus mentalis	Plain Antvireo		C	T	UT
Myrmotherula longicauda M. grisea	Stripe-chested Antwren Yungas Antwren		f f	T T	HT
Drymophila devillei	Striated Antbird			T T	пі
Pyriglena leuconota	White-backed Fire-eye	х	u C	, T	
Formicariidae (2)	Willie-backed i lie-eye	^	C	'	
Chamaeza campanisona	Short-tailed Antthrush	Х	а	Т	UT
Grallaria guatimalensis	Scaled Antpitta	^	u	Ť	UT
Conopophagidae (1)	Goaled / Implied		u	•	01
Conopophaga ardesiaca	Slaty Gnateater		а	Т	UT
Rhinocryptidae (1)	cially circulates		~	•	0.
Scytalopus bolivianus	Bolivian Tapaculo	Х	а	Т	
Tyrannidae (27)					
Phyllomyiàs sclateri	Sclater's Tyrannulet	X	u	Т	
Mecocerculus hellmayri	Buff-banded Tyrannulet		u	Т	
M. leucophrys	White-throated Tyrannulet	X	r	V, A	
Pseudotriccus simplex	Hazel-fronted Pygmy-Tyrant		r	Α	UT
Zimmerius bolivianus	Bolivian Tyrannulet		u	Т	MM
Phylloscartes ophthalmicus	Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant		u	Т	
P. ventralis	Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet		u	Т	
Mionectes striaticollis	Streak-necked Flycatcher		r	Ţ	
M. macconnelli	McConnell's Flycatcher		u	T	
Leptopogon superciliaris	Slaty-capped Flycatcher		C	T	UT
Hemitriccus spodiops	Yungas Tody-Tyrant	X	f	T	В
Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps	Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher	Х	u	T V	UT
Platyrinchus mystaceus Myiophobus inornatus	White-throated Spadebill Unadorned Flycatcher		r	V T	UT UT
M. fasciatus	Bran-colored Flycatcher	V	r u	, T	Οī
Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus	Cinnamon Flycatcher	Х	u U	Ϋ́	
Lathrotriccus euleri	Euler's Flycatcher		u	Ť	
Contopus fumigatus	Smoke-colored Pewee	Х	<u>u</u>	<u>.</u>	
Colonia colonus	Long-tailed Tyrant	X	r	Р	
Legatus leucophaius	Piratic Flycatcher	X	r	T	
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	X	u	Ť	
M. maculatus	Streaked Flycatcher		u	Ť	
Megarynchus pitangua	Boat-billed Flycatcher	Х	_	_	
Tyrannus melancholicus	Tropical Kingbird	X	r	Т	
Rhytipterna simplex	Grayish Mourner		u	Т	
Myiarchus tuberculifer	Dusky-capped Flycatcher		u	Т	
M. cephalotes	Pale-edged Flycatcher	X	u	T	
Cotingidae (3)					
Pipreola frontalis	Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater		r	V	
Rupicola peruvianus	Andean Cock-of-the-Rock		u	Ţ	UT
Cephalopterus ornatus	Amazonian Umbrellabird		r	V	
Pipridae (1)				_	
Chiroxiphia boliviana	Yungas Manakin	Х	а	Т	UT
Tityridae (3)	Maakad Titura		_	-	
Tityra semifasciata	Masked Tityra		r	T	
Schiffornis turdina Pachyramphus castaneus	Thrush-like Schiffornis Chestnut-crowned Becard		u u	A T	
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Incertae Sedis (1)					
Piprites chloris Corvidae (3)	Wing-barred Piprites		r	Α	
Cyanolyca viridicyanus	White-collared Jay		r	Т	
Cyanocorax cyanomelas	Purplish Jay	Х	_	_	
Cyanocorax yncas Hirundinidae (1)	Green Jay		r	V	
Pygochelidon cyanoleuca	Blue-and-white Swallow	х	f	V	
Troglodytidae (3)					
Troglodytes aedon	House Wren	X	_	_	
Thryothorus genibarbis	Moustached Wren	X	а	T	
Henicorhina leucophrys	Gray-breasted Wood-Wren		С	Т	UT
Turdidae (4) Myadestes ralloides	Andean Solitaire		_	Т	
Catharus dryas	Spotted Nightingale-Thrush	Х	r u	, T	UT
Turdus nigriceps	Slaty Thrush		f	Τ̈́	01
T. albicollis	White-necked Thrush		a	Ť	
Thraupidae (23)			~	·	
Cissopis leverianus	Magpie Tanager		r	V	
Hemispingus melanotis	Black-eared Hemispingus		u	Т	MM, B
Thlypopsis ruficeps	Rust-and-yellow Tanager		r	V	
Trichothraupis melanops	Black-goggled Tanager		u	Т	UT
Ramphocelus carbo	Silver-beaked Tanager	X	f	T	
Thraupis palmarum	Palm Tanager	Х	u	T T	
Anisognathus somptuosus	Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager		f	T	MM
Pipraeidea melanonota Chlorochrysa calliparaea	Fawn-breasted Tanager Orange-eared Tanager		r	V V	
Tangara ruficervix	Golden-naped Tanager		r r	V	
T. argyrofenges	Green-throated Tanager		u	Ť	
T. punctata	Spotted Tanager		r	v	
T. nigroviridis	Beryl-spangled Tanager		r	V	
T. mexicana	Turquoise Tanager		r	V	
T. gyrola	Bay-headed Tanager		r	V	HT
T. chrysotis	Golden-eared Tanager		r	V	
T. xanthocephala	Saffron-crowned Tanager		u	V	
T. arthus	Golden Tanager		u	Т	
Tersina viridis	Swallow-Tanager	X	_	_	
Dacnis cayana	Blue Dacnis		u	V	
Cyanerpes caeruleus	Purple Honeycreeper		u	V	
Diglossa sittoides	Rusty Flowerpiercer		r 	V T	
D. glauca Incertae Sedis (3)	Deep-blue Flowerpiercer		u	1	
Chlorospingus ophthalmicus	Common Bush-Tanager		а	Т	UT
Tiaris obscurus	Dull-colored Grassquit		r	v	01
Saltator maximus	Buff-throated Saltator		r	Ť	
Emberizidae (5)					
Sicalis flaveola	Saffron Finch	X	_	_	
Sporophila caerulescens	Double-collared Seedeater		r	V	
Arremon torquatus	Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	X	f	Т	MM
Atlapetes rufinucha	Rufous-naped Brush-Finch	X	_	_	
Coryphospingus cucullatus Cardinalidae (3)	Red-crested Finch	Х	_	_	
Piranga flava	Hepatic Tanager		r	V	
P. leucoptera	White-winged Tanager		u	Ť	
Pheucticus aureoventris	Black-backed Grosbeak		r	V	
Parulidae (7)					
Parula pitiayumi	Tropical Parula		u	Т	
Geothlypis aequinoctialis	Masked Yellowthroat		r	V, A	

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Myioborus miniatus	Slate-throated Redstart	х	С	Т	
Basileuterus bivittatus	Two-banded Warbler	Х	С	Т	
B. coronatus	Russet-crowned Warbler		С	Т	MM
B. tristriatus	Three-striped Warbler	Х	а	Т	UT
Phaeothlypis rivularis	Riverbank Warbler		r	Α	
Icteridae (5)					
Psarocolius angustifrons	Russet-backed Oropendola		а	Т	
P. atrovirens	Dusky-green Oropendola	X	f	Т	
P. decumanus	Crested Oropendola	Х	f	Т	
Icterus cayanensis	Epaulet Oriole		r	V	
Molothrus oryzivorus	Giant Cowbird	Х	_	_	
Fringillidae (7)					
Carduelis olivacea	Olivaceous Siskin		u	V	
Carduelis xanthogastra	Yellow-bellied Siskin		r	V	
Euphonia laniirostris	Thick-billed Euphonia		r	T	
E. cyanocephala	Golden-rumped Euphonia		r	Α	
E. mesochrysa	Bronze-green Euphonia		f	Т	
E. xanthogaster	Orange-bellied Euphonia		С	Т	HT
Chlorophonia cyanea	Blue-naped Chlorophonia		С	Т	