SOUTH AMERICAN BIRD FAIR
FERIA DE AVES DE SUDAMÉRICA
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XV FERIA DE AVES DE SUDAMÉRICA
PARAGUAY

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

OBSERVATION OUTINGS

ALKS AND WORKSHOPS

SYMPOSIUMS

FOOD AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FAIR

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The program **is subject to change without prior notice due to logistical, weather, or force majeure reasons.** We recommend staying tuned to announcements from the organizers.

WEDNESDAY 16

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	LOCATION
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Training Workshop for South American Reviewers	John Garret and Fabricio Gorleri	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
9:00 AM to 11:00 PM	**FREE ACTIVITY** Meeting of Observer Clubs		Auditorium - Guyra tata
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	**LUNCH** *(You'll find several dining options near the port)*		
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION	-	Central Hall *(Ground Floor)*
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	TOVS Forum: Forum of Regional Experiences in Wildlife Tourism Development	Colombia, Brasil, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Workshop: eBird communications and outreach	-	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*

- **Field Trips:** Half-day trips will take place on Thursday, September 17, Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19. Full-day trips will take place on Sunday, September 20. Meeting times will be between 5:00 and 6:30 a.m. (depending on the chosen trip).
- **Accreditation:** Registration will be available every day, morning and afternoon.
- **Food:** Enjoy our food fair with food stands open from Thursday, September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Pier.

THURSDAY 17

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	REGISTRATION	-	Central Hall *(Ground Floor)*
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	**LUNCH** *(Food options available for purchase at the Pier or surrounding area)*		
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	**Talk |** 35 Years of Birdwatching in Paraguay: Lost Species, Found Species	Rob Clay (Gran Bretaña)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Recording Birds and eBird	Fabricio Gorleri, Oscar Rodríguez and Fernando Beconi	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
	Opportunities That Fly: Birdwatching as a Driver of Local Development	Alejandra Boloqui (Argentina)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	**Workshop |** I Learn Birding	Carito Yáñez (Chile)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	**Talk |** Color Blindness in Birdwatching	Rafael Costa (Brasil)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Climate Change and its Impacts on South American Birds	Floyd Hayes (USA)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	**Workshop |** I Advanced eBird	Daniel Arias and Nicole Arcaya	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	**Talk |** Tribute to Common Birds: Because the Usual is Vital	Arne Lesterhius (Paraguay)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Soundscapes: Applications of Artificial Intelligence for Conservation and Ecosystem Use	Myriam Velázques (Paraguay)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
5:30 PM to 6:00 PM	**GROUP PHOTO "I WAS THERE" AT THE DOCK**	Open invitation to all participants	Dock (exterior)
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	**6 PM |** Opening Ceremony and Welcome. **6:15** PM | Presentation of authorities and Cancellation Ceremony of the Commemorative Stamp in Honor of the XV South American Bird Fair	Local Committee - Paraguay	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	**FREE ACTIVITY** **Orquesta Sinfónica de la Ciudad de Asunción (OSCA) Concert**		

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- **Accreditation:** This can also be done in the afternoon, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Food:** Enjoy our food fair with food stands available from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Pier.
- This activity will include sign language interpretation.

FRIDAY 18

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9:00 to10:00 AM	FREE ACTIVITY **Talk** | Let's Get to Know the National Parks of Paraguay	Roque Aranda Vázquez (Paraguay)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	**Workshop** |Wood Carving of native birds of Paraguay	Craftsman José Escobar (Paraguay)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	**Workshop** | Understanding Automated Vocalization Identifiers. Integrating BirdNet and Kaleidoscope	Rafael Rueda (México)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
1:00 to 2:00 PM	**LUNCH** *(Food options available for purchase at the Pier or surrounding area)*		
2:00 to 3:00 PM	**Keynote Speech** | The Secret Life of Crested Eagles	Willian Menq (Brasil)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
3:00 to 4:00 PM	PAYDA: From Solitary Little Observers to a Network of Open Wings	Cecilia de Larminat (Argentina)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Urban Birds and Citizenship: Forming a New Generation of Nature Observers	Cecilia Flores (Bolivia)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
	Workshop | Introduction to Bird Photography	Esteban Argerich (Argentina)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
	Merlin as a Teaching Tool	Daniel Arias and Priscila Pellissier	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
4:00 to 4:30 PM	**BREAK**		
4:15 to 6:30 PM	**Workshop** | Bird Photography: An Endless Adventure	Esteban Argerich (Argentina)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
4:30 to 5:30 PM	**Talk** | Costa Rica, Why It's a World Bird-watching Hotspot	Freddy Madrigal (Costa Rica)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Birding Against the Current: Challenging Binocular and Field Guide Biases	Pamela García (México)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
4:30 to 7:00 PM	FREE ACTIVITY **Symposium** | Education and Birds	Carito Yañez (Chile)	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
5:30 to 6:30 PM	**Talk** | Different Sky, Same Name	Vanessa Palacios (España) and Horacio Matarasso (Argentina)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Birds and Mental Health: A Different Way of Relating to Nature	Ignacio Villagran Quijada (Chile)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*

7:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP DINNER AT THE ASUNCIÓN GOLF CLUB

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SATURDAY 19

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9:00 to 10:00 AM	**Talk |** Is it Bird Tourism and Inclusion, We are Still Far Away	Juan Pablo Culasso (Uruguay) and Tatiana Galluppi (Paraguay)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	**Business meeting (Pre-registration required)**		Central Hall *(Upper floor)*
9:00 AM to 13:00 PM	**Workshop |** Biological Classification: What is it For? Classification Applied to Birding and ABCs of Scientific Names to Avoid Embarrassment	Horacio Matarasso (Argentina)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
10:00 to 11:00 AM	**Talk |** The Jewels of Peru: Its Endemic Birds	Fernando Angulo (Perú)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	**Talk |** Wings of the Bicentennial: The Impact of the South American Bird Fair in Bolivia	Rafael Mounzon (Bolivia)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
1:00 to 2:00 PM	**LUNCH** *(Food options available for purchase at the Pier or surrounding area)*		
2:00 to 15:00 PM	**Keynote Speech |** Ethno-ornithology and the Aché of Paraguay	Alberto Madroño (Spain)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
3:00 to 4:00 PM	**Talk |** My Country is the Neotropics!	Guto Carvalho (Brasil)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	ACTIVIDAD GRATUITA **Women's Symposium |** Women Who Soar with the Wind	María Ruíz (Uruguay)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
	Talk | Venezuela, the Last Great Corner of the Neotropics: A Collage of South America and the Caribbean in a Single Country	Jhonathan Miranda (Venezuela)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
	Talk | Birds in the Cosmovision of Our Indigenous Peoples	Nelson Pérez (Paraguay)	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
4:00 to 4:30 PM	**RECESO**		
4:30 to 5:30 PM	**Talk |** Uruguay: balcón de aves migratorias invernales	Gonzalo Millacet (Uruguay)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Desafíos para la observación de aves y la ornitología en el Cono Sur	Fernando Straude (Brasil)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*
4:30 to 6:30 PM	**Workshop |** Identificación de aves playeras	Rob Clay (Gran Bretaña)	Room B - Tai'i *(Side room upstairs)*
	Mini Fair for Children | Activities for children aged 7 to 12. Pre-registration required	Carito Yáñez (Chile) and Cecilia de Larminat (Argentina)	Saraki hovy Hall *(Mezzanine - Itaú)*
5:30 to 6:30 PM	**Talk |** Rare Birds of the Interior Atlantic Forest: Stories and Conservation	Sergio Moya (Argentina)	Auditorium - Guyra tata
	Talk | Colombia Birdfair: A Movement for Bird Conservation in Colombia	Carlos Mario Wagner-Wagner (Colombia)	Room A- Guyra pong *(Customs upstairs)*

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

OUR NEXT DESTINATION 2027. CLOSING AND FAREWELL CEREMONY WITH THE PLAY "DILEMA DE PÁJAROS" BY THE NAHUALLI CAST

- **Field Trips:** These start early, with departures between 5:00 and 6:30 a.m. (depending on the chosen trip).
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FULL DAY EXCURSIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

YBYCUI NATIONAL PARK

It is a protected area of Paraguay that preserves the dense humid subtropical forest, a remnant of the Atlantic Forest, **with a great variety of flora and fauna, including 365 bird species.**

- Time: 3:20 AM to 9:30 PM
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 150 km
- Price: G. 395.000
- Date: 20/09/2026

MBARACAYÚ FOREST NATURE RESERVE

It is the largest reserve in the eastern region of the country. It is the main remnant of the Atlantic Forest in Paraguay and also contains large areas of the Cerrado ecosystem. With remarkable richness in flora and fauna, **including 354 bird species, it is home to the bellbird (Procnias nudicollis), the national bird symbol of Paraguay.**

- Time: 1:00 AM to 10:30 PM
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 319 km
- Price: G. 625.000
- Date: 20/09/2026

ESTACIÓN PUERTO OLIVARES

With 260 species, it is a privileged site for birdwatching in Paraguay. Situated at the confluence of the Manduvirá and Paraguay rivers, it offers diverse habitats such as wetlands, savannas, and gallery forests, which favor the presence of a wide variety of species.

- Time: 5:30 AM to 8:30 PM
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 62 km
- Price: G. 335.000
- Date: 20/09/2026

SALTY LAGOONS OF THE CENTRAL CHACO

It is a a unique ecosystem of brackish wetlands, crucial for migratory birds and other endemic Chaco species. **With a great variety of fauna, birds stand out with 305 species recorded, making it a true paradise for birdwatchers.**

- Time: 12:20 AM - 09:30 PM
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 450 km
- Price: G. 900.000
- Date: 20/09/2026

MBARACAYÚ BIOLOGICAL REFUGE

Located 417 km from Asunción, in the city of Salto del Guairá, it comprises 1,436 hectares of forests bordered by the imposing reservoir of the Itaipú Hydroelectric Plant. It stands as a global example of forest restoration, and throughout its extension it is covered by native vegetation, with great richness in fauna and flora. **A total of 257 bird species have been recorded, including several vulnerable ones.**

- Time: 12:30 AM to 9:30 PM
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 417 km
- Price: G. 745.000
- Date: 20/09/2026

TICKETS AVAILABLE

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HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

SEPTEMBER 17-18-19

COSTANERA OF ASUNCIÓN

Starting from the fair's headquarters, a walking tour will take place along the Costanera of Asunción, **a place where 296 bird species have already been recorded.** September is already the season for shorebirds and seedeaters! The walk may surprise you with the great variety of birds that can be observed.

- Time: 06:30 to 11:30
- Group size: 40
- Distance: 1 km
- Price: Free

BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ZOO OF ASUNCIÓN

It is the most important natural space in the capital of Paraguay. It covers approximately 250 hectares, of which 110 hectares are protected as an ecological reserve and another 116 hectares are designated for public use as a recreational park. **A total of 247 bird species have been recorded here.**

- Time: 06:15 to 11:50
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 10 km
- Price: G. 145.000

PARQUE GUASU METROPOLITANO

Located 15 km from the Fair, these adjoining urban parks represent an important green lung in the metropolitan area of Asunción. Parque Guasu was recently declared a protected wilderness area. Together they cover approximately 200 hectares, **with a great variety of fauna and flora, and 282 bird species have been recorded.**

- Time: 06:15 to 11:50
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 15 km
- Price: G. 140.000

BAJO CHACO AND KM 88 TRANSCHACO

The Bajo Chaco, with areas such as Villa Hayes, Estancia Golondrina, and Km 88, **is one of the most valuable regions of Paraguay for birdwatching. Its mosaic of wetlands, savannas, and riverside forests provides diverse habitats that sustain a great wealth of species.**
Among them, the Strange-tailed Tyrant (Alectrurus risora) stands out, an emblematic species of the area considered globally vulnerable. Its presence makes the Bajo Chaco a privileged destination for birdwatchers and biodiversity enthusiasts, reinforcing the region's value as a key space for ecotourism and environmental education.

- Time: 06:30 to 11:30
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 2 km
- Price: G. 180.000

CERRO PATIÑO AND BEACH OF YPACARAÍ

Located 37 km from the Fair, these areas feature small mountain ranges and forests in the central region of the country, **where 182 bird species have been reported (Ypacaraí Beach).**

- Time: 05:45 to 12:30
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 37 km
- Price: G. 220.000

Reserva Aguapey

Located 30 km from the Port of Asunción, the Aguapey Nature Reserve lies within the Ypacaraí Lake basin. It is a newly established protected area covering 1,313 hectares of high ecological value. The reserve is jointly managed by the Moisés Bertoni Foundation and the Museum of Sciences (MUCI). As a mosaic of ecosystems–including wetlands, woodland, and grasslands typical of the humid Chaco– the variety of bird species found here is remarkable.

- Time: 05:45 to 12:30
- Group size: 30
- Distancia: 30 km
- Price: G. 180.000

JUAN DE MENA

Located 103 km from the Fair, **and with 273 bird species recorded, it is an area of large wetlands and natural grasslands, with a great richness of aquatic birds, seedeaters, tyrant flycatchers, and raptors.** Notably, it is home to Alectrurus risora, which breeds in the area, and Sporophila iberaensis, a species recently discovered.

- Time: 05:00 to 12:30
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 103 km
- Price: G. 255.000

PUERTO OLIVARES

Located 62 km from the Fair, **with 260 species, it is a privileged site for birdwatching in Paraguay.** Situated at the confluence of the Manduvirá and Paraguay rivers, it offers diverse habitats such as wetlands, savannas, and gallery forests, which favor the presence of a wide variety of species.

- Time: 05:15 to 12:30
- Group size: 30
- Distance: 62 km
- Price: G. 236.000

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