

## Trip Report: Uruguay (December 14<sup>th</sup> 2014)

### Colonia del Sacramento

During a near one-month long work trip to Buenos Aires, I took a ferry ride to the small town of Colonia del Sacramento immediately across the Rio Plata in Uruguay. The fast ferry makes the crossing in just over one hour, and I spent a pleasant afternoon eating, drinking and then cycling around the historical old town and along the waterfront as far as the Sheraton hotel some 6km upriver. There are some significant areas of reed beds along the coastline which no doubt hold a much sought after lifer in the form of the Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant, but I did not have sufficient patience (or the assistance of playback) to persist in finding one.

Given the casual nature of my birding efforts, the bird count was low and included no lifers.



*Street scenes in the historical heart of Colonia*

# 1. Bird Trip List<sup>1</sup>

Confirmed personal sightings only for DJS – excludes birds heard only unless otherwise indicated. As field guide I used [‘Birds of Southern South America and Antarctica’ by Martín de la Peña and Maurice Rumboll \(Princeton University Press, 1998\)](#). Some names have been updated since this guide was published, so birds in the trip list are identified as per ‘The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World’, Cornell, 2007 with updates through December 2010 (online version 6.5).

Locations where species were seen, in order of travel:

U = Uruguay, in the vicinity of Colonia del Sacramento on the banks of the Río Plata (afternoon of December 14<sup>th</sup>). Altitude ~ 0 to 20m ASL.

## PIGEONS, DOVES Columbidae

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* [U]:

**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro* [U]:

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* [U]:

## PARROTS Psittacidae

**Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus* [U]:

## WOODPECKERS Picidae

**Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris* [U]:

## TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Tyrannidae

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* [U]:

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* [U]:

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna* [U]:

## MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS Mimidae

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus* [U]:

## OLD WORLD SPARROWS Passeridae

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* [U]:

Total 10 confirmed species for the trip with no ‘lifers’ for DJS.

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<sup>1</sup> First sighting ever for DJS; **E** = Uruguay endemic species; \* = photo available