

Project Update: May 2014

The fourth phase of this project started in October 2013. During the breeding season we obtained ecological data from more than 260 pampas meadowlarks including song recordings from ca. 200 males. Birds in two Uruguayan populations were recorded for the first time. Niche modelling tools were used to produce a map of pampas meadowlark potential distribution and will provide the basis for future searches to locate new meadowlark populations. Regarding awareness-raising activities we distributed materials and delivered talks with focus on school children and ranchers.

During the winter season we will carry out field surveys to relocate banded birds and we will offer additional presentations at several meetings.

Bernabé López-Lanús (AUDIORNIS Producciones) participated in field activities in Uruguay. Fieldwork in Argentina was conducted in collaboration with Natalia Cozzani (Universidad Nacional del Sur), Jorge Meriggi and Hernán Ibáñez (Dirección de Fauna Silvestre). Meadowlarks potential distribution maps were prepared by Hugo Coitiño (ECOBIO). Fieldwork in Tacuarembó and Flores Departments was possible thanks to data provided by Santiago Carvalho and Juan Carlos Rudolf.



Pampas meadowlark nest