

Project Update: May 2008

Since we started the project, we conducted a bibliographical review searching for previous records of Dipper (*Cinclus schulzi*), we made note of rivers where the species was previously reported, elevation, and date. We found 15 papers that cited the species, which recorded the species in 10 rivers. We also conducted interviews to 10 researchers and park rangers that work in the area. A total of 50 rivers were mentioned during the interviews. We also used maps with elevational ranges to determine other rivers not mentioned in the literature or interviews that could potentially harbour Dippers in Jujuy and Salta provinces, Argentina. We made a list of 30 rivers to survey. We are now conducting fieldwork in rivers previously mentioned and rivers that are likely to harbour the species. We conduct morning and afternoon surveys of Dippers along 6 km of each river, starting at an elevation of approximately 1700 m above sea level.

