



During 25 years of outfitting for the discerning guests entrusted to us by the most prestigious international booking agencies, we have selected the best shooting grounds in Uruguay and Argentina, and perfected our services and logistics like no one else in the business in order that you might enjoy the trip of a lifetime.

River Plate's relentless search for ever-better shooting grounds has expanded their world-class offerings to now include Entre Rios Province in the east, to Buenos Aires Province in the south, to their newest and most unique program in the province of La Pampa to the west. This area offers close proximity to an abundant population of ducks, doves, pigeons, and both spotted and larger elegant crested tinamou (giant perdiz). Of course, at any River Plate location guests will enjoy plentiful populations of multiple gamebird species—in many cases most or all of Argentina's species in the same game-rich location!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our shooting estancias among our many returning guests, all of whom we regard as friends.



LUIS BROWN
FOUNDER
RIVER PLATE WINGSHOOTING

Luis Brown



Luis Brown... always on the search for the best mixed-bag area.

ABOUT US

Raised in the jungles and lumber camps of South America, Luis Brown was educated in the United States, receiving a MS from the Wharton School of Finance.

In 1986 he founded River Plate Wingshooting, and began operations in Uruguay (see map, next page). After many years of outfitting in different parts of Uruguay and Brazil in the search for the optimum mixed-bag shooting grounds, Luis transferred his operations to Argentina in 1990. Over the next decade, River Plate's programs continually expanded and have come to be known as the finest in all of Argentina and Uruguay- actually all of South America.



Associates



Headquarters at Montevideo



River Plate trip coordinators



El Rincón Guides

RIVERPLATE'S

HISTORY MAP

Our search for the best mixed-bag area

In our two-decade-long search for the world's best mixed bag bird hunting, we have gone through a long process to **actually find the best of the best**, beginning in eastern Argentina and Uruguay in 1986. Our search has finally led us west to the "mother lode" of gamebirds in La Pampa Province, home to huge populations of doves, ducks, pigeons and two species of perdiz.



Our search begins

1986



2010
NEW!!

2 WATER LEVELS
+
FLOODED GRAIN

ONLY 1 WATER LEVEL !!

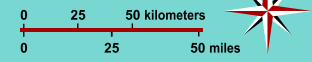
ONLY 1 WATER LEVEL !!

3 WATER LEVELS

MAP LEGENDS

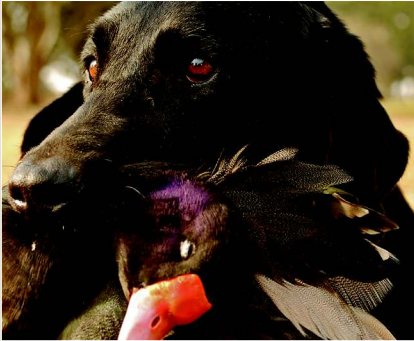
- DUCKS
- DOVES
- PIGEONS
- PERDIZ
- GIANT PERDIZ
- GIANT PERDIZ (driven)

- RIVER PLATE'S OPERATING LODGES
- MARSH AREA
- Pot holes
- Uruguay River spill over
- Parana River spill over
- Channels spill over



THE GAMEBIRDS

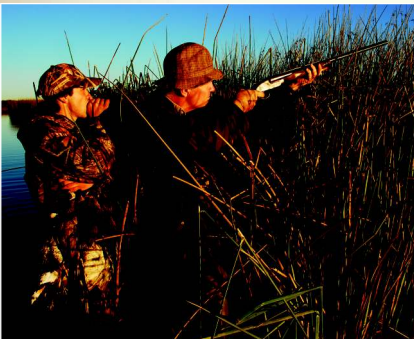
DUCKS



The reasons for River Plate's extraordinary duck shooting is its successful learning curve on feeding, shoot management, and the selection of areas with more than one water level. For example, in south Entre Rios, there are unique marsh systems with three different water levels (see map on previous page), thus ensuring that at any given time conditions are ideal in one area or another, regardless of ever-changing climate conditions or even phases of the moon.

For each of its duck programs, River Plate feeds from 150-200 blinds, EVERY DAY. The feeding program involves a team of 15-20 gamekeepers who feed the ducks in varying amounts according to the number of ducks on any given body of water, and the phase of the moon.

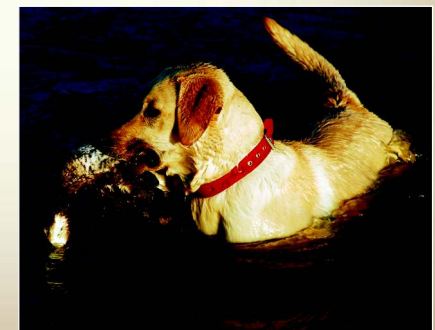
The blinds are easily accessible. There is seldom a need to take a boat or wade through treacherous muck or do any walking at all. Hunters simply step out of the vehicle into the blind. Each blind hosts one or two men on swivel seats over conventional decoys and battery-powered or wind-powered decoys, while the guide uses an electronic caller that is capable of calling all the species available.



THIS IS THE WORLD'S BEST DUCK HUNTING...

Guests will see a continuous stream of low-flying decoying ducks of many species—including the prized rosy-billed pochards— charging into the decoys at a shell consumption rate of one box every 15-20 minutes! If you have never experienced this shooting, maybe you haven't really experienced duck hunting.

The duck experience does not end when departing the blind. Guests will savor duck a l'orange and duck stroganoff and other gourmet duck specialties prepared by River Plate's master chefs.





Giant Perdiz (left) and Perdiz (right)



GIANT PERDIZ

Hunters at Gwenita-La Pampa will have the opportunity to enjoy a world-class shooting experience that is not available anywhere else in all of South America. Within an 30 minute drive from the lodge there are literally millions of acres of brush land, which is home to large populations of fast-flying crested Tinamou (giant perdiz), larger cousins of the perdiz normally hunted with bird dogs in Argentina. River Plate has developed a fantastic European-style driven shoot for these challenging targets. As in Europe, shooters will be assigned shooting stands and enjoy three-four different beats in an afternoon of gunning.

The giant perdiz is also a very sporty shoot over dogs. Expect 6-10 flushes every half an hour walking through brush land resembling South Texas or South Africa. Normally, two guns shoot behind one dog. A dog handler carries all birds and shells. Most of the dogs are quality German shorthairs, and Brittanys, which are best for perdiz.



PERDIZ

The spotted tinamou (or common perdiz), gets up with an explosive take-off and flies swiftly and in a straight line making it a very challenging target, one that upland gunners love to hunt over pointing dogs. The terrain is always easy-short-grass pastures with no brush. On a very good day it is possible to see up to 25 points in an hour, making for very exciting action. The dog work set-up is similar to that of the giant perdiz mentioned before.

PIGEONS

A River Plate classic. Also abundant, spot-wing and picazuro pigeons are seen mingling with doves everywhere. However, our dedicated pigeon destinations offer huge flocks of virtually 100% spot-wing pigeons. They are about the size of a wood pigeon and much larger than the Paraguay pigeon.

We place one or two guests to a blind. Blinds are equipped with swivel seats, and shooting is done over decoys placed on the ground, on stands, or on rotating carousels, modeled after carousels used in Scotland. Expect to shoot 6-8 boxes of shells during a two-hour morning shoot at some of the most challenging and deceptive incoming birds.

Experienced shooters always shoot the furthest birds first, thus giving them time to shoot the nearest birds before they get out of gunning range. Easier said than done!



DOVES



Considered a plague in Uruguay and Argentina, doves provide the ultimate high-volume bird shooting experience. It is no exaggeration to say that you can shoot doves in our areas until you are exhausted. Each hunter is provided with a swivel seat and two assistants to offer cold drinks and shells and attend to shooter's needs, perhaps serving as a loader. Shooters can expect to fire **20-40** boxes in a half day session, rivaling the best of Argentina's high-volume destinations.

Host / Associate:
Martín Puig

THE DESTINATIONS

Ducks (~ April-August. Optional: perdiz and dove)

Buenos Aires - ARGENTINA



This is a true high-volume duck destination for serious waterfowlers. Other species are available here with a 1 ½ hour drive, but here the emphasis is mainly on ducks. La Escondida, a 100-year-old traditional estancia, is located a convenient 3 ½ hour drive west from Buenos Aires. A typical day at La Escondida calls for a reasonable 6:45 am departure for the duck blinds, which are only 15-20 minutes away. After the morning shoot, guests return at 10:30 for a relaxing hour of cocktails and lying about all the great shots they made and the huge number of ducks they shot. Then they enjoy a leisurely lunch and a siesta. At 3:30 it's back into the duck blinds, or alternatively, an earlier departure for non-stop hot-barreled shooting at doves returning to the roost.



La Escondida



Offers 8 private suites in a traditional Argentina farm setting.



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Gwenita - La Pampa



There are six large bedrooms
and five bathrooms.



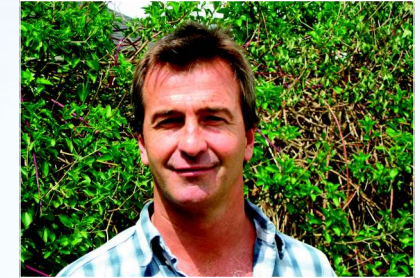
LA PAMPA PROVINCE - ARGENTINA

Ducks, giant perdiz, perdiz, pigeons and doves (~ April-August)

Estancia La Pampa is truly a one-stop mixed-bag wingshooting destination, offering great gunning for five of Argentina's sportiest species. The quality and dedication of La Pampa's team make it your best mixed-bag shooting option.

Duck shooting is equal to the standards established at other River Plate estancias and may include shooting over small or large ponds and irrigation canals, which provide for incredible decoying. Many of our duck blinds are conveniently situated for a half day shoot on the way to or from the International Airport.

The elegant giant perdiz is rarely found in other provinces, but they abound in La Pampa's brush. They are truly one of the premier porting birds of the world, and gunning for this giant perdiz is a River Plate specialty. Guests may opt for our fantastic European-style driven shoot for these challenging targets, or can hunt the traditional style over good bird dogs. The area also supports good numbers of the smaller spotted tinamou.





Pigeons also abound in the brushy habitat favored by the giant perdiz. Expect hundreds of pigeons coming in to decoy from all directions. This is truly a great shooting experience that rivals or surpasses the pigeon shooting in England and Paraguay. Pigeon shoots and **driven** shoots are organized as a full day program or in combination with a half day of high-volume doves.

What is unique about the dove shooting here is that it can be enjoyed at any time of day, even during the cold months. There are just a few freshwater holes in the area (all the rest are saltwater). This fact concentrates the birds in a very small area as they come in to water, and the gunners, strategically placed near the water, fill the air with minute flak. Many experienced dove shooters claim that the dove shooting here surpasses in volume and intensity the dove shooting in Cordoba, which has long been considered the world's foremost dove-shooting destination.



El Rincon



Offers 7 bedrooms and 4 baths and can comfortably accommodate a group of up to 10 hunters.



ENTRE RIOS PROVINCE - ARGENTINA

Ducks, perdiz and doves (~April-August, doves all year)

At one time the Estancia El Rincon-which extended to over three million acres-was one of the largest in the country. River Plate refurbished and upgraded the original home, which was built in 1890, to restore it to the glory of its early days. Action-filled days, impeccable organization, and highly competent guides place El Rincon and its sister estancia, Santa Rosa, a notch above all other regional lodges.

Host / Senior Associate:
Quique Young



Host / Associate:
Pancho Cardoso



In River Plate's quarter-century of experience, these two estancias were selected as the best logistically for superb mixed-bag shooting. They access an enormous duck population in a variety of marsh, pond and river habitats, an ever-increasing dove population, with clouds of doves departing and returning to the roosts at all angles, and large concentrations of perdiz, well-pointed by excellent bird dogs. All of this abundance within a 30-45 minute drive from the lodge(s)!



Santa Rosa



Offers 5 bedrooms and 5 baths and can pleasantly host a group of up to 8 hunters.



Posada de Piedra



Offers 6 bedrooms with private bathroom and breathtaking views of the Río de la Plata.

This lodge can accommodate up to 8 hunters.



PUNTA DEL ESTE - URUGUAY

Perdiz and pigeons (~ May-August)

Commonly known as the Riviera of South America, Punta del Este combines great beaches with sophisticated restaurants, casinos, and shopping, all just a few miles from spectacular walk-up shooting for perdiz over dogs and high-volume decoyed pigeon shooting. River Plate invites you to Posada de Piedra where you can fire your shotgun all day and eat fresh seafood or an extraordinary barbecue at a seaside bistro by night.

Your personal guide will construct your blind from natural brush, place a nice spread of decoys within gunning range and then position themselves a short distance away so to assist you with gun loading, shells or just serve a hot cup of coffee or a cold beer. Wait until our chef serves you a delicious dish of freshly prepared perdiz.

Host / Associate:

Gonzalo Fulquet





For a different atmosphere River Plate presents its newest lodge, Estancia Vik, situated on one of the most beautiful spots of the Uruguayan coastline, Jose Ignacio. This is a fishing village that combines bohemian air, fashion stores and luxury. To visit Estancia Vik is to immerse oneself into the finest Uruguayan art and architecture all while enjoying the stunning nature, a traditional ranch experience and the splendor of South America's finest beaches, the thrill of parties that outlast the sunrise, all amid the comfort, sophistication and aesthetic magnificence of an Estancia hotel beyond compare.

Lodges are situated just 10 minutes from several shooting areas and surrounded by fields and a minute away from the Atlantic Ocean. Arrive at the international airport in the morning and shoot perdiz all afternoon. On the day of departure enjoy a final exciting pigeon or perdiz shoot in the morning and leave for the airport after lunch.

Estancia Vik



Four Seasons Resort



Offers 44 bungalows and bi-level suites, secluded amongst whispering trees on the banks of the Rio de la Plata. You can also enjoy golf and Polo, our Spa and fitness centre or just daydream by the pool.



CARMELO - URUGUAY

Perdiz and doves (~ May–August. Doves all year)

Shooting in Uruguay is distinguished by a landscape of outstanding natural beauty and by the abundance and variety of game birds. River Plate has leased some of the best farmland next to Carmelo, a quiet but sophisticated and luxurious resort near the historic town of Colonia. Colonia is a “World Heritage Site” and is one of the oldest towns in South America, with a rich history and carefully preserved colonial architecture, cobble-stone streets, horse-drawn carriages, and many enchanting bars, bistros, and boutiques.

Gunners can expect to expend 40-80 boxes of shells a day here on doves, all within just a few minutes’ drive from their accommodations. Fly into Montevideo or arrive in Colonia by hydrofoil ferry from Buenos Aires at noon and staff will have you shooting that afternoon.

Host / Senior Associate:
Quique Young



RIVERPLATE'S

DESTINATION MAP

