

FIRST NESTING RECORDS OF SELVA CACIQUES *Cacicus koepckeae* AND NEW DATA ON HABITAT AND BEHAVIOR

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We present new information on the distribution, habitat use and behavior of the Selva Cacique (*Cacicus koepckeae*), obtained during six years and 37 campsites in the departamentos Ucayali y Cusco, Amazonian Peru. Our 11 new localities had extensive patches of *Guadua* bamboo. Sonograms and descriptions of the song (previously unknown) and other vocalizations are presented. We found two active nests, elongated pendent bags, mostly built with black rhizomorphs of the fungus *Marasmius*. The nests resembled those of the Golden-winged (*C. crhysopterus*) and Ecuadorian Caciques (*C. sclateri*), even in being suspended over water, in the case of the Selva Cacique over fast-flowing streams. This similarity suggests a close phylogenetic relationship between the three species. We observed from three to four individuals at each nest, sharing some parental duties like nest guarding and attacks to predators. This is the first report of cooperative breeding for the genus *Cacicus*.