



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Chile

### Blisard Tailor-Made Tour

**Birds, Wildlife & Andean landscapes**

*26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (15 days)*

## Trip Report



Inca Tern by Russ Kleinman

**Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Dušan Brinkhuizen**

## Top ten birds as voted for by Karen and Russ:

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| 1. Diademed Sandpiper-Plover | 6. Magellanic Woodpecker |
| 2. Andean Condor             | 7. Magellanic Plover     |
| 3. King Penguin              | 8. Magellanic Tapaculo   |
| 4. Magellanic Penguin        | 9. Chilean Tinamou       |
| 5. Lesser Rhea               | 10. Hooded Grebe         |

## Tour Summary

Our Chile private tour commenced in the capital of Santiago. Right from the get-go, we got two “airport lifers”, Chimango Caracara and Chilean Swallow, a promising start! We then visited the Mapulemu Gardens in the metropolitan park, which was surprisingly productive in terms of birds, especially given the vicinity to downtown Santiago. Shiny Cowbirds and a flock of noisy Monk Parakeets greeted us at the entrance of the garden. Austral Thrushes were present in healthy numbers, as well as Chilean Elaenia. A pair of Tufted Tit-Tyrants showed themselves nicely. A definite highlight for the day was the Austral Pygmy Owl that we found. The pygmy owl was not shy at all, and the views that we got of this neat species were cracking! Shortly after, Karen got us on a Chilean Mockingbird, our first Chilean endemic for the trip! The bird was clearly territorial and we watched it for a prolonged time at close range. A pair of Plain-mantled Tit-Spintail accompanied by a juvenile was another welcome surprise in the garden.

The following morning, we took a flight to Arica in the far northern tip of the country. Afternoon birding along the coast was exciting, with lots of coastal birds including Franklin’s Gull, Peruvian Pelican, Neotropic Cormorant and Whimbrel. A massive flock of hundreds of wintering Elegant Terns was a truly spectacular sight. Large gulls that were present here included the elegant Grey Gull and various Belcher’s Gulls of different age plumages that



**Austral Pygmy Owl by Russ Kleinman**



**Chilean Seaside Cinclodes by Russ Kleinman**

we got to observe at close range. A trail along the rocky coast south of town got us our second Chilean endemic: Chilean Seaside Cinclodes! The individual we watched showed a remarkable pale facial pattern, and Russ was able to get good pictures of it. Other highlights along the trail included some Peruvian Boobies and the fancy Red-legged Cormorant that we both scoped nicely. A short stop at the San Marcos Cathedral designed by Gustave Eiffel was a nice intermezzo. We then searched for Peruvian Thick-knee in the nearby Azapa Valley. A flock of at least fifteen birds was found in a

dry riverbed, and the views we got of these cryptic and odd-looking waders were just great! We also got our first Oasis Hummingbird here.

The afternoon was spent at a small coastal reserve at the Lluta river mouth, also known as Humedal Rio Lluta. At arrival, we were surprised by an unmistakable Roseate Spoonbill – a vagrant to Chile! A single Andean Avocet foraging at a small coastal marsh was also rather unusual but, apparently, this high-elevation altiplano species will sometimes wander down to the coast. Another enormous surprise was finding two Markham's Storm Petrels on the beach! The birds were obviously weakened and, unfortunately, one of them got grabbed by a Turkey Vulture before we could save it! We picked up the second bird which looked like a fresh juvenile and brought it to the nearby park guards. Again, to our surprise, we were not the only ones that had found storm petrels on the beach that day, as the volunteers had three more life birds stored in a case. Great news was that the locals had started a special project with the veterinarians to save these birds by rehabilitating them in captivity to later successfully release them back into the wild. The exact cause of this weird phenomenon where storm petrels are dropping down on the beach is still unknown. Other birds of interest that we got on the beach included thousands of wintering Franklin's Gulls, with two rather tame Black Skimmers. Slender-billed Finch was nicely seen taking a bath in a reed bed in the late afternoon!



**Peruvian Thick-knee by Russ Kleinman**

The Camarones Valley south of town was our primary birding site the following morning. This scenic valley was historically inhabited by the Chinchorro fisherman, one of South America's oldest pre-ceramic cultures. Trees and tall scrub were scarce in the valley, but we did find a promising spot with some suitable habitat.



**Peruvian Sheartail by Russ Kleinman**

The *Tamarugo* trees soon produced a neat male Tamarugo Conebill, a major target for the day. Pied-crested Tit-tyrant was a little trickier, but we eventually got good views of this species as well. A Chilean Woodstar feeding a fledgeling in the scrub was a great find here! This tiny hummingbird is now considered endemic to the country (old sightings were known from extreme south Peru, but there are no recent confirmed records). Now its distribution seems largely restricted to two narrow oasis valleys in the far north of Chile. Historically, it was fairly common in the Arica area, but based on evidence that the species underwent an extremely rapid population decline, it has been classified as Critically Endangered by BirdLife. Loss of habitat and use of pesticides were thought to be the principal causes for its rapid decline, but competition and displacement by the equally-sized Peruvian Sheartail might also be a factor involved.

We then continued to more open agricultural fields, where we encountered a flock of Raimondi's Yellow Finches. This scarce species was only recently discovered in Chile. The irrigation sprinklers here attracted various other species, including Vermillion Flycatcher, Croaking Ground Dove and White-crested Elaenia. A neat discovery nearby was a singing Peruvian Pipit, a recent split of Yellowish Pipit! Next, we visited the Chaca Valley, where we watched several female-type Chilean Woodstars foraging on flowers. The identification of the woodstar was tricky because the females look extremely similar to Peruvian Sheartail; however, the vocalisations that we heard were distinct for the woodstar, and we were also able to photograph the diagnostic rufous bases to the tail feathers. The flowers also attracted a moulting male Peruvian Sheartail and a couple of Oasis Hummingbirds that Russ got to photograph nicely. In the Azapa valley, we visited an olive farm and did some fine olive tasting while watching the feeders. Species that came to the feeders included Peruvian Sheartail, Oasis Hummingbird, Cinereous Conebill and Slender-billed Finch. In the afternoon, we went back to Humedal Rio Lluta for some more shorebird photography. New species that we added to the list included American Golden Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone and a couple of Common Terns mixed in with the Elegant Terns.



Chilean Woodstar by Russ Kleinman

In the morning, we made another quick stop at Humedal Rio Lluta, where we saw the Roseate Spoonbill again. A House Wren of the local race *tecellatus* was observed in the scrub, showing its distinct barring on the mantle. We made another stop further up the Lluta valley to search for Peruvian Pygmy Owl, but without any luck. We did, however, luck into the enigmatic Peruvian Martin, one of the least expected birds for the trip! A couple of martins flew overhead, and we even managed to get some photos of this rare species. Two Mountain Caracaras foraging in a field was another surprise given the low elevation that we were at. We continued our search for Peruvian Pygmy Owl near Molinos, but without success. The pygmy owl tape did attract numerous birds, though, including Chestnut-throated Seedeater, White-crested Elaenia and Blue-and-yellow Tanager. A stunning pair of Lesser Horned Owls that we found roosting in a tree was another highlight for the morning!



Oasis Hummingbird by Russ Kleinman

At a site known as Quebrada de Cardones, we stopped for a distinct and regional cactus named *Browningia candelaris*. In this very sparsely vegetated habitat of the Atacama Desert, we managed to find a Straight-billed Earthcreeper perched on a rock. Higher up near Copaquilla, we located the scarce Greyish Miner. The bird was surprisingly elusive, but Russ did manage to get a photo of it! Once we got to our hotel in Putre at the edge of town, the bird activity picked up. Mourning Sierra Finch proved to be particularly common here. In the canyon behind the hotel, we

successfully targeted Black-throated Flowerpiercer in the scrub. We also enjoyed watching a male Andean Hillstar foraging at the flowers. Dark-winged and Canyon Canastero were both seen really well. Other highlights here included Buff-breasted Earthcreeper, Cream-winged Cinclodes, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, Bare-faced Ground Dove, Band-tailed Seedeater and Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant. Noisy Andean Parakeets flew high overhead. In the late afternoon, we tried for the elusive Ornate Tinamou, and with success – up to three birds were watched from the vehicle! A Band-winged Nightjar showed itself in the spotlight after dinner.

Today, we drove up to the vast Andean altiplano of northern Chile for some “Puna” birding. Just out of town it was Russ that spotted a sublime Aplomado Falcon perched on a fencepost; our first bird for the day! Two Ornate Tinamous were seen on the way up, though it was difficult to beat the views that we had the previous day. Once we got up to Puna habitat, we hiked up a plateau to search for the elusive Puna Tinamou. Birds that we picked up during the hike included both Puna and White-fronted Ground Tyrants. We also enjoyed watching our first herd of Vicunas at close range. The Puna Tinamous were vocalising in the distance, but we were unable to track them down in the interminable landscape. We did get our first Grey-bellied Seedsnipes – a new and much-desired bird family for us!



Quebrada de Cardones by Russ Kleinman



Southern Mountain Viscacha by Russ Kleinman

The following site that we visited was a small pristine bog within the borders of Lauca National Park. Here we were greeted by a few Southern Mountain Viscachas – weird looking rabbit-like mammals with long, curly tails. At the bog, we watched Yellow-billed Teals, Crested Duck, White-winged Duica Finch, Puna Ground Tyrant and White-winged Cinclodes, all showing well. Fairly soon, it was Rodrigo that spotted our principal target: Diademed Sandpiper-Plover! After enjoying this fantastic wader through the scope, we carefully approached for some photo ops. Other goodies that we picked up at the edge of the bog included White-throated Sierra Finch, Black Siskin and Puna Miner. We then continued to a small lake, where we watched three species of flamingo at close range: Chilean, Andean and James’s! The flamingos were foraging together, so we could nicely study the plumage differences between the species. A Cordilleran Canastero showed itself nicely on the boulders here. The extensive bogs of Parinacota were great birding, with species including Puna Ibis, Puna Teal, Giant Coot, Andean Lapwing, Andean Gull, Andean Flicker, Andean Goose and a couple of wintering Baird’s Sandpipers. We had lunch at the picturesque but rather deserted village of Parinacota before we travelled back to Arica.

The following day, we flew back to Santiago and visited Farellones in the afternoon, a highland site about an hour east of the capital. Our first stop was for a pair of Variable Hawks that perched next to the road. At the same spot, we suddenly discovered a rather large passerine perched atop a tree. It was a Great Shrike-Tyrant – a mega bird! After enjoying the world’s largest tyrant-flycatcher in the scope, we continued up to higher elevations of Valle Nevado. Once we arrived at the ski resort, the Andean Condors were literally flying around our ears! An adult male that we nicknamed “silverback” landed atop the roof of one of the buildings. The cracking views that we got of Andean Condor were about as good as it gets. We watched the condor show for over an hour, and it was difficult for us to leave this site! The rocky habitat with scrubs lower down the valley produced several of our desired targets, including Rufous-tailed Plantcutter, Greater Yellow Finch, Sharp-billed Canastero, Rufous-banded Miner, Scale-throated Earthcreeper, White-browed Ground Tyrant, Grey-hooded Sierra Finch, Black-winged Ground Dove and a neat male White-sided Hillstar. On our way back down, a Moustached Turca ran across the road and we got to see this chunky tapaculo very well. However, the cryptic Chilean Tinamou that showed up fully in the open was the true icing on the cake for the afternoon!



**Diademed Sandpiper-Plover by Russ Kleinman**

Our first stop the following morning was for the sought-after Crag Chilia. Fairly soon, we located this smart furnariid foraging on a rocky slope – yet another Chilean endemic in the bag! At the same spot, a fantastic Moustached Turca showed even better than the day before: exposed on a boulder, completely in the open. Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail showed well here too and we also saw our first Common Duica Finches. Higher up El Yeso valley, we birded near some deserted military barracks, where we found two new ground tyrants: Black-fronted and Rufous-naped. Other species that we enjoyed here included Greater Yellow Finch and Yellow-rumped Siskin. At the crystal blue reservoir, we did not see much in terms of birds, except for a very confiding male Grey-hooded Sierra Finch. At the bog further up the valley, we scanned for the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, but without any luck. People had been camping right next to the bog, so the wildlife was undoubtedly disturbed by them. Nevertheless, we did get some new birds here, including Grey-flanked and Buff-winged Cinclodes, and our first Correndera Pipit for the trip. A stunning observation here was a fully exposed Magellanic Tapaculo that was foraging along a rocky mountain stream! A scenic drive further up the valley produced a flock of twenty Andean Condors surrounding a goat carcass. Grey-breasted Seedsnipes along the road were nice photo ops. It took a while to find the scarce and local Creamy-rumped Miner but, eventually, on our way out we got a showy adult!



**Andean Condor by Russ Kleinman**

In the morning, we travelled to the Maipo river estuary on the Pacific coast. Dusky Tapaculo was one of our targets here, and we located the species in a forest patch pretty quickly. A pair was singing from dense undergrowth and, after some hide-and-seek, we got great views of this skulker! The rare and local Ticking Doradito was another target for the morning, as we continued walking towards the extensive reed beds of the estuary. We found it surprisingly fast, and the views we got of this poorly-known species were rather exceptional: the small tyrant-flycatcher perched only a few metres away from us and showed no fear. Other passerines that we enjoyed watching in the reeds included the fancy Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Wren-like Rushbird, Grassland Yellow Finch, Yellow-winged Blackbird and the smart Spectacled Tyrant! The mudflats of the estuary produced various new species to the list, including the hoped-for Collared Plover. Back at the vehicle, we were surprised by a swift Giant Hummingbird.



**Dusky Tapaculo by Russ Kleinman**

After a local seafood lunch, we visited a small reserve called Humedal de Cartagena. The locals had transformed the rubbish dump into a small wetland park – a true hidden gem! The trail surrounding the wetland provided us with fantastic close-up views of various water birds with young, like Red-gartered and White-winged Coots, Black-necked and Coscoroba Swans, Lake Duck, Red Shoveler, Cinnamon Teal and Chiloe Wigeon. Other species that we got at the wetland included Chilean Swallow, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Chimango Caracara, White-tufted and Silvery Grebes, White-backed Stilt, Whimbrel, Cabot's Tern and Spot-flanked Gallinule. Coypu, a beaver-like mammal, was a nice sighting too. Our seaside hotel at Viña del Mar was fantastic, with Inca Terns nesting right on the side of the building!



**Ticking Doradito by Russ Kleinman**

Chilean Seaside Cinclodes was the first bird we got to see as we checked out of our hotel this morning. A stop at a nearby seabird rock produced large numbers of Peruvian Pelicans, Peruvian Boobies and Guanay Cormorants. Watching a Marine Otter was a nice bonus. Here, we also got our first Black Vulture of the trip. Then we travelled to the scenic Palmas de Ocoa sector of La Campana National Park. The area was characterised by the tall and beautiful Chilean Wine Palm *Jubaea chilensis* endemic to the region. Dusky-tailed Canastero and White-throated Tapaculo were our principal targets here, both endemic to Chile. The latter was easily heard from various directions in the reserve, but seeing it turned out to be rather challenging. Multiple White-throated Tapaculos were calling from nearby, but it took several attempts at different places before we got brief views of this elusive species. Dusky-tailed Canastero was more cooperative, and we got decent views of a bird in the crown of a small tree. Other species that we got in the forest were Thorn-tailed Rayadito, Chilean Elaenia, Common Duica Finch and Striped Woodpecker. The latter was

territorial and showed itself very nicely. A Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle was noticed while it got mobbed by an American Kestrel. After a delicious and substantial lunch, we travelled to the Batuco reservoir for some more water birds. There was a very high concentration of ducks and coots present that we carefully scoped. It was hard work scanning through hundreds of Chiloe Wigeons, Red Shovelers, Lake Ducks, Yellow-billed Pintails, Cinnamon Teals and Coscoroba Swans but, eventually, we picked out Silver Teal and Black-headed Duck, both scarce species. Red-fronted Coot was also a welcome addition to our growing list.

The following day, we took a belated flight to Puerto Montt in the Lake District. It was a scenic drive all the way to Puyehue National Park. A stop at Lake Llanquihue got us some magnificent views of the Osorno volcano. Black-faced Ibis and Southern Crested Caracara were new species that we picked up during the drive, and we saw plenty of both in the extensive farmlands. Close to our cabins at the edge of the National Park, we did some late afternoon birding with Dark-bellied Cinclodes, Black-chinned Siskin, Austral Blackbird, Patagonian Sierra Finch and Green-backed Firecrown!

Pre-breakfast birding in the lower parts of the National Park was productive, with great views of several of our targets. A small flock of Slender-billed Parakeet flew overhead as we left our cabins – a great start! At a forest clearing higher up, we got our first scope views of Chilean Pigeon, and a flock of Austral Parakeets was also briefly present here. In the dense bamboo, Karen got a brief but good view of Ochre-flanked Tapaculo, a rather elusive forest-dweller. Des Murs's Wiretail played hard to get but, eventually, we got some decent views of this skulky ovenbird as well. A trail through some spectacular pristine *Nothofagus* forest was exciting, with Chucao Tapaculo and Black-throated Huet-huet, both seen on the trail! After breakfast, we drove to the higher parts of the park. It was nice and sunny but bird activity was fairly slow. After a few attempts along the road, we found a cooperative Patagonian Tyrant that we managed to photograph. We also got some great views of Thorn-tailed Rayadito, but the desired woodpeckers were nowhere to be found. Before heading back for lunch, we got outstanding views of a pair of White-throated Treerunners – what absolute stunners!



**White-throated Treerunner by Russ Kleinman**



**Magellanic Woodpecker by Russ Kleinman**

The following morning, we went back to the forest trail in the hope to photograph Black-throated Huet-huet. This plan did not work out, as the huet-huet was even more elusive than the day before. However, Chucao Tapaculo was surprisingly tame today, and the views we got of this stunning ground-dweller were just awesome – the bird almost hopped on Rodrigo's back! Higher up in the park, it was drizzling but we continued with our woodpecker quest as planned. After a few tactical stops at



good looking trees, we hit the jackpot: Magellanic Woodpecker calling from somewhere nearby! It took a few minutes before we got a visual but, eventually, we got superb views of two females. At some point, we had an Austral Parakeet in the same binocular view as the woodpecker! The rest of the day we travelled to the far south Tierra del Fuego, picking up a nice Long-tailed Meadowlark for Karen along the way.

After breakfast, we made a brief visit to the old pier in front of our hotel in Punta Arenas. Our first Dolphin Gulls were picked out with ease; we also got a Chilean Skua, and even a Southern Giant Petrel! The pier was full of Rock and Imperial Shags, and of the latter species we got to see both forms: "Blue-eyed" and "King". Our next stop was at Humedal Tres Puentes, a small wetland at the edge of town with lots of birdlife. A pair of Flying Steamer Ducks showed really well, as did White-tufted Grebe and Silver Teal, among others. Novelties that we saw at the wetland included Upland Goose, Magellanic



**Lesser Rheas by Russ Kleinman**

Oystercatcher and South American Snipe. We then continued to a saline lake north of Punta Arenas at a current reliable site for the unique, rare and local Magellanic Plover. It took us less than ten minutes before we found a pair along the shoreline – mission accomplished! We got great views of the birds, for several minutes long, before they took to their wings for an unknown reason. We soon continued our way over the Patagonian plains towards the Pali Aike National Park. Lesser Rheas became a common sight during the drive, as well as herds of Guanacos. A pair of Chocolate-vented Tyrants posing on a fence line was a superb find. Target waders like Rufous-chested Dotterel and Least Seedsnipe were both



**King Penguin by Russ Kleinman**

successfully located and photographed in the extensive steppe habitat. At a patch with taller bushes nearer to Punta Delgada, we searched in the hope for some specialities and got more than we expected: both Band-tailed and Scaly-throated Earthcreepers, and a mouse-like Austral Canastero, all seen well and photographed! The short ferry crossing to Tierra del Fuego produced several Humboldt Penguins and a couple of neat Commerson's Dolphins that rode the bows briefly. Short-billed Miner was a target that we got to see once we arrived on the island. Three adult Lesser Horned Owls seen at two different sites were certainly a highlight for the late afternoon. Especially the last one, which posed nicely for a photo. After a long day of birding, the party wasn't over: a male Kelp Goose was scoped from the hotel window in Porvenir – Karen and Russ only had to make two steps out of the bedroom to see it!

On our last full day of the trip, we had scheduled some time to find a very special bird: King Penguin. In recent years, a small colony of these amazing creatures had settled on the shore of Useless Bay a little over an hour's drive from Porvenir. On our way, we first had to make a stop at Santa Maria Lake to scan

the grebes: a vagrant Hooded Grebe was observed here two weeks earlier, so our chances of finding this Critically Endangered grebe were realistically high. After ten minutes, we located the adult Hooded Grebe in the opposite corner of the lake – the scope views were distant, but there was no doubt regarding the identification! When we got to the other corner of the lake, the Hooded Grebe was nowhere to be found. Eventually, we found the bird again, but now even further away from us – leaving us desiring better views. We continued to Parque Pinguino Rey, where we arrived timely. A small trail brought us to a blind from where we watched sixty-seven King Penguins at close range. Most of them were adults, but there were also some moulting juveniles that were turning into more adult plumage. A fancy Long-tailed Meadowlark also performed in front of the blind. We enjoyed observing the amazing King Penguin rookery for a while before we had lunch. On our way back, we had planned another try for the Hooded Grebe. It took thirty minutes to find it again, but this time it was foraging much closer to shore, and the scope views that we got of this handsome grebe were superb – what a mega to end the trip with! Our ten-minute charter flight over the Strait of Magellan to Punta Arenas was really nice, too. On our last morning, we shared breakfast with Dolphin Gulls on the beach and did a photoshoot of this attractive gull. A delicious lunch at a local restaurant in town was a great ending to this epic trip!



Hooded Grebe by Dušan Brinkhuizen

## Annotated List of species recorded

**Note:** Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

### Birds (241 in total: 239 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird List (v 8.2).

**Status codes:** **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

**IUCN codes:** **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

#### Rheas *Rheidae*

##### Lesser Rhea (NT)

*Rhea pennata pennata*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. The nominate subspecies is also known as Darwin's Rhea. This race is still considered a subspecies by IOC but it has the potential of getting full species status in the future. Some authorities already consider it a separate species based on its isolated range and morphological differences with Puna Rhea. Good numbers were seen during our drive towards Tierra del Fuego island, including a few males with chicks.

**Tinamous Tinamidae****Ornate Tinamou***Nothoprocta ornata ornata*

(2) 3 Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and 2 Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Up to three birds were watched for a prolonged time from the vehicle just outside Putre town.

**Chilean Tinamou***Nothoprocta perdicaria perdicaria*

(1) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12.

Photographed. Fantastic close-up views of an adult. Endemic to Chile.

**Puna Tinamou***Tinamotis pentlandii*

(1) 1 heard Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Unfortunately, this species remained heard-only.

**Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae****Coscoroba Swan***Coscoroba coscoroba*

(4) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. This goose-like swan was seen at several sites with close encounters of a family at Humedal de Cartagena.

**Black-necked Swan***Cygnus melancoryphus*

(4) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. This beautiful and distinct swan was observed at several sites. At Humedal de Cartagena we watched a few adults and juveniles at close range.

**Flying Steamer Duck***Tachyeres patachonicus*

(2) Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. This species was observed at various sites in southern Patagonia.

**Andean Goose***Chloephaga melanoptera*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Small numbers were observed in the altiplano of northern Chile.

**Upland Goose***Chloephaga picta picta*

(2) Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. The most abundant goose of southern Patagonia.

**Kelp Goose***Chloephaga hybrida hybrida*

(1) Tierra del Fuego 7.1.

A single male was scoped from the hotel window in Porvenir!

**Ashy-headed Goose***Chloephaga poliocephala*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

A few were scoped next to a flock of Upland Geese.

**Crested Duck***Lophonetta specularioides  
alticola*

(2) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

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(2) Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A fairly common and widespread species in Chile.

**Puna Teal***Spatula puna*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

A couple of foraging adults were scoped at a wetland.

**Silver Teal***Spatula versicolor fretensis*

(2) Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Seen well at a couple of sites.

**Red Shoveler***Spatula platalea*

(4) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Seen at various sites with large numbers at Batuco Reservoir.

**Cinnamon Teal***Spatula cyanoptera orinoma*

(4) 4 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, 4 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Fairly common in northern and central Chile.

**Chiloe Wigeon***Mareca sibilatrix*

(5) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. Fairly widespread in central and southern Chile. Adults with ducklings were observed at Humedal de Cartagena.

**Yellow-billed Pintail***Anas georgica spinicauda*

(6) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A common and widespread species in Chile.

**Yellow-billed Teal***Anas flavirostris  
oxyptera*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

*flavirostris:*

(4) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1,

Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1. Photographed. Subspecies *oxyptera* (paler underparts) was observed in the northern altiplano. A common and widespread species in Chile.

**Black-headed Duck** *Heteronetta atricapilla*

(1) Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.  
Scoped nicely at the reservoir.

**Lake Duck** *Oxyura vittata*

(2) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Photographed. We had close encounters with this species at Humedal de Cartagena.

### New World Quail *Odontophoridae*

**California Quail** *Callipepla californica*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Introduced to Chile in 1870. Observed at various sites, with a large flock at La Campana NP.

### Penguins *Spheniscidae*

**King Penguin** *Aptenodytes patagonicus*

(1) 67 Parque Penguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. Adults and a few juveniles were watched at close range at the well-known rookery of Useless Bay.

**Magellanic Penguin (NT)** *Spheniscus magellanicus*

(1) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. This species was observed well during the Tierra del Fuego ferry crossing.

### Northern Storm Petrels *Hydrobatidae*

**Markham's Storm Petrel (DD)** *Oceanodroma markhami*

(1) 2 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12.

Photographed. Two weakened birds were found at the river mouth. One got eaten by a Turkey Vulture but the other one was taken into captivity.

### Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels *Procellariidae*

**Southern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus*

(1) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. This pelagic species was observed twice in the Strait of Magellan.

### Grebes *Podicipedidae*

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps antarcticus*

(1) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Seen at Laguna Toro.

**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland chilensis*

(3) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. A widespread species in Chile, seen at various sites.

**Great Grebe** *Podiceps major major*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Scoped at the river mouth.

**Silvery Grebe***Podiceps occipitalis occipitalis*

(3) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A widespread species seen at various sites, with largest numbers at Laguna Santa Maria.

**Hooded Grebe (EN)***Podiceps gallardoi*

(1) Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A rare wanderer to Chile. Critically Endangered. We watched an adult beautifully in the scope. Lifer-lifer!

**Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*****Chilean Flamingo (NT)***Phoenicopterus chilensis*

(3) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Tierra del Fuego 8.1.

Photographed. Fairly widespread in Chile.

**Andean Flamingo (VU)***Phoenicoparrus andinus*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Scoped nicely together with the two other flamingo species on site.

**James's Flamingo (NT)***Phoenicoparrus jamesi*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Scoped nicely together with the two other flamingo species on site.

**Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*****Black-faced Ibis***Theristicus melanopsis*

(4) Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Tierra del Fuego 8.1.

Photographed. Common and widespread in southern Chile.

**Puna Ibis***Plegadis ridgwayi*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Seen nicely in the altiplano.

**Roseate Spoonbill***Platalea ajaja*

(2) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12 and Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Adult. A vagrant to Chile.

**Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*****Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax**hoactli*

(3) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

*obscurus:*

(1) Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Seen at various sites during the trip.

**Western Cattle Egret***Bubulcus ibis*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Seen at a single site only.

**Great Egret***Ardea alba egretta*

(4) Up to 8 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12 and Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1.

Common and widespread in northern and central Chile.

**Snowy Egret***Egretta thula thula*

(4) Up to 2 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12 and Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Fairly common and widespread in northern and central Chile.

**Pelicans *Pelecanidae*****Peruvian Pelican (NT)***Pelecanus thagus*

(5) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

Photographed. A common pelican along the Pacific coast of Chile.

**Gannets, Boobies *Sulidae*****Peruvian Booby***Sula variegata*

(3) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

Photographed. Good numbers were seen along the Pacific coast, especially at the cormorant rock.

**Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*****Red-legged Cormorant (NT)***Phalacrocorax gaimardi*

(3) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

Photographed. A beautiful cormorant seen well at a couple of sites along the coast.

**Neotropic Cormorant***Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*

(8) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

Common and widespread in Chile.

**Rock Shag***Phalacrocorax magellanicus*

(2) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

Photographed. Seen at several sites in southern Patagonia, and nesting on the jetty near the hotel.

**Guanay Cormorant***Leucocarbo bougainvillii*

(1) Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

Photographed. Scoped on the rock. Some large flocks were seen in flight.

**Imperial Shag***Leucocarbo atriceps atriceps*

(2) Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

Photographed. Fairly common in southern Patagonia. Both "Blue-eyed/Imperial" and "King" forms were

observed. The "Blue-eyed/Imperial" race *atriceps* seemed less numerous than the "King" race *albiventer*. Sympatry of the two forms in southern South America needs a study to resolve status as species or colour morph: best to lump as do HBW, SACC and IOC.

### New World Vultures *Cathartidae*

#### **Turkey Vulture**

*Cathartes aura falklandicus*

(9) Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-30.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 31.12, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

A common and widespread species, especially in the north.

#### **Black Vulture**

*Coragyps atratus*

(4) Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Seen at a couple of sites.

#### **Andean Condor (NT)**

*Vultur gryphus*

(2) 8 Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and 20 Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Fantastic encounters with this massive bird! Up to 20 individuals were feeding at a dead goat in the Yeso Valley.

### Kites, Hawks & Eagles *Accipitridae*

#### **Cinereous Harrier**

*Circus cinereus*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Briefly seen in flight.

#### **Harris's Hawk**

*Parabuteo unicinctus unicinctus*

(2) Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

A couple of birds were observed.

#### **Variable Hawk**

*Geranoaetus polyosoma polyosoma*

(4) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Seen well at various sites.

#### **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**

*Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Photographed. Adults in flight.

### Rails, Crakes & Coots *Rallidae*

#### **Common Gallinule**

*Gallinula galeata pauxilla*

(1) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Scoped at a small marsh.



**Spot-flanked Gallinule***Porphyriops melanops crassirostris*

(1) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Showing well at the wetland.

**White-winged Coot***Fulica leucoptera*

(2) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Photographed. A pair showing at close range at Cartagena.

**Red-gartered Coot***Fulica armillata*

(3) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. This species was common, especially at Humedal de Cartagena, where we enjoyed watching them at close range.

**Red-fronted Coot***Fulica rufifrons*

(1) Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Photographed. Small numbers at the reservoir.

**Giant Coot***Fulica gigantea*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Observed nicely at their nests in the northern altiplano.

**Thick-knees *Burhinidae*****Peruvian Thick-knee***Burhinus superciliaris*

(1) 15 Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12.

Photographed. A large flock was watched at a dry riverbed.

**Magellanic Plover *Pluvianellidae*****Magellanic Plover (NT)***Pluvianellus socialis*

(1) 2 Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Two adults showing nicely!

**Oystercatchers *Haematopodidae*****Magellanic Oystercatcher***Haematopus leucopus*

(3) Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 6.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

A commonly observed oystercatcher in southern Patagonia. Distinct high-pitched call.

**Blackish Oystercatcher***Haematopus ater*

(3) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Fairly common along the northern coast.

**American Oystercatcher***Haematopus palliatus palliatus*

(5) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1 and Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Common along the Pacific coast of northern and central Chile.

**Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*****White-backed Stilt***Himantopus melanurus*

(2) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Seen at three sites in central Chile with large numbers at Batuco Reservoir.

**Andean Avocet***Recurvirostra andina*

(3) Observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12.

Photographed. A species from the altiplano that wandered down to the coast.

**Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*****Southern Lapwing***Vanellus chilensis**fretensis*

(3) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Tierra del Fuego 8.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

*chilensis:*

(5) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. A very common and widespread species in central and southern Chile.

**Andean Lapwing***Vanellus resplendens*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. A few adults nicely observed at a bog near Parinacota.

**American Golden Plover***Pluvialis dominica*

(1) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Up to four birds in winter plumage at the bridge.

**Grey Plover***Pluvialis squatarola cynosurae*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Non-breeding plumage bird foraging in the scope.

**Semipalmated Plover***Charadrius semipalmatus*

(1) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

A pretty large flock was scoped on the beach.

**Killdeer***Charadrius vociferus peruvianus*

(1) 4 Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. Seen nicely at the bridge.

**Collared Plover***Charadrius collaris*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Showing well on the mudflat.

**Two-banded Plover***Charadrius falklandicus*

(1) Tierra del Fuego 7.1.

A couple were scoped at a salt marsh.

**Rufous-chested Plover***Charadrius modestus*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Adults and juveniles were seen well.

**Diademed Sandpiper-Plover (NT)***Phegornis mitchellii*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.  
 Photographed. Fantastic views of an adult at a salty bog.

**Seedsnipes *Thinocoridae*****Grey-breasted Seedsnipe***Thinocorus orbignyianus*  
*ingae*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

*orbignyianus:*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Seen well at various sites.

**Least Seedsnipe***Thinocorus rumicivorus rumicivorus*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Large numbers were seen during our drive to Tierra del Fuego.

**Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*****Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*

(4) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

A common and widespread migrant wader in Chile.

**Ruddy Turnstone***Arenaria interpres morinella*

(1) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

A single bird on the beach.

**Sanderling***Calidris alba rubida*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Foraging on the beach.

**Baird's Sandpiper***Calidris bairdii*

(2) 4 Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Small numbers were scoped at various sites.

**Least Sandpiper***Calidris minutilla*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A single bird on the mudflat.

**White-rumped Sandpiper***Calidris fuscicollis*

(1) Tierra del Fuego 7.1 and Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Scoped at two sites.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper (NT)***Calidris pusilla*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A small flock foraging on the mudflats.

**South American Snipe***Gallinago paraguayiae magellanica*

(2) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Nicely seen in the scope.

**Spotted Sandpiper***Actitis macularius*

(2) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12 and Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

This boreal migrant was observed at a few sites.

**Lesser Yellowlegs***Tringa flavipes*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A few at the estuary.

**Willet***Tringa semipalmata inornata*

(1) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12.

A flock among the Whimbrels.

**Greater Yellowlegs***Tringa melanoleuca*

(5) Observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A fairly common and widespread boreal migrant.

**Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae****Black Skimmer***Rynchops niger cinerascens*

(3) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Very approachable on the beach of Arica. A large flock at Maipo.

**Andean Gull***Chroicocephalus serranus*

(2) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. A common gull of the northern altiplano.

**Brown-hooded Gull***Chroicocephalus maculipennis*

(4) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. A common gull of central and southern Chile.

**Dolphin Gull***Leucophaeus scoresbii*

(4) Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 6.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

Photographed. Seen really nicely near the hotel at Punta Arenas.

**Franklin's Gull***Leucophaeus pipixcan*

(6) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-30.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Photographed. A common boreal migrant to Chile, especially in the north. Large, impressive numbers were seen on the beach.

**Grey Gull***Leucophaeus modestus*

(3) Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12 and observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12.

Photographed. Common along the Pacific coast. Breeds in the Atacama desert.

**Belcher's Gull***Larus belcheri*

(3) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12 and observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12.

Photographed. Sometimes named Band-tailed Gull. Common along the Pacific coast but only seen in the north.

**Kelp Gull***Larus dominicanus dominicanus*

(9) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 6.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1, Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

Photographed. The most common and widespread gull of Chile.

**Cabot's Tern***Thalasseus acuflavidus*

(2) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A few were scoped at the humedal.

**Elegant Tern (NT)***Thalasseus elegans*

(5) Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1 and Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Large flocks of this boreal migrant were observed along the Pacific coast, especially in the north.

**South American Tern***Sterna hirundinacea*

(4) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A common breeding tern in Chile.

**Common Tern***Sterna hirundo hirundo*

(2) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Small numbers were present in flocks of Elegant Tern.

**Snowy-crowned Tern***Sterna trudeaui*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A single bird was seen briefly in flight.

**Inca Tern (NT)***Larosterna inca*

(2) Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

Photographed. Nesting at our seaside hotel in Viña del Mar. Birds were observed at very close range.

**Skuas and Jaegers *Stercorariidae*****Chilean Skua***Stercorarius chilensis*

(2) Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Tierra del Fuego 8.1.

Photographed. Small numbers were seen in the Strait of Magellan.

**Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*****Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica*

(8) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 26.12, observed Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-29.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 31.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.

An introduced feral species that was commonly seen in towns.

**Spot-winged Pigeon***Patagioenas maculosa albipennis*

(2) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Common in the Putre region where the species established fairly recently.

**Chilean Pigeon***Patagioenas araucana*

(3) Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Seen really well in the Puyehue region.

**Picui Ground Dove***Columbina picui picui*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

A couple of birds were observed at the edge of the marsh.

**Croaking Ground Dove***Columbina cruziana*

(3) Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

This species was fairly commonly observed in the northern coastal region.

**Bare-faced Ground Dove***Metriopelia ceciliae zimmeri*

(2) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Small numbers were common in and around Putre.

**Black-winged Ground Dove***Metriopelia melanoptera melanoptera*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Seen nicely at the waterhole at Farellones.

**Eared Dove***Zenaida auriculata  
chrysauchenia*

(4) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1 and Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 2.1.

*auriculata:*

(3) Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Fairly common and widespread. Nesting in the garden at the Holiday Inn.

**West Peruvian Dove***Zenaida meloda*

(4) Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y

Parinacota 28.12, Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 31.12.

Photographed. Sometimes named Pacific Dove. Common in the northern coastal region.

### Owls *Strigidae*

#### **Lesser Horned Owl**

*Bubo magellanicus*

(2) 2 Molinos, Lluta Valley, Arica region 29.12 and 4 Tierra del Fuego 7.1.

Photographed. Adults were observed fantastically at three different sites during the daytime. We also discovered a chick alongside the road.

#### **Austral Pygmy Owl**

*Glaucidium nana*

(1) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12.

Photographed. Superb close-up views of an adult.

### Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae*

#### **Band-winged Nightjar**

*Systellura longirostris atripunctata*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Showing well after dusk.

### Swifts *Apodidae*

#### **Andean Swift**

*Aeronautes andecolus parvulus*

(1) Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Brief views only.

### Hummingbirds *Trochilidae*

#### **Andean Hillstar**

*Oreotrochilus estella estella*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Showing really nicely near our hotel.

#### **White-sided Hillstar**

*Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Quite similar to Andean Hillstar. Seen really well in the Andes east of Santiago.

#### **Giant Hummingbird**

*Patagona gigas gigas*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

An adult was foraging on some flowers but got away before we got the photos!

#### **Green-backed Firecrown**

*Sephanoides sephaniodes*

(2) Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. A fairly common hummer in the lake district where observed daily.

#### **Oasis Hummingbird**

*Rhodopis vesper vesper*

(3) Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Seen really well at flowers and at the feeders.

#### **Peruvian Sheartail**

*Thaumastura cora*

(1) Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12 and Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. Males were seen really well at the feeders in the Azapa Valley.

#### **Chilean Woodstar (EN)**

*Eulidia yarrellii*

(1) Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. Several female-type birds were observed at close range. Among the rarest species that we observed during the tour. This tiny hummingbird is considered endemic to the country (old sightings known from extreme south Peru but no recent records). Its distribution is now largely restricted to two narrow oasis valleys in the far north of the country (near Arica). Historically, Chilean Woodstar was fairly common in the Arica area but based on evidence that the species underwent an extremely rapid population decline it is currently classified as Critically Endangered by Birdlife. Loss of habitat and use of pesticides are thought to be the principal causes for its rapid decline but competition and displacement by the equally-sized Peruvian Sheartail might also be a factor involved. Identification of Chilean Woodstar can be tricky because the females look extremely similar to Peruvian Sheartail. However, vocalisations between the two species differ distinctly and the woodstar shows diagnostic rufous bases to the tail feathers.

### Woodpeckers *Picidae*

#### **Striped Woodpecker**

*Veniliornis lignarius*

(2) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1 and 1 heard Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. Adult showing really nicely.

#### **Chilean Flicker**

*Colaptes pitius*

(1) 1 heard La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Unfortunately, this target remained heard-only.

#### **Andean Flicker**

*Colaptes rupicola rupicola*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Fantastic views at the altiplano.

#### **Magellanic Woodpecker**

*Campephilus magellanicus*

(1) 2 Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. Two stunning females were watched for a prolonged time at close range!

### Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

#### **Mountain Caracara**

*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

(4) 2 Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12, Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Adults were seen at various sites.

#### **Southern Crested Caracara**

*Caracara plancus*

(4) Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Tierra del Fuego 8.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Birds were fairly commonly observed from Lake District further south.

#### **Chimango Caracara**

*Milvago chimango temucoensis*

(9) Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 26.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 27.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Laguna de Bатуco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 & Tierra del Fuego 8.1. Photographed. Common and widespread in central and southern Chile.



**American Kestrel***Falco sparverius  
peruvianus*

(2) Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

*cinnamominus:*

(2) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Seen at various sites, often en route in more open areas.

**Aplomado Falcon***Falco femoralis  
femoralis*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

*pichincae:*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. A male was scoped beautifully just outside Putre.

**Peregrine Falcon***Falco peregrinus cassini*

(1) Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12.

Adult hunting overhead.

**African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*****Mountain Parakeet***Psilopsiagon aurifrons margaritae*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Three noisy birds flew high overhead.

**Monk Parakeet***Myiopsitta monachus*

(1) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12.

Photographed. An introduced species. Common at Mapulemu.

**Austral Parakeet***Enicognathus ferrugineus minor*

(2) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. Nice views at various sites in the national park.

**Slender-billed Parakeet***Enicognathus leptorhynchus*

(1) Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. A nice fly-over. Endemic to Chile.

**Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae*****Common Miner***Geositta cunicularia cunicularia*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. The nominate race was observed on the Patagonian steppe.

**Puna Miner***Geositta punensis*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Coped nicely in the northern altiplano.

**Short-billed Miner***Geositta antarctica*

(1) Tierra del Fuego 7.1.

Photographed. A Tierra del Fuego speciality that was observed well on the road.

**Greyish Miner***Geositta maritima*

(1) Pukará de Copaquilla, Rio Seco, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. A very skulky individual but Russ managed to get a shot!

**Rufous-banded Miner***Geositta rufipennis fasciata*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
 Photographed. Observed nicely at various sites.

**Creamy-rumped Miner***Geositta isabellina*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
 Photographed. Great views of an adult after some effort!

**Straight-billed Earthcreeper***Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus ruficaudus*

(1) Quebrada de Cardones, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
 Photographed. Observed at a small arid canyon on our way to Putre.

**Band-tailed Earthcreeper***Ochetorhynchus phoenicurus*

(1) 2 Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.  
 Photographed. Showing really well in a patch of scrub.

**Crag Chilia***Ochetorhynchus melanurus melanurus*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
 Photographed. A pair showed well in the lower section of the valley. Endemic to Chile.

**Buff-breasted Earthcreeper***Upucerthia validirostris jelskii*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
 Photographed. Seen at the edge of Putre town.

**Scale-throated Earthcreeper***Upucerthia dumetaria hypoleuca*

(1) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12.

*dumetaria:*

(1) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.  
 Photographed. Two distinct subspecies were seen with the long-billed nominate in the far south.

**Buff-winged Cinclodes***Cinclodes fuscus*

(3) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.  
 Photographed. A split of the Bar-winged Cinclodes-complex. Seen well in central and southern Chile.

**Cream-winged Cinclodes***Cinclodes albiventris albiventris*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
 Photographed. A split of the Bar-winged Cinclodes-complex. Common at our hotel in Putre.

**White-winged Cinclodes***Cinclodes atacamensis atacamensis*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.  
 Photographed. Seen well at the bog.

**Grey-flanked Cinclodes***Cinclodes oustaleti oustaleti*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
 Photographed. Seen near the boulders at the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover spot in El Yeso Valley.

**Dark-bellied Cinclodes***Cinclodes patagonicus patagonicus*

(2) Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1.  
 Photographed. Often perched on the roof of the complex.

**Chilean Seaside Cinclodes***Cinclodes nigrofumosus*

(2) 2 Cuevas de Anzota, Arica 27.12 and Viña del Mar--Hotel Oceanic, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.  
 Photographed. First seen outside Arica; a rather pale-headed individual. Also seen at our hotel in Viña del Mar. Endemic to Chile.

**Des Murs's Wiretail***Sylviorthorhynchus desmuri*

(1) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Eventually showing well in a dense bamboo patch along the road.

**Thorn-tailed Rayadito***Aphrastura spinicauda spinicauda*

(3) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and 1 heard Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. First observed in La Campana NP and further south it was fairly common in Nothofagus forests.

**Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail***Leptasthenura aegithaloides aegithaloides*

(2) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Nice views of this species at two sites. A juvenile was observed at Mapulemu.

**Streak-backed Tit-Spinetail***Leptasthenura striata striata*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Very brief views at a small stream.

**Sharp-billed Canastero***Asthenes pyrrholeuca sordida*

(1) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12.

Photographed. Good scope views of a fairly drab bird.

**Canyon Canastero***Asthenes pudibunda grisior*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. A singing bird showing well up-close.

**Cordilleran Canastero***Asthenes modesta modesta*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. On boulders in the altiplano.

**Dark-winged Canastero***Asthenes arequipae*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Seen really well next to our hotel in Putre.

**Austral Canastero***Asthenes anthoides*

(1) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Rather skulking on the ground among some Patagonian scrub.

**Dusky-tailed Canastero***Pseudasthenes humicola humicola*

(1) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

A singing bird showing well. Endemic to Chile.

**Wren-like Rushbird***Phleocryptes melanops melanops*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Hiding in the reed beds.

**White-throated Treerunner***Pygarrhichas albogularis*

(1) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. Superb eye-level views of a pair.

**Tapaculos *Rhinocryptidae*****Black-throated Huet-huet***Pteroptochos tarnii*

(2) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Brief views of adults crossing the path multiple times.

**Moustached Turca***Pteroptochos megapodius megapodius*

(3) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Photographed. Outstanding views of this Chilean endemic.

**White-throated Tapaculo***Scelorchilus albicollis albicollis*

(1) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Brief views of a rather secretive bird. Fairly common by voice though. Endemic to Chile.

**Chucao Tapaculo***Scelorchilus rubecula rubecula*

(3) 1 heard Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. Incredible views of a rather curious individual.

**Ochre-flanked Tapaculo***Eugralla paradoxa*

(1) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Brief views of an adult hiding in the bamboo.

**Magellanic Tapaculo***Scytalopus magellanicus*

(3) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, 1 heard Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and 1 heard Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. A superb encounter with an adult foraging in the open at Valle del Yeso.

**Dusky Tapaculo***Scytalopus fuscus*

(1) 2 Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. A pair showing really nicely in coastal scrub.

**Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae*****White-crested Elaenia***Elaenia albiceps modesta*

(2) Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Seen well at lower elevations of the I region. Subspecies *modesta* shows a significant crest.

**Chilean Elaenia***Elaenia chilensis*

(5) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and 1 heard Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. A fairly recent split of White-crested Elaenia. One of the most common passerines in Chile during the breeding season.

**Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant***Anairetes reguloides reguloides*

(1) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. Seen well in a patch of scrub and Tamarugo trees.

**Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant***Anairetes flavirostris arequipae*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. In scrub near our hotel.

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant***Anairetes parulus parulus*

(2) 2 Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Photographed. Seen well at various sites.

**Ticking Doradito***Pseudocoloptyx citreola*

(1) 2 Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Exceptional views of a pair in the reeds. A rare bird. Its wintering grounds are still unknown.

**Many-colored Rush Tyrant***Tachuris rubrigastra rubrigastra*

(2) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

Photographed. Seen nicely in the reeds.

**Vermilion Flycatcher***Pyrocephalus obscurus cocachacrae*

(2) Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Fairly common in the northern coastal region.

**Austral Negrito***Lessonia rufa*

(3) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas--Laguna los Palos, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. A common sight along the coast of the central region and in southern Patagonia.

**Andean Negrito***Lessonia oreas*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Only seen in the altiplano of the northern region.

**Spectacled Tyrant***Hymenops perspicillatus andinus*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.

Photographed. Great scope views of a male!

**Puna Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola juninensis*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. A few were observed at bogs and lakesides in the altiplano of the north.

**White-fronted Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola albifrons*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. This rather large ground tyrant was seen at bogs and lakes in the altiplano of the north.

**Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola rufivertex rufivertex*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. A few were seen well.

**White-browed Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola albilora*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. A fairly common ground tyrant in the central highlands of Chile during breeding season.

**Black-fronted Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola frontalis*

(1) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. A single was watched at close range.

**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant***Agriornis montanus intermedius*

(2) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Seen well at two sites.

**Great Shrike-Tyrant***Agriornis lividus lividus*

(1) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12.

Photographed. Good scope views of a fairly distant bird. The largest tyrant in the world. Lifer-lifer!

**Fire-eyed Diucon***Xolmis pyrope pyrope*

(1) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

Photographed. Showing well its red eye.

**Chocolate-vented Tyrant***Neoxolmis rufiventris*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. A pretty attractive tyrant! Several pairs perched on fences along the road.

**Patagonian Tyrant***Colorhamphus parvirostris*

(1) Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. A great encounter with a vocal bird.

**Cotingas Cotingidae****Rufous-tailed Plantcutter***Phytotoma rara*

(1) 2 Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12.

Photographed. Brief but great views at a waterhole.

**Swallows Hirundinidae****Chilean Swallow***Tachycineta leucopyga*

(7) Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 26.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Laguna Santa Maria, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1. Photographed. A common and widespread "white-rumped" swallow in Chile.

**Peruvian Martin (VU)***Progne murphyi*

(1) 3 Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Up to three birds were seen flying overhead. A rare and erratic species. Lifer-lifer!

**Blue-and-white Swallow***Notiochelidon cyanoleuca patagonica*

(8) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Hotel Apacheta, Arica 27.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Common and widespread in Chile.

**Barn Swallow***Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*

(2) Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Boreal migrant. Seen well while foraging above the Tres Puentes marsh outside Punta Arenas.

**Wrens Troglodytidae****House Wren***Troglodytes aedon**tecellatus*

(2) 1 heard Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

*chilensis:*

(2) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

A common and widespread species in Chile. Subspecies *tecellatus* is restricted to the northern coast and shows distinct barring on the back.

**Mockingbirds, Thrashers *Mimidae*****Chilean Mockingbird***Mimus thenca*

(7) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1 and Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. Seen well at various sites in the central region. Endemic to Chile.

**Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*****Chiguanco Thrush***Turdus chiguanco chiguanco*

(2) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Fairly common in and around Putre.

**Austral Thrush***Turdus falcklandii magellanicus*

(10) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 26.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 27.12, 1 heard Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, en route 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1 and Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. A common thrush from central Chile southward.

**Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*****House Sparrow***Passer domesticus domesticus*

(7) Santiago--Int Airport Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, Región Metropolitana 26.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1 and Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 9.1.

A common introduced species most often observed at human settlements.

**Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae*****Peruvian Pipit***Anthus peruvianus*

(1) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. A split of Yellowish Pipit.

**Correndera Pipit***Anthus correndera chilensis*

(2) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1 and Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. Seen really well at various sites.

**Finches *Fringillidae*****Black-chinned Siskin***Spinus barbatus*

(3) Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 6.1.

Photographed. Fairly common on the grounds of Aguas Calientes.

**Hooded Siskin***Spinus magellanicus urubambensis*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
Brief views near our hotel.

**Black Siskin***Spinus atratus*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.  
Photographed. Great views of a male foraging at the edge of the bog.

**Yellow-rumped Siskin***Spinus uropygialis*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
Photographed. Fairly common the central highlands.

**New World Buntings and Sparrows *Passerellidae*****Rufous-collared Sparrow***Zonotrichia capensis  
antofagastae*

(3) Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Chaca Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

*chilensis:*

(5) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, 1 heard Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.

*australis:*

(4) Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 8.1 and Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. Common and widespread in Chile. We saw several different subspecies during the tour.

**Oropendolas, Orioles & Blackbirds *Icteridae*****Peruvian Meadowlark***Leistes bellicosus albipes*

(4) Observed Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27-30.12.  
Photographed. Fairly common and conspicuous in the coastal region of Arica.

**Long-tailed Meadowlark***Leistes loyca loyca*

(3) Puyehue--Entre Lagos area, Región de los Lagos 6.1, Tierra del Fuego 7.1, Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1, Punta Arenas, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Parque Pinguino Rey, Useless Bay, Región de Magallanes 8.1.

Photographed. Fairly common and conspicuous from central Chile southward.

**Shiny Cowbird***Molothrus bonariensis bonariensis*

(3) Santiago--Jardin Mapulemu 26.12, Arica City, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Common at Mapulemu.

**Austral Blackbird***Curaeus curaeus curaeus*

(7) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12, Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, en route 2.1, La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1 and observed Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4-6.1.

Photographed. Fairly common from central Chile southward.



**Yellow-winged Blackbird***Agelasticus thilius thilius*

(2) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and Laguna de Batuco, Región Metropolitana 3.1.

This distinct blackbird was only observed in marsh habitat.

**Tanagers and allies *Thraupidae*****Blue-and-yellow Tanager***Thraupis bonariensis darwinii*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12. Photographed. A female bird.

**Cinereous Conebill***Conirostrum cinereum littorale*

(3) Azapa Valley, Arica 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

Photographed. Fairly common in the scrub of the northern coastal areas. Even visiting the feeders!

**Tamarugo Conebill (VU)***Conirostrum tamarugense*

(1) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.

Photographed. A nice male was seen well.

**Black-throated Flowerpiercer***Diglossa brunneiventris brunneiventris*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.

A pair was seen nicely in the canyon behind our hotel.

**Black-hooded Sierra Finch***Phrygilus atriceps*

(2) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Seen well in the northern Altiplano.

**Grey-hooded Sierra Finch***Phrygilus gayi*  
*gayi*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

*caniceps:*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

Photographed. A rather tame bird was foraging at the edge of the del Yeso lake.

**Patagonian Sierra Finch***Phrygilus patagonicus*

(2) Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 4.1, Termas Aguas Calientes, Puyehue NP, Región de los Lagos 5.1 and Puyehue NP--Antillanca, Región de los Lagos 5.1.

Photographed. Present on the grounds of Aguas Calientes.

**Mourning Sierra Finch***Phrygilus fruticeti*  
*coracinus*

(3) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12, Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

*fruticeti:*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Especially common to abundant in and around Putre.

**Plumbeous Sierra Finch***Phrygilus unicolor unicolor*

(2) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.

Photographed. Males and females were recorded.

**White-throated Sierra Finch***Phrygilus erythronotus*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. A pair of this scarce species was observed briefly at the bog of Las Cuevas.

**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch***Phrygilus plebejus plebejus*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
A few birds were recorded.

**White-winged Diuca Finch***Diuca speculifera speculifera*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.  
Photographed. Common at the bogs in the northern altiplano.

**Common Diuca Finch***Diuca diuca diuca*

(3) Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1, Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1 and La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.  
Photographed. A fairly common passerine in various habitats of the central region.

**Slender-billed Finch (NT)***Xenospingus concolor*

(2) Arica--Rio Lluta estuary, Región de Arica y Parinacota 27.12, Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12 and Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.  
Photographed. Seen really well on various occasions.

**Greater Yellow Finch***Sicalis auriventris*

(2) Farellones, Región Metropolitana 31.12 and Valle del Yeso, Región Metropolitana 1.1.  
Photographed. The commonest and most abundant yellow finch in the central highlands.

**Greenish Yellow Finch***Sicalis olivascens chloris*

(1) Pukará de Copaquilla, Rio Seco, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12 and Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
Photographed. Fairly common in and around Putre.

**Grassland Yellow Finch***Sicalis luteola luteiventris*

(1) Rocas de Santo Domingo--Rio Maipo, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.  
Photographed. In the reed beds of the estuary.

**Raimondi's Yellow Finch***Sicalis raimondii*

(1) Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12.  
Photographed. A large flock was observed in agricultural fields. Only recently discovered in Chile.

**Blue-black Grassquit***Volatinia jacarina peruviana*

(1) Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
A couple of birds were recorded.

**Chestnut-throated Seedeater***Sporophila telasco*

(2) Azapa Valley, Arica 28.12, Cuya, Camarones valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 28.12 and Lluta Valley, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
Photographed. Males and females showing well.

**Band-tailed Seedeater***Catamenia analis analis*

(1) Putre, Región de Arica y Parinacota 29.12.  
Photographed. In the scrub at the edge of town.

## Mammals (10 in total: 10 seen)

**Status codes:** **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

**IUCN codes:** **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

### Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

#### European Hare

*Lepus europaeus*

(2) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Tierra del Fuego 8.1.  
Introduced. Fairly common and widespread.

#### European Rabbit

*Oryctolagus cuniculus*

(1) La Campana NP--Palmas de Ocoa, Región de Valparaíso 3.1.  
Introduced.

### Chinchillas and Viscachas *Chinchillidae*

#### Southern Mountain Viscacha

*Lagidium viscacia*

(1) Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.  
Photographed. This fantastic mammal was seen at rocky sites in the northern altiplano.

### Nutria *Myocastoridae*

#### Coypu

*Myocastor coypus*

(1) Humedal de Cartagena, Región de Valparaíso 2.1.  
This beaver-like mammal was scoped at the humedal.

### Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

#### South American Grey Fox

*Pseudalopex griseus*

(1) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1.  
Also known as Patagonian Fox. Seen on our way to Tierra del Fuego.

### Weasels, Skunks, Otters *Mustelidae*

#### Marine Otter

*Lontra felina*

(1) Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.  
Photographed. Nice views of a foraging individual.

### Sea Lions *Otariidae*

#### South American Sea Lion

*Otaria flavescens*

(1) Cormorant Rock, Reñaca, Región Viña del Mar 3.1.  
Good numbers on the rock.

### Camels, Llamas, Vicuna *Camelidae*

#### Guanaco

*Lama guanicoe*

(2) Pali Aike area, Patagonia, Región de Magallanes 7.1 and Tierra del Fuego 8.1.  
Photographed. A common sight in southern Patagonia. Guanacos have long been thought to be the parent species of the domesticated Llama, which was confirmed via molecular phylogenetic analysis in 2001, although the analysis also found that domestic Llamas had experienced considerable cross-hybridization with Alpacas, which are descended from the wild Vicuña.

**Vicuna**

*Vicugna vicugna*

(1) Lauca NP--Parinacota, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12 and Lauca NP--Guarderia Las Cuevas, Región de Arica y Parinacota 30.12.

Photographed. Common to abundant in the northern altiplano.

**Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae***

**Commerson's Dolphin**

*Cephalorhynchus commersonii*

(1) Punta Delgada, Región de Magallanes 7.1.

We had fantastic close up looks at a couple from the ferry.

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