

Chile

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Endemics in **Red**, & Sub Species/Race's in *Blue Italics*.

Systematic List:

Lesser Rhea (Darwin's): (*Pterocnemia pennata*)

Common in the south (**Punta Delgada Area** & Grasslands in & around **Torres Del Paine Area**). Good numbers recorded on the, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th. Including (1ad + 11chicks) on route back from **Punta Dungeness**.

Puna Rhea: (*Pterocnemia p. tarapacensis*)

24th (1) **Lauca National Park** (BW, DF & MW). 25th (1) + (1ad + 10 chicks) **Lauca National Park**, (BW & DF).

Ornate Tinamou: (*Nothoprocta ornate*)

25th (1) **Lauca National Park**, (BW & DF). When driving up to the Flamingo site.

Chilean Tinamou: (*Nothoprocta perdicaria*)

1st (1) on route to the Santa Maria Lodge, (1) **Santa Maria Lodge**, (EM & DF). 2nd (1) Fields inland and down-river from the lodge, whilst trying to find Chucao Tapaculo. 3rd (1) location not noted.

Puna Tinamou: (*Tinamotis pentlandii*)

24th (3+) on main road to **Lauca National Park** (BW, DF & MW) (morning), (1) all afternoon, close to very small track while exploring ways to get better views of the large alkaline lakes. 25th (2) **Lauca National Park** (DF) & (BW)

King Penguin: (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*)

10th (1) **Punta Arenas**, rescued by Ricardo Matus the previous day. Two penguins walked into town (Punta Arenas) from the sea, one walked back to the sea & the other carried on, Ricardo was called as its welfare was a concern. Usually they come ashore to moult; Ricardo informed us that he had released the bird back into the sea on 12th which was the day we arrived home. A splendid looking specimen.

A few days later two more King Penguins walked into the town again, but this time both made there way back to the sea, it's not known whether one of them was the one Ricardo released.

Humboldt Penguin: (*Spheniscus humboldti*)

20th (2) **Alcran Peninsula Arica**. 22nd (10) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (1ad + 1juv) **Pelagic** out of **Concon Marina** with Rodrigo. 3rd (3) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island), (6) **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, on the Pacific Ocean (Chiloe Island). We viewed from the beach. 4th (8) as yesterday, but took boat cruise round the islands.

Magellanic Penguin:

(Spheniscus magellanicus)

3rd (50+) **Pinguinera Puniuil**, three islands off the coast of Puniuil, on the Pacific Ocean (Chiloe Island). We viewed from the beach. 4th (40+) as yesterday, but took boat cruise round the islands.

6th (2) Ferry from **Punta Arenas** to **Porvenir**. 8th (30+) **Punta Dungeness**, some were in Argentina as this peninsular is right on the border we drove down the double barbed wire fence to the lighthouse. 11th (10) **Sena Otway Penguin Colony**, there were very few penguins on show, but it was nice to see an area protected for when they are breeding. We did see one or two sitting by their burrows.

Great Grebe:

(Podiceps major)

27th (10) Lakes near **Leyda**, which was a site south of the main road heading west to San Antonio. 28th (2) **El Peral Lake** 2nd (6) **Santa Maria**, on boat trip down river. 3rd & 4th seen but no numbers or location.

(Podiceps m. navasi): 8th (20+) **Punta Dungeness**.

Silvery Grebe:

(Podiceps occipitalis)

28th (25+) **El Peral Lake**. 3rd & 4th (6) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 5th (4) Coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 6th (10) Lakes on **Tierra Del Fuego**. 9th (20+) **Torres Del Paine**.

(Podiceps o. juninensis): 24th (20+) **Lauca National Park**.

Pied-billed Grebe:

(Podilymbus p.Antarcticus)

27th (8) Lakes near **Leyda**. 28th (4) **El Peral Lake**, 28th (2) **El Peral Lake**. 2nd (4) **Santa Maria**, on boat trip down river.

White-tufted Grebe:

(Rollandia r. chilensis)

27th (4) Lakes near **Leyda**. 28th (3) **El Peral Lake**. 5th (4) Coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 8th (2) on route to **Puerto Natales**, roadside lakes. 9th (15) **Torres Del Paine**.

Northern Royal Albatross:

(Diomedea e. sanfordi)

29th (1) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. Good views of this large albatross, was close to the boat at first to get identification ok. What a bonus this bird was, dream tick!!! (Endangered, the commoner form off Central Chile)

Black-browed Albatross:

(Thalassarche melanophris)

22nd (2ad + 2sub ad) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (20+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**, several birds skimming us at arms length range (amazing). 3rd & 4th (3) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 5th & 6th. Good numbers seen & recorded on these dates, often seen very well close inshore around **Punta Arenas & Tierra Del Fuego**.

Buller's Albatross:

(Diomedea bulleri platei)

29th (3) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**, good close views, it was great to see these albatross's at close range well out to sea.

Salvin's Albatross (Shy):

(Diomedea cauta salvini)

29th (6) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**, at least three giving good close views, it was great to see these albatross's at close range well out to sea.

Southern Fulmar:

(Fulmarus glacialisoides)

29th (30+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**, some good close observations. 5th very common offshore around the Punta Arenas Area. 6th very common offshore and on the ferry-crossing to **Tierra Del Fuego**.

Southern Giant-Petrel:

(Macronectes giganteus)

29th (2 juvs) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. Excellent views of one sitting on the sea with a Nth Giant Petrel, easy to identify at this close range. 3rd (2juvs) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th & 11th Common in the south around **Punta Arenas & Tierra Del Fuego**, especially around sewage outfalls.

Northern Giant-Petrel:

(Macronectes halli)

22nd (1juv) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**, sitting on sea next to the boat, excellent views. 29th (2juvs) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. Excellent views of one sitting on the sea. 8th (2 sub-adults) seen at close range at **Punta Dungeness** with southern giant petrels.

Cape Petrel:

(Daption capense)

22nd (2) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**, excellent views of this smart looking petrel. 29th (2) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**, again excellent views.

White-chinned Petrel:

(Procellaria aequinoctialis)

22nd (5+) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (10) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**.

Westland Petrel:

(Procellaria westlandica)

22nd (1) on **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (6) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. A good ID guide as White-chinned Petrel is confusion species is that they moult later. Westland's are well into moult at the time of our visit.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel:

(Oceanites oceanicus)

22nd (1) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (2) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**.

Elliot's Storm-Petrel:

(Oceanites gracilis)

22nd (500+) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. Amazing experience.

Markham's Storm-Petrel:

(Oceanodroma markham)

22nd (2) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. Sharpe-eyed (DF) picked up these two birds.

Peruvian Diving-Petrel:

(Pelecanoides garnotii)

22nd (6) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**.

Magellanic Diving-Petrel:

(Pelecanoides magellani)

3rd (10) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 6th (5) on the ferry crossing to **Tierra Del Fuego**.

Pink-footed Shearwater:

(Puffinus creatopus)

22nd (50+) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (1000+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. 3rd (10) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 5th (1) off coast road south of **Punta Arenas**. Amazing experience.

Sooty Shearwater:

(Puffinus griseus)

22nd (200) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (1000's) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. 3rd (40+) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 4th (2000+) off **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island) very close offshore. 5th (2) off coast road south of **Punta Arenas**. An amazing experience.

Peruvian Booby:

(Sula variegata)

20th (2) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**. 22nd (5) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 28th (6) on large rock off **Concon** beach. 29th (15+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. 3rd (2) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island).

Peruvian Pelican:

(Pelecanus thagus)

Common, good numbers recorded on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Not recorded in the far south.

Neotropical Cormorant:

(Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

Common, recorded on the 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 9th.

Rock Cormorant:

(Phalacrocorax magellanicus)

4th (20) **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island). 5th (12) off coast road south of **Punta Arenas**. 6th (2) on the ferry crossing to **Tierra Del Fuego**.

Guanay Cormorant:

(Phalacrocorax bougainvillii)

20th (6) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**. 22nd (1) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**.

Red-legged Cormorant:

(Phalacrocorax gaimardi)

20th (20+) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**. 22nd (40+) **Pelagic & Harbour** with Raul from **Arica**. 3rd (4) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 4th (10+) **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island).

Imperial Shag:

(Phalacrocorax. a. atriceps)

3rd (50+) Ferry from **Pargua** (50Km south Puerto Montt) to **Chacao** (Chiloe Island). 4th (2) **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island). 5th (50+) off coast road south of **Punta Arenas**. 6th (2) on the ferry crossing to **Tierra Del Fuego**. 8th (150+) **Puerto Natales** roosting on the pier along the sea front. 9th (10) **Puerto Natales**. 10th (2) **Punta Arenas**.

Great Egret:

(Egretta alba)

Fairly common at suitable habitat's.

Snowy Egret:

(Egretta thula)

Only recorded on the 25th, 27th, 28th & 4th.

Little Blue Heron:

(Egretta caerulea)

20th (1) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**.

Cattle Egret:

(Bubulcus ibis)

Recorded on the 21st, 24th, 27th, 28th & 1st.

Black-crowned Night-Heron:

(Nycticorax nycticorax)

Recorded on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, 7th & 10th.

Cocoi Heron:

(Ardea cocoi)

28th (1) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 1st (1), 2nd (1) **Santa Maria Lodge** wetlands area. 3rd (1) on route no location.

White-faced Ibis:

(Plegadis chihi)

2nd (10+) Santa Maria wetlands area. 3rd (20+) on route from Santa Maria to Puerto Montt.

Puna Ibis:

(Plegadis ridgwayi)

24th (30+) (BW, DF & MW) (morning), (10+) (all afternoon) **Lauca National Park** (all afternoon).

Black-faced Ibis:

(Theristicus melanopis)

Very common from the **Lakelands** south including **Tierra del Fuego**, recorded on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Andean Flamingo:

(Phoenicopterus andinus)

25th (7) **Lauca National Park**, (DF & BW). (EM & MW) remained in Putre suffering from altitude sickness.

Chilean Flamingo:

(Phoenicopterus chilensis)

24th (3+1juv) **Lauca National Park**. 25th (200+) (DF & BW), **Lauca National Park**. Good numbers recorded from **Chiloe Island** to **Tierra del Fuego**, dates: - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Puna Flamingo:

(Phoenicopterus jamesi)

25th (30+) **Lauca National Park**, (DF & BW). (EM & MW) were a bit gutted that the other two got these two rare flamingo's, but it's better to be alive than dead!!!!!!

Coscoroba Swan:

(Coscoroba coscoroba)

6th (13), 7th (6) **Tierra del Fuego**. 8th (3) between **Punta Delgada & Punta Dungeness**. 9th (30+) **Torres Del Paine**. 11th (3) road to the **Seno Otway Penguin Colony**.

Black-necked Swan:

(Cygnus melanocorypha)

Very common in the south, **Santa Maria Lodge Wetland** is a major site for this species, but numbers are decreasing rapidly, Jorge the guide at the lodge thinks it is pollution getting into the water cause. Good numbers recorded on the 27th, 28th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Andean Goose:

(Chloephaga melanoptera)

24th (30+) (BW, DF & MW) (morning), (10+) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

Ashy-headed Goose:

(Chloephaga poliocephala)

5th (25) coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 8th (4) on route to **Puerto Natales**. 10th (2) On route to **Laguna Parrillar National Reserve**.

Ruddy-headed Goose:

(*Chloephaga rubidiceps*)

5th (2) ♂ ♀, on coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 7th (2) **Tierra del Fuego**. 8th (2) on route to **Punta Dungeness**. 10th (3) wetlands near **Punta Delgado**. Becoming a very threatened species, declining rapidly.

Upland Goose:

(*Chloephaga picta*)

The most common goose in the south, recorded good numbers on these dates, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. Recorded a few males of the (White-breasted form).

Kelp Goose:

(*Chloephaga hybrida*)

3rd (4) females + (2) males, 4th (3) females + (1) gosling + (5) males), **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island). 5th (1) female + (1) male + (2) imm males, on coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**.

Crested Duck:

(*Lophonetta.s.specularioides*)

Very common in the southern areas of Punta Arenas, Tierra Del Fuego & Torres Del Paine. Good numbers recorded on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

(*Lophonetta s. alticola*):

24th (40+) **Lauca National Park**, (northern race), see the Birds of Chile.

Flightless Steamerduck:

(*Tachyeres pteneres*)

3rd (1) **Pinguinera Punihuil**, three islands off the coast of Punihuil, (Chiloe Island). 5th (7) on a sandy beach on route to the ferry (Chiloe Island).

Flying Steamerduck:

(*Tachyeres patachonicus*)

5th (20), coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 6th (50+), 7th (5), **Tierra del Fuego**. 8th (2) on route to **Puerto Natales**. 9th (2) + (1) + ducklings, **Torres Del Paine**. 10th (2) wetlands near **Punta Delgado**.

Spectacled Duck:

(*Anas specularis*)

8th (2) a pair on route to **Puerto Natales**. 9th (2) a pair + (2) a pair + (5) ducklings, **Torres Del Paine**.

Speckled Teal:

(*Anas f. flavirostris*)

27th (2) Lakes near **Leyda**. Common from Chiloe Island south including Tierra Del Fuego, good numbers recorded on these dates, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

(*A.f.oxyptera*):

24th (30+) (morning) (30+) (all) (afternoon). 25th (50+) (BW & DF) **Lauca National Park**, northern race see Birds of Chile.

Silver Teal:

(*Anas versicolor*)

5th (1) on pool between **Airport** and **Punta Arenas**. 8th (2) a pair on route to **Puerto Natales**. 10th (6) wetlands near **Punta Delgado**.

Puna Teal:

(*Anas puna*)

25th (30+) (BW & DF) **Lauca National Park**.

Cinnamon Teal:

(*Anas c. cyanoptera*)

Common good numbers recorded on these dates, 27th, 28th, 4th, 5th, 8th, & 10th.

Chiloe Wigeon: (*Anas sibilatrix*)

Common good numbers recorded on these dates, 27th, 28th, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

White-cheeked Pintail: (*Anas b. rubrirostris*)

25th (1) shore pools north of **Arica**. Amazed this was our only sighting.

Yellow-billed Pintail: (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

Common good numbers recorded on these dates, 27th, 28th, 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Red Shoveler: (*Anas platalea*)

Common good numbers recorded on these dates, 27th, 28th, 1st, 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th.

Torrent Duck: (*Merganetta. a. leucogenis*)

23rd (2) a pair on the road from **Putre** to **Lauca National Park** between Km 134 & Km 135 posts. Had excellent views.

Rosy-billed Pochard: (*Netta peposaca*)

| 28th (4) two pair's, **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 10th (8) four pair's wetlands near **Punta Delgado**.

Ruddy Duck (Andean): (*Oxyura j. ferruginea*)

9th (7) **Torres Del Paine**. Not easy to identify unless they are with lake ducks, this was the case at this site.

Lake Duck: (*Oxyura vittata*)

27th (10+) Lakes near **Leyda**. 28th (20+) **El Peral**. 8th (3) on route to **Puerto Natales**. 9th (4) **Torres Del Paine**.

Black-headed Duck: (*Heteronetta atricapilla*)

| 10th (8+), at least four pairs at wetlands near **Punta Delgado**. Ricardo informed us that there had been an influx from Argentina this winter. It was a real bonus to catch up with this rare and the world's only parasitic duck, we had missed seeing this species at the well known site at El Peral.

Black Vulture: (*Coragyps atratus foetens*)

Not common, our first record was recorded on the 29th, (1) north of **Concon**. Other recorded dates, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th all in the Lakeland's area.

Turkey Vulture: (*Cathartes aura jota*)

Common, seen and recorded most days from the far north (Arica) to (Chiloe Island). Not recorded south of Chiloe Island (Tierra Del Fuego).

Andean Condor: (*Vultur gryphus*)

23rd (1), 24th (1) **Putre**. Probably the same bird on both dates circling behind the village. 27th (3) **El Yeso**. 9th (25+) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. It was great to catch up with this mythical Vulture, we had some excellent views and they were very common around Torres Del Paine.

White-tailed Kite: (*Elanus leucurus*)

27th (1) Lakes near **Leyda**. 30th (2) on route to **Vilches**. 1st (1) on route to **Santa Maria Lodge**.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle:

(*Geranoaetus m. australis*)

| 27th (2) El Yeso. 9th (2) Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine. 10th (2) near [Laguna Parrillar](#) National Reserve.

Cinereous Harrier:

(*Circus cinereus*)

| 5th (1 ringtail + 1 juv) coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan** (). 6th (2), 7th (1 male) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 8th (12+) between **Punta Delgado** & **Punta Dungeness**. Recorded 9th & 10th but no numbers noted. 11th (1) road to the **Seno Otway Penguin Colony**.

Chilean Hawk:

(*Accipiter chilensis*)

1st (1) **Nuhuelbuta National Park**. Brief views of this very elusive hawk, apparently they are very common around Punta Arenas in winter.

Harris's Hawk:

(*Parabuteo unicinctus*)

21st (1) **Lluta Valley**, this turned out to be our only sighting.

White-throated Hawk:

(*Buteo albigula*)

1st (1) on the decent out of **Nuhuelbuta National Park**, excellent views of another elusive hawk. Seems to be the most reliable site to see this species according to trip reports we were using.

Variable Hawk:

(*Buteo p. polyosoma*)

23rd (2 adults + chick in nest) **Putre**, found nest in eucalyptus trees close to the village. 28th (1) near **El Peral**. 29th (1) on route to **La Campana**. 30th (1) **La Campana National Park**. 1st (1), 2nd (1) **Santa Maria Lodge**.

Mountain Caracara:

(*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*)

24th (1) **Lauca National Park** (BW) (MW) & (DF). 25th (1) on route from **Putre** to **Lluta Valley**, but had excellent views perched & flying.

White-throated Caracara:

(*Phalcoboenus albogularis*)

8th (1) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. Excellent close views of this rarer Caracara, it was feeding on the remains of a sheep's carcass.

Southern Caracara:

(*Caracara plancus*)

Common from **Santa Maria Lodge** to **Tierra del Fuego**, recorded on the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Chimango Caracara:

(*Milvago chimango*)

Very Common record on the 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. (Central Race).

(*M.c.temucoensis*):

Not so common recorded on the 5th, 8th & 11th. (Southern Race Tierra Del Fuego)

Aplomado Falcon:

(*Falco femoralis*)

22nd (2) a pair perched on a telegraph pole near **Putre**.

Peregrine Falcon:

(*Falco p. cassini*)

21st (1) **Azapa Valley**.

American Kestrel:

(*F.s.cinnamominus*)

Common recorded on the 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 9th 10th & 11th. (Central & Southern Race).

(*Falco s. peruvianus*):

Recorded on the 21st & 22nd (Northern Race, Arica).

California Quail:

(*Callipepla californica*)

Recorded on the 26th, 27th, 31st & 1st. introduced but now on the Chilean List.

Plumbeous Rail:

(*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*)

28th (2) **El Peral**. 4th (2) **Chiloe Island**. 9th (1) **Torres Del Paine**. Smart looking rail.

Spot-flanked Gallinule:

(*Gallinula melanops*)

28th (1) **El Peral**, close sighting and had excellent views from boardwalk at El Peral, (1) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**.

Common Moorhen:

(*Gallinula chloropus*)

21st (1), 25th (1) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Red-gartered Coot:

(*Fulica armillata*)

Common recorded good numbers on the 27th, 28th, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

White-winged Coot:

(*Fulica leucoptera*)

Common recorded good numbers on the 27th, 28th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Red-fronted Coot:

(*Fulica rufifrons*)

27th (6) Lakes near **Leyda**. 28th (10) **El Peral**. (15+) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. Not as widespread as the other two species.

Giant Coot:

(*Fulica gigantean*)

24th (20+) (DF, BW & MW) (morning), (50+) (all) (afternoon). 25th (30+) **Lauca National Park** (DF & BW).

American Oystercatcher:

(*Haematopus p. palliatus*)

21st (6), 25th (6) shore pools north of **Arica**. 28th (3) shore pools north of **Concon**. 3rd (5), 4th (30+) **Chiloe Island**. This species not recorded any further south of Chiloe Island.

Magellanic Oystercatcher:

(*Haematopus leucopodus*)

Common in the far south, recorded on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. Smart oystercatcher, very black & white with a brilliant golden eye, including the orbital ring.

Blackish Oystercatcher:

(*Haematopus ater*)

20th (5) **Alcran Peninsula Arica**. 28th (2) **Concon**. 3rd (2), 4th (3) **Chiloe Island**. 5th (1) from coast road **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**.

White-backed Stilt:

(*Himantopus melanurus*)

27th (20+) Lakes near **Leyda**. 28th (10+) **El Peral**.

Andean Avocet:

(*Recurvirostra andina*)

24th (5) (all) (afternoon). 25th (15+) **Lauca National Park** (DF & BW).

Peruvian Thick-knee:

(*Burhinus superciliaris*)

21st (50) **Lluta Valley**, excellent views of this large flock, superb birds. We found a dead bird in the Azapa Valley, presumed it had hit overhead wires (fresh). Even the new Chile field guide does not do this bird any justice. 22nd Peruvian Thick-knee's calling over **Azapa Inn** before first light.

Southern Lapwing:

(*Vanellus c. chilensis*)

Very common recorded on the 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. (Central race).

(*V.c.lampronotus*):

21st (3) **Lluta Valley**. (Northern race).

(*V.c.fretensis*):

Very common good numbers recorded on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. (Southern race).

Andean Lapwing:

(*Vanellus resplendens*)

24th (4) all, 25th (10+) **Lauca National Park** (DF & BW).

American Golden-Plover:

(*Pluvialis dominica*)

21st (5), 25th (2) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Collared Plover:

(*Charadrius collaris*)

27th (1) Lakes near **Leyda**. 3rd (1) **Chiloe Island** (DF & MW).

Two-banded Plover:

(*Charadrius falklandicus*)

Common in the far south, recorded on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. A very smart looking plover.

Puna Plover:

(*Charadrius alticola*)

25th (2) (DF & BW) a pair, **Lauca National Park**.

Semipalmated Plover:

(*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

21st (10), 25th (9) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Rufous-chested Dotterel:

(*Charadrius modestus*)

7th (2) a pair at their nest on an inland road on **Tierra Del Fuego**. (3) **Pali Aikej Road**. 10th (2) a pair at **Laguna Parrillar National Reserve**. Had excellent views of this stunning bird at all three locations, at the first site we actually found the nest with two eggs.

Killdeer:

(*Charadrius v. peruvianus*)

21st (2), 25th (1) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover:

(Phegornis mitchellii)

24th (2) a pair + (1) chick, **Lauca National Park**. In the end we had excellent views of this species which we were all desperate to see. It was not looking good as (DF, BW & MW) had been to the park in the morning and visited a site where the birds had been breeding last year but had no joy. They came back to Putre at lunch time to see if I was feeling any better from the altitude sickness, which I was. As we were staying at Barbara [Knapton's](#) cottage, and she actually does bird tours, Bob decided to have a chat with her to see if she knew a current site and see if she would be willing to divulge this information. As luck would have it she did and gave us directions to find them, so it was time to return to the park. We set off to the park and soon found the area of cushion bog which had a breeding pair; it was a bit of a hike to reach the bog area. We were taking it very slow as (MW) was feeling the effects of the altitude having already spent the morning up here; we made steady progress and were soon walking around the edge of the bog, so not to disturb the birds. We set up the scope and after some serious scanning we found the one bird although distant, we all had a good look, then decided to move closer on the edge without entering the bog. (MW) was feeling really ill now and decided to walk slowly back to the vehicle, when we got to a reasonably closer position we found the second bird + chick. We had all three birds in the scope at times and were getting good views, we decided not to intrude any closer as we did not want to cause disturbance, this happened at the last year's site with photographers and people encroaching to close. We thanked Barbara on our return and promised her location would be kept a secret, which we did.

Magellanic Plover:

(Pluvianellus socialis)

6th (2) a pair, **Tierra Del Fuego**. In the end we had excellent views of this really unusual pale grey plover with its bright pink legs. They were very difficult to find at this site that we had been given, it was a very large alkaline lake inland from Porvenir, their light grey colour blended in so well with the dried out lake edges. It took us about two hours to locate them, but we succeeded in the end, this species is near threatened and is only found in this most southerly region of Chile and Argentina.

Tawny-throated Dotterel:

(Oreopholus ruficollis)

7th (8) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (1) flying over our Hotel (Hotel De Turismo) on the junction of the C225. (1) Between **Punta Delgado & Punta Dungeness**. Excellent views of another stunning looking wader.

Sanderling:

(Calidris alba)

Recorded on the 28th, 29th, 3rd & 4th.

Red Knot:

(Calidris canutus rufa)

Recorded on the 4th & 10th.

Baird's Sandpiper:

(Calidris bairdii)

The most common North American wader, large numbers recorded on the 21st, 24th, 25th, 28th, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th & 11th.

Semipalmated Sandpiper:

(Calidris pusilla)

21st (25), 25th (2) shore pools north of **Arica**. 7th (1 juv) **Pali Aikei Road**, good record this far south.

White-rumped Sandpiper:

(Calidris fuscicollis)

6th (50+) very large alkaline lake inland from Porvenir on **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (10+) **Pali Aikei Road**. Recorded on the 10th but no numbers.

Least Sandpiper:

(Calidris minutilla)

21st (2), 25th (2) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Ruddy Turnstone:

(Arenaria i. morinella)

Not common only recorded on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 3rd & 4th.

Surfbird:

(Aphriza virgata)

| 20th (300+) [Alacran Peninsula Arica](#). 4th (2) [Chiloe Island](#).

Willet:

(Catoptrophorus semipalmatus)

20th (30) [Alacran Peninsula Arica](#).

Greater Yellowlegs:

(Tringa melanoleuca)

Not common only recorded on the 28th, 4th, 8th & 9th.

Lesser Yellowlegs:

(Tringa flavipes)

Not common only recorded on the 28th, 4th & 10th.

Spotted Sandpiper:

(Tringa macularia)

21st (1) shore pools north of [Arica](#), (1) [Lluta Valley](#). 25th (1) shore pools north of [Arica](#).

Hudsonian Godwit:

(Limosa haemastica)

| 3rd (35), 4th (400+) [Chiloe Island](#). 9th (50+) pools on route to [Punta Dungeness](#). 10th (300+) wetlands near [Punta Delgado](#). It was fantastic to see so many of these rare waders. Chiloe Island and the far south (Tierra Del Fuego etc) is where ninety percent of the world's population of Hudsonian Godwits winter.

Hudsonian Whimbrel:

(Numenius hudsonicus)

| 20th (4) [Alacran Peninsula Arica](#). 28th (2) [Concon area](#). 4th (3) [Chiloe Island](#).

South American Snipe:

(Gallinago p. megallanica)

| 4th (3) [Caulin Bay Chiloe Island](#). 7th (4) [Tierra Del Fuego](#). 10th (6) wetlands near [Punta Delgado](#). On the 7th we had incredible views of a snipe bathing in a roadside puddle, down to fifteen feet.

Grey Phalarope:

(Phalaropus fulicarius)

22nd (20+) [Pelagic](#) with Raul from [Arica Harbour](#). 29th (60+) [Pelagic](#) with Rodrigo out of [Concon Marina](#).

Wilson's Phalarope:

(Phalaropus tricolour)

21st (10), 25th (1) shore pools north of [Arica](#). 25th (5+) (DF) & (BW) [Lauca National Park](#).

White-bellied Seedsnipe:

(Attagis malouinus)

| 10th (2) [Laguna Parrillar National Reserve](#). Ricardo took us to this site where he had seen this species two weeks earlier, when we arrived in the area where they had been present; with extensive searching we could not locate them. We widened our efforts and after a long search and were about to give up, when (DF) found them. It seems they were breeding and they had walked away from the nest area. After having excellent views and chatting amongst ourselves the birds had disappeared, they were so well camouflaged it was easy to see how they could go missing. We did not want to disturb them again with the possibility of breeding so we left the area.

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe:

(Thinocorus o.ingae)

24th (10+) (DF, BW & MW) (morning), (10+) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**. Common in this National Park.
(Thinocorus o. orbignyianus)

9th (4) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**.

Least Seedsnipe:

(Thinocorus r. rumicivorus)

6th (10+) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (40+) **Pali Aikej Road**. 8th (4) on route to **Punta Dungeness**. 9th (6) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. Recorded on the 10th & 11th but no numbers. Had some excellent views of this small Seedsnipe, often displaying on territory.

Chilean Skua:

(Stercorarius chilensis)

22nd (2) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (4) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. Very common in the south often seen over land here, recorded on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Dolphin Gull:

(Larus scoresbii)

5th (2) between **Airport** and **Punta Arenas** on large pools just north of the town. 6th (1) from the ferry from **Punta Arenas** to **Porvenir**, (5) + (1 juv) on **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (1) **Tierra Del Fuego**. A smart looking gull had very close views of a pair on a beach near Porvenir, not common seen around and on Tierra Del Fuego.

Band-tailed Gull:

(Larus belcheri)

20th (20+), 21st, (30+), 22nd (25+), 25th (20+) **Arica Harbour** and the shore pools north of **Arica**. This species was not in massive numbers and was only recorded in the north (Arica).

Kelp Gull:

(Larus dominicanus)

The most common and widespread gull in Chile, recorded fifteen days out of twenty three days.

Grey Gull:

(Larus modestus)

20th (1200+) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**. 22nd (3000+) **Pelagic**. 21st (20+), 25th (30+) the shore pools north of **Arica**. It was a fantastic sound of thousands of Grey Gulls coming and going from the anchovy fishing fleet, which we found around fifteen or so miles out to sea while on our pelagic.

Andean Gull:

(Larus serranus)

24th (3) (DF, BW & MW) (morning), (1) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**. Obviously a scares gull as we only had four in total; thankfully we found an odd one during the afternoons visit as it would have been another miss for (EM).

Franklin's Gull:

(Larus pipixcan)

22nd (4) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 25th (50) shore pools north of **Arica**. 29th (6) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. 4th (1) on rout to **Calbuco**.

Brown-hooded Gull:

(Larus maculipennis)

Common from Santiago to the far south, recorded on the 28th, 29th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

South American Tern:

(Sterna hirundinacea)

22nd (20+) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 29th (15+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. 4th (1) **Calbuco**. 5th (300+) from the coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 6th (20+) from the ferry from **Punta Arenas** to **Porvenir**, (2) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (2) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 8th (2) **Puerto Natales**. 11th (2) **Seno Otway**.

Snowy-crowned Tern:

(*Sterna trudeaui*)

1st (10), 2nd (6) **Santa Maria Lodge Wetlands**. 3rd (2) ferry to **Chiloe Island**. 4th (2) **Caulin Lodge Bay**. A smart looking tern.

Elegant Tern:

(*Sterna elegans*)

22nd (2) **Pelagic** with Raul from **Arica Harbour**. 25th (6) shore pools north of **Arica**.

Inca Tern:

(*Larosterna inca*)

21st (3) **Arica Harbour**. 22nd (40+) **Arica Harbour**. 25th (4) shore pools north of **Arica**. 28th (3) **Concon** area. 29th (10+) **Pelagic** with Rodrigo out of **Concon Marina**. Had superb close views of this somewhat comical looking tern, but stunning in its own right.

Black Skimmer:

(*Rynchops n. cinerascens*)

20th (7) **Alacran Peninsula Arica**. 28th (8+) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 4th (20+) **Caulin Lodge Bay**. Always nice to see this unusual species.

Feral Pigeon:

(*Columba livia feral*)

Common recorded all but three days.

Chilean Pigeon:

(*Columba araucana*)

29th (10+) **La Campana National Park**. 1st (2), 2nd (6) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 3rd (2) **Oncol Reserve** (Private Ownership) near **Valdivia**. Our first endemic of the trip.

Eared Dove:

(*Zenaida auriculata*)

Very common recorded on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Not seen in the south.

Pacific Dove:

(*Zenaida meloda*)

20th (2) **Arica**. 21st (30+) **Azapa Valley & Lluta Valley**. 22nd (6) **Lluta Valley**. 25th (5) **Azapa Inn**. 26th (2) **Valle De Chaca**, (1) **Arica Airport**. Formerly White-winged Dove, also (Western Peruvian) see Birds of Chile.

Picui Ground-Dove:

(*Columbina picui*)

20th (2) Santiago Airport (DF & BW). 28th (2) **El Peral**. Obviously much scarcer than the field guide suggests or overlooked?

Croaking Ground-Dove:

(*Columbina cruziana*)

21st (6) Azapa Valley, (7) 22nd **Lluta Valley**. (10) **Lluta Valley to Putre**.

Bare-faced Ground-Dove:

(*Metriopelia ceciliae*)

23rd (6) **Putre**, the Valley behind the village.

Golden-spotted Ground-Dove:

(*Metriopelia aymara*)

25th (1) (DF & BW) **Lauca National Park**.

Black-winged Ground-Dove:

(*Metriopelia melanoptera*)

24th (10+) **Putre**, the Valley behind the village. 27th (30+) **El Yeso**. 29th (6) **La Campana National Park**.

Austral Parakeet:

(*Enicognathus ferrugineus*)

2nd (2) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 10th (3) [Laguna Parrillar](#) **National Reserve**.

Slender-billed Parakeet:

(*Enicognathus leptorhynchus*)

1st (30+), 2nd (10+) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 4th (5) **Chiloe Island**.

Mountain Parakeet:

(*Bolborhynchus aurifrons*)

23rd (30+) **Putre**, the Valley behind the village. Had a group during the morning and during the afternoon, both times got scope views as they perched up for a short time.

Groove-billed Ani:

(*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

21st (1) **Azapa Valley**. Was our one and only sighting.

Barn Owl:

(*Tyto alba tuidara*)

1st (1) **Santa Maria Lodge**.

Magellan Horned Owl:

(*Bubo magellanicus*)

22nd (1) **Putre**. Our only sighting, lucky to spot this one, it flew across the road and perched by the road side as we arrived at Putre at dusk. They are supposed to fairly common on Tierra De Fuego, but we never found any!

Rufous-legged Owl:

(*Strix rufipes*)

29th (1 heard) **Vilches**. 2nd (1 heard) **Santa Maria Lodge**. We were all totally gutted that we did not see this species. At Vilches it responded to the tape about 60yards away from where the man who owned the café where we had eaten knew the roost. We moved and it did not call anymore, the man took us down a track close by to another place he had seen them but no luck, we should have kept taping at the first spot and called it into us.

At Santa Maria; Jorge had been calling one out to some open branches near the lodge a few days before we arrived.

The first night we tried and other places no owls called or responded to tape, the second night we got a response from the one near the lodge plus a juv calling from further away.

The trouble was that it was further down the track past the open branches and calling from dense eucalyptus, it would not move and Jorge's partner Christian put the torch on to early as we could not find it in the foliage. It shut up and that was that.

Burrowing Owl:

(*Athene cunicularia*)

28th (1) on route to **Concon**. A very obliging bird sitting on roadside wires and performing well for photos.

Short-eared Owl:

(*Asio f. suinda*)

10th (1) wetlands near **Punta Delgado**.

Andean Swift:

(*Aeronautes andecolus*)

25th (3) **Lluta Valley** at **Km40**. 26th (6) **Valle De Chaca**. Superb looking swift.

Andean Hillstar:

(*Oreotrochilus estella*)

23rd (10+) **Putre**. Common in the Valley behind the village.

White-sided Hillstar:

(Oreotrochilus leucopleurus)

27th (3+) **El Yeso**, seems to be a well known site for this mountainous species.

Giant Hummingbird:

(Patagona gigas)

27th (4) **El Yeso**. (Migratory Race).

(Patagona Peruviana)

23rd (12+) **Putre**. 24th (3) **Lauca National Park**. 25th (6+) **Lauca National Park** and **Putre**. We probably had more records but they were not noted. Amazing hummer, they were so big. (Resident Race non migratory, Birds of Chile).

Oasis Hummingbird:

(Rhodopsis vesper)

21st (15+) **Azapa Valley**, including three in the gardens of the Azapa Inn. Only seen in the Azapa Valley where they seemed to be fairly common.

Green-backed Firecrown:

(Sephanoides sephanioides)

29th (1 heard) **La Campana National Park**. 1st (4), 2nd (4) **Santa Maria Lodge**. A really hard hummer to see well you could always hear them but hard to pick up perched up, we did get good views of a couple at Santa Maria.

Peruvian Sheartail:

(Thaumastura cora)

21st (12+) **Azapa Valley**, including very close views of two cracking males in the gardens of the Azapa Inn. The males with their full tails were brilliant especially when feeding on flowers.

Chilean Woodstar:

(Eulidia yarrellii)

26th (6 female types) + (1 juv male) + (2 ad males) at **Valle De Chaca**. We had no joy finding this species in the Azapa Valley, were told that we would find them at the Valle De Chaca about 50Km south of Arica. So on our last morning we set off for this valley. On arriving we found six plus females and a juvenile male feeding on a flowering hedge as we entered the valley. We wanted to see a male so we went a further down the valley where we found a dirt track leading off to the left by a football pitch.

After a hundred yards or so and time now running out, we found a displaying male which gave excellent views and we were really chuffed to catch up with this endangered endemic. On our way back to the main road we had another male displaying on territory.

This site seem to be a stronghold for this species at this time, also there were no Peruvian Sheartail's here, and according to our information there has only ever been a single observation. Therefore it make wonder if this species cannot compete with the sheartail or is it just the loss of suitable habitat, as they have become almost extinct from the Azapa Valley.

Striped Woodpecker:

(Picoides lignarius)

30th (3) **La Campana National Park**. Our only sightings of the trip.

Magellanic Woodpecker:

(Campephilus magellanicus)

31st (1 female + 1 male) Vilches. 1st (1 female) **Nahuelbuta National Park**. Stunning bird especially the male, the first one we found was a female drumming at distance. I tried to call it in by tapping a stone on a tree. It work a treat with the bird flying into a tree almost next to us, it also worked with the second female also. We presumed this is how the males call the females to their territory. This was another of our target species and we had excellent views.

Chilean Flicker:

(Colaptes pitius)

27th (1) **El Yeso**. 30th (3) **La Campana National Park**, a family party. 1st (1) **Nahuelbuta National Park**. Seen on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th but no numbers or locations noted. Another Target species in the bag.

Andean Flicker: (*Colaptes rupicola*)

24th (6+) **Lauca National Park**. Good views of another target species and the only day it was recorded.

Chilean Swallow: (*Tachycineta meyeni*)

Very common the most numerous swallow from Santiago to the far south recorded on the 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Blue-and-white Swallow: (*Notiochelidon c. patagonica*)

Common, recorded on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th, 4th, 6th, 8th & 11th.

Barn Swallow: (*Hirundo r. erythrogaster*)

Recorded on the 21st, 22nd, 26th, 28th & 2nd.

Andean Swallow: (*Stelgidopteryx andecola*)

23rd (3) on the road from **Putre** to **Lauca National Park** between Km 134 & Km 135 posts. Was our only sighting of this rarer swallow, has a limited range.

Cliff Swallow: (*Hirundo p. melanogaster*)

| 21st (1) **Azapa Valley**. 7th (1) just north of the ferry terminal on road 16 heading to **Punta Delgado**. We were amazed to see this species this far south, it was perched on a barbed wire fence in a very strong wind, and it was looking very tired.

Bank Swallow: (*Riparia riparia*)

21st (2) **Lluta Valley**.

Correndera Pipit: (*Anthus correndera*)

28th (1) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 4th (1) **Caulin Lodge Bay**. 5th (6) from the coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 6th (1) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th, 10th & 11th recorded but no numbers or locations noted.

Sedge Wren: (*Cistothorus platensis*)

2nd (3) **Santa Maria Lodge**.

Southern House Wren: (*Troglodytes musculus*)

Common, recorded on the 21st, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Chilean Mockingbird: (*Mimus thenca*)

Common from Santiago to the Lake District, recorded on the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd & 3rd. over forty birds seen over these dates. Another endemic under our belts.

Patagonian Mockingbird: (*Mimus patagonicus*)

| 10th (1ad + 1 fledged juv) on a dirt track near **Punta Delgado**. Ricardo took us to this site, which we presume is his regular spot for showing birders who hire his services; it was another unexpected species to the list.

Greyish Miner:*(Geositta maritime)*

22nd (1) a possible sighting on route to **Putre** at the well known site just north of the quarry. We had a bird fly across the road twice within twenty metres. We parked the car both times and searched extensively but could not find it on the ground. We could not identify it from these brief flight views, my theory is what other species could it have been as nothing else is recorded in this barren stretch to Putre, will probably be voted off three to one!

Rufous-banded Miner:*(Geositta rufipennis)*

27th (10+) **El Yeso**. Our only sightings, but seemed common here.

Puna Miner:*(Geositta punensis)*

24th (6) **Lauca National Park**.

Common Miner:*(Geositta cunicularia)*

| 7th (12+) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (2) on route to **Punta Dungeness**. 11th (3) **Seno Otway Penguin Colony**. We were amazed that we had to wait till we were this far south to see a supposed common species.

Short-billed Miner:*(Geositta Antarctica)*

| 6th (40+), 7th (30+) **Tierra Del Fuego**, (4) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (2) on route to **Punta Dungeness**.

Scale-throated Earthcreeper:*(Upucerthia dumetaria)*

27th (4) **El Yeso**. 6th (1) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 9th (8) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**, smart birds.

White-throated Earthcreeper:*(Upucerthia albigula)*

23rd (2) **Putre**, we eventually caught up with this species at the far end of the valley and had prolonged views, these skulked a lot more than scale-throated.

Plain-breasted Earthcreeper:*(Upucerthia jelskii)*

23rd (8) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (4) **Lauca National Park**. Seemed to be abundant in the altiplano.

Straight-billed Earthcreeper:*(Upucerthia ruficauda)*

23rd (1) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. Difficult species to find but were eventually rewarded with good views.

Band-tailed Earthcreeper:*(Eremobius phoenicurus)*

| 10th (2) on a dirt track near **Punta Delgado**. Another one of Ricardo stake out sites, what an excellent bonus to see this Argentinean endemic so late in the trip, the views were exceptional as one came out onto the dirt track right beside our four wheel drive, even got some good digital photo's. There is controversy over this species still being an endemic as it is breeding in Chile, but the border is so close that we are happy for it to still be one.

Crag Chilia:*(Chilia melanura)*

27th (5) **El Yeso**. This was one of the birds we all really wanted to see, just because the name sounds great. We had good views of two birds close to the road, but they were very mobile at the well known stake out at the 4 Km area on the road to the reservoir. If one appeared it did not want to perform for long, but can't complain as it was great to get this endemic on the list.

Dark-bellied Cinclodes:

(*Cinclodes patagonicus*)

29th (2) **La Campana National Park**. 1st (1) no location. 3rd (2), 4th (4) **Chiloe Island**. 5th (6) from the coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. Also recorded 7th & 8th but no numbers or locations. 9th (4) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. More common in the south.

Grey-flanked Cinclodes:

(*Cinclodes oustaleti*)

27th (6+) **El Yeso**. Our only sightings, but seemed fairly common here.

Bar-winged Cinclodes:

(*Cinclodes f. fuscus*)

28th (1) on route between El Peral and Concon. 6th (4) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (20+) **Tierra Del Fuego**, (2) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (2) on route to **Punta Dungeness**. More common in the south. (Buff-winged, central & southern race).

(*Cinclodes f. albiventris*):

23rd (6) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. (Cream-winged, altiplano race).

White-winged Cinclodes:

(*Cinclodes atacamensis*)

24th (15+) (DF, BW & MW) (morning), (10+) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

Seaside Cinclodes:

(*Cinclodes nigrofumosus*)

28th (2) **Concon Beach**. 29th (4) **Concon Marina**. Very obliging bird, does not skulk very easy to see at Concon and in the Marina area.

Des Murs's Wiretail:

(*Sylviorthorhynchus desmursii*)

1st (2), 2nd (3) **Santa Maria Lodge**. This small bird has an amazing tail when seen well, but a species that likes to skulk.

Thorn-tailed Rayadito:

(*Aphrastura spinicauda*)

31st (5) **Vilches**. 1st (4) **Vagas Blancas**. 1st & 2nd (10+) good numbers in the **Santa Maria Lodge** area. 3rd (4) **Oncol Reserve** (Private Ownership) near **Valdivia**. We had amazing views of a pair feeding young at a nest hole outside our accommodation at Vilches.

Wren-like Rushbird:

(*Phleocryptes melanops*)

28th (4) **El Peral**, (2) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**.

Streaked Tit-Spinetail:

(*Leptasthenura striata*)

23rd (10) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village.

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail:

(*Leptasthenura aegithaloides*)

29th (2), 30th (2) **La Campana National Park**.

Sharp-billed Canastero:

(*Asthenes pyrrholeuca*)

27th (5+) **El Yeso**.

Canyon Canastero:

(*Asthenes pudibunda*)

23rd (4) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. Good species to pick up as they have only recently been found to be common around Putre (Birds of Chile).

Cordilleran Canastero:

(*Asthenes modesta*)

24th (5+) (DF, BW & MW) morning, (5+) all afternoon **Lauca National Park**. When identifying this species we realised the birds we had seen in Putre on the 23rd were canyon canastero's.

Austral Canastero:

(*Asthenes anthoides*)

8th (3) on route to **Punta Dungeness**. 11th (4) **Seno Otway Penguin Colony**.

Dark-winged Canastero:

(*Asthenes arequipae*)

22nd (2) not far from **Putre** on the accent up. Pre puna scrub zone see Birds of Chile another good bird to the list as it has limited range.

Dusky-tailed Canastero:

(*Asthenes humicola*)

29th (1 heard & seen briefly), 30th (3 heard + 1 seen well) **La Campana National Park**. This endemic gave us a real run-around, plenty of song, but a bird that really skulked.

White-throated Treerunner:

(*Pygarrhichas albogularis*)

31st (2), 1st (2) **Vagas Blancas**. 2nd (3) Santa Maria Lodge. Smart little bird.

Chiguanco Thrush:

(*Turdus c. anthracinus*)

23rd (20+) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (5) **Putre & Lauca National Park**.

Austral Thrush:

(*Turdus falcklandii*)

Very common and widespread from Santiago to the far south, recorded on the 20th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

White-throated Tapaculo:

(*Scelorchilus albicollis*)

29th (3 heard) La Campana national Park. Very disappointing not to see this species as we had three separate birds calling on rocky/scrub hillside but could not locate any of them.

Chucoa Tapaculo:

(*Scelorchilus rubecula*)

1st (1) **Vagas Blancas**. Seen very briefly close to the road, although it was very vocal for fifteen minutes we could not visually locate it, very frustrating. 2nd (1) (DF, very briefly EM), (10+ calling), Down River from **Santa Maria Lodge**. Jorge worked so hard for us to see this species but ended up a really frustrating afternoon for all. 3rd (3) + (12+ calling) **Oncol Reserve** near **Valdivia**, this was a fantastic private reserve it was pristine coastal wet forest. At last, after a really tense morning we all had excellent views of at least one of the three birds that we actually saw today, it was amazing how difficult this bird was to see. Perhaps it was just bad luck, timing or that the last two days were the only ones we had prolonged rain during the whole trip. We were all very happy now after the hard work that went into getting this one species, hardest of the trip so far, we thanked Jorge and dropped him off in Valdivia, then headed south.

Ochre-flanked Tapaculo:

(*Eugralla paradoxa*)

1st (1 + 1 calling) **Santa Maria Lodge**. Another one that skulked in very deep undergrowth thanks to Jorge who managed to tape one out for very brief views. 2nd (2 heard) **Santa Maria Lodge**, (3+ heard) Down River from **Santa Maria Lodge**. 3rd (1) **Oncol Reserve** near **Valdivia**. 4th (3 to 4 heard calling) **Chiloe Island**. We did not waste time trying to see this species again as they were so difficult to see even with a tape.

Dusky Tapaculo:

(*Scytalopus magellanicus*)

28th (1) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. We had absolutely cracking views of the one on the 28th, it was commuting between two bushes in a burnt out ditch by the railway lines

Magellanic Tapaculo:

(*Scytalopus fuscus*)

28th (2) **Vagas Blancas**, brief views in bamboo. 1st (2) **Santa Maria Lodge**, pair returning to nest hole at base of large tree. 2nd (1) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 3rd (1) **Oncol Reserve** near **Valdivia**. Had excellent views of the pair at the nest site, we even got to see the white crown on one of the adults at close range.

Black-throated Huet-huet:

(*Pterotochos tarnii*)

31st (1 heard) **Angol**. 1st (1) **Vagas Blancas**, in and around lone bamboo clump. 2nd (1 briefly + 4+ calling), morning. (12+) afternoon, **Santa Maria Lodge** and Down River from **Santa Maria Lodge**. 3rd (4) **Oncol Reserve** near **Valdivia**. 4th (1 heard) **Chiloe Island**. We finally had excellent views of this species on the 3rd including one with its head and half its body protruding from a nest hole at less than two metre range. This was another species that gave us the run around with the way it skulked; they call frequently but stay hidden, so seeing them so well on the 3rd was most rewarding.

Chestnut-throated Huet-huet:

(*Pterotochos castaneus*)

31st (1) **Vilches**. We decided to visit this area as we had heard they are supposed to be fairly common here and also none of the birding tours or bird reports we read visited here, so it was rewarding to visit an unknown site. We were not disappointed, as we walked the track near a stream we heard one calling, so we move in, but unfortunately as we walked over the brow looking down into the stream we flushed the bird into deep cover. It moved up stream and started calling again, so we quietly headed in its direction, (EM) had close views (six feet) but without his bins, then it had disappeared down stream again. These Huet-Huet's are really frustrating, anyway a little way down stream. (MW) had the best view as he was walking on the other side of the stream and when he flushed it, it popped up on a large rock right in front of him. Then it moved into a small rocky/scrubby area where we all had good views, it was great to get this sort after endemic on our list, as it is missed by most according to the trip reports we were using.

Moustached Turca:

(*Pterotochos megapodius*)

27th (6) **El Yeso**. 29th (2), 30th (3) **La Campana National Park**. This endemic was much more obliging, usually sitting right out in the open, often on a large rock. It was an excellent bird with its call being one of the highlights of our trip, it was fantastic.

Bran-coloured Flycatcher:

(*Myiophobus fasciatus*)

21st (1) **Azapa Valley**. Misidentified this species until looking in the field guide later, it was on roadside wires and we passed it as [female](#) vermilion. It may still be discounted as not all the team are in agreement, but (BW) is adamant it was this species.

Vermilion Flycatcher:

(*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

21st (10+) **Azapa Valley & Azapa Inn Gardens**. (2) **Lluta Valley**. Only seen in this far northern region of Chile.

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant:

(*Anairetes flavirostris*)

23rd (6) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village.

Tufted Tit-Tyrant:

(*Anairetes parulus*)

Common from **Santiago** to **Tierra Del Fuego** seen regularly from the 28th to the 10th, but not recorded in the notes or log. Only on the following 28th (2) **El Peral**. 1st (4), 2nd (10+) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 6th (10) **Tierra Del Fuego**.

Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant:

(Tachuris rubrigastra)

28th (6+) **El Peral**. (2) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 2nd (1) **Santa Maria Lodge**. This was an absolutely stunning little bird; we had an adult feeding a fledgling that had left the nest at El Peral at very close range from one of the boardwalks.

White-browed Chat-Tyrant:

(Ochthoeca leucophrys)

23rd (4) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village.

Chocolate-vented Tyrant:

(Xolmis rufiventris)

7th (7) **Pali Aikei Road**. This was a one of the larger tyrant's, a good bird to see and this was the only site where we found any, they seemed to be common on this road!

Great Shrike-Tyrant:

(Agriornis livida)

28th (2 a pair) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. Good views of this one individual perch up on scrub in sand-d

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Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola maculirostris)

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27th (6) **El Yeso**. This was a fantastic site for ground tyrants.

Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola macloviana)

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27th (2) **El Yeso**. 10th (2) **Laguna Parrillar National Reserve**. It was good to see this species again this far south.

Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola capistrata)

7th (3) **Punta Delgado**. Found on a piece of waste ground near the town. 8th (3) along the road to **Punta Dungeness**. 9th (1) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**.

Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola rufivertex)

27th (1) **El Yeso**. Found near the dam/reservoir area just as we were heading down.

Puna Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola juninensis)

24th (6+) (DF), (BW) & (MW) (morning), (2) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

White-browed Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola albilora)

27th (12+) **El Yeso**. Smart birds, they remind you of our wheatears, behaviour and habitat.

White-fronted Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola albifrons)

24th (10) (DF), (BW) & (MW) (morning), (6) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

Cinereous Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola cinerea)

27th (1) **El Yeso**. Another good ground tyrant found here.

Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola flavinucha)

9th (1) **Torres Del Paine**. 10th (1) **Laguna Parrillar National Reserve**.

Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant:

(Muscisaxicola frontalis)

27th (6+) **El Yeso**.

Spectacled Tyrant:

(Hymenops perspicillatus)

28th (4) **Mantagua**, shore pools north of **Concon**. 2nd (10+) **Santa Maria Lodge**.

White-crested Elaenia:

(Elaenia a. chilensis)

27th (3) **El Yeso**. 29th (2) **La Campana National Park**. 31st (20+) **Vilches**, common here. 1st (8) **Vagas Blancas**. 1st (30+), 2nd (15+) **Santa Maria Lodge**, very common here. 3rd (5) **Oncol Reserve** near **Valdivia**, (Chilean Race).

(Elaenia a. modesta)

21st (8+) **Azapa Valley & Azapa Inn Gardens**, (Peruvian Race).

Andean Negrito:

(Lessonia oreas)

24th (20+) (DF), (BW) & (MW) (morning), (2) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

Patagonian or Austral Negrito:

(Lessonia rufa)

Very Common, recorded on the 27th, 28th, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th.

Fire-eyed Diucon:

(Xolmis pyrope)

Common from **Santiago** to **Punta Arenas** seen regularly from the 28th to the 5th, but not recorded in the notes or log. Only on the following 29th (2) **La Campana National Park**. 1st (2). 1st & 2nd (10+) **Santa Maria Lodge**. 3rd (2). 4th (1) **Caulin Lodge**, Chiloe Island. Often seen when travelling, and usually seen from a prominent perch, saw at least double than recorded above.

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter:

(Phytotoma rara)

28th (1) **El Peral**. 1st (1) (DF) on route to **Vagas Blancas**. 4th (1) **Chiloe Island**. An odd looking species, although the males were quite stunning in their own right, had really good views of a male in the reed bed at El Peral.

House Sparrow:

(Passer domesticus)

Not common, recorded on the 20th, 21st, 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th.

Hooded Siskin:

(Carduelis m. urubambensis)

21st (2) **Azapa Valley**. 23rd (6) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (2) (EM) **Putre** (morning).

Black Siskin:

(Carduelis atrata)

24th (3+) (DF, BW & MW) morning, (1) (all) afternoon, **Lauca National Park**. A stunning siskin, (EM) was relieved to catch up with one during the afternoon visit to Lauca National Park.

Yellow-rumped Siskin:

(Carduelis uropygialis)

24th (3) (DF), (BW) & (MW) **Lauca National Park**. 27th (3) **El Yeso**, another smart Siskin.

Black-chinned Siskin:

(Carduelis barbata)

The most common Siskin recorded on the 25th, 28th, 29th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th.

Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch: (*Sicalis uropygialis*)

25th (2 male & female), (DF & BW), **Lauca National Park**.

Greater Yellow-Finch: (*Sicalis auriventris*)

27th (60+) **El Yeso**, we had a very large flock at this location. 9th (6) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**.

Greenish Yellow-Finch: (*Sicalis olivascens*)

22nd (30+) two thirds of the way up to **Putre**. 23rd (2) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village.

Patagonian Yellow-Finch: (*Sicalis lebruni*)

6th (8) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 7th (6) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (3) road to **Punta Dungeness**. 9th (4) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**.

Grassland Yellow-Finch: (*Sicalis luteola*)

Fairly common, good numbers recorded on the 20th, 27th, 28th, 1st, 3rd & 4th.

Slender-billed Finch: (*Xenospingus concolor*)

21st (14+) **Azapa Valley**. 25th (3) **Lluta Valley** at Km 40. 26th (2) **Valle De Chaca**. Only seen in the north.

White-winged Diuca-Finch: (*Diuca speculifera*)

24th (15+) (DF, BW & MW) (morning), (10+) (all) (afternoon), **Lauca National Park**.

Common Diuca-Finch: (*Diuca diuca*)

Common from **Santiago** to **Puerto Montt** seen regularly from the 27th to the 4th, but not recorded in the notes or log. Only on the following 27th (10+) **El Yeso**. 28th (6) near **El Peral** 1st (2) **Vagas Blancas**. 4th (3) **Chiloe Island**. Numbers under recorded, double would be more realistic.

Yellow-bridled Finch: (*Melanodera x. barrosi*)

9th (15+) **Torres Del Paine**. This was an absolutely stunning finch; we were amazed that we saw so many; nearly all males. These were on the other road we took at before going into the park in the afternoon.

(*Melanodera x. xanthogramma*)

10th (4) **Laguna Parrillar National Reserve**.

Ricardo's comments:- It is a bit different from the illustration from Jaramillo (birds of Chile) as in this case males have yellow on the tail as well. The morph in Tierra Del Fuego looks rather green instead of grey.

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Canary-winged Finch (Black-throated): (*Melanodera melanodera*)

7th (20+) **Pali Aikei Road**. Another absolutely stunning finch with its vivid yellow canary wings especially in flight. Nearly all males with the odd female.

Patagonian Sierra-Finch: (*Phrygilus patagonicus*)

1st (2) **Vagas Blancas**. 4th (2) + (1 female on nest) **Chiloe Island**. 5th (2) from the coast road from **Punta Arenas** to **San Juan**. 6th (6) **Tierra Del Fuego**. Another good looking finch.

Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus gayi)

27th (50+) **El Yeso**. 6th (2), 7th (6) **Tierra Del Fuego**. 9th (20) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. Another good looking finch.

Black-hooded Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus atriceps)

22nd (3) **Putre**, before we reached the village. 23rd (4) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (2+) (DF), (BW) & (MW) morning, (1), (all) afternoon, **Lauca National Park**.

Mourning Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus f. coracinus)

22nd (4) Near **Putre**, before we reached the village. 23rd (50+) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (6) (EM) **Putre** (morning), (2) afternoon, **Lauca National Park**. (Altiplano Race). (DF) thinks the numbers counts are low.

(Phrygilus f. fruticeti)

7th (40+) **Pali Aikei Road**. 8th (2) road to **Punta Dungeness**. 9th (20+) **Los Baglos Valley, Torres Del Paine**. (Southern Race Patagonian Steppes).

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch

(Phrygilus unicolor)

24th (20+) (DF), (BW) & (MW) morning, (2) (all) afternoon, **Lauca National Park**. 27th (20+) **ElYeso**. A very plain grey looking finch. (DF) thinks the numbers counts are low.

White-throated Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus erythronotus)

24th (10+) (DF), (BW) & (MW) morning, (4) (all) afternoon, **Lauca National Park**.

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus plebejus)

22nd (5) **Putre**, before we reached the village. 23rd (50+) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (10) (EM) **Putre** (morning).

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch:

(Phrygilus alaudinus)

27th (20+) **El Yeso**. Obviously rarer sierra finches as these were our only sighting of the trip.

Long-tailed Meadowlark:

(Sturnella loyca)

Very Common, especially in the south, recorded on the 20th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Peruvian Meadowlark:

(Sturnella bellicose)

21st (40), 22nd (6), 25th (2) **Lluta Valley**. Only seen in the Lluta Valley where they were common in the agricultural areas. Easy to identify from long-tailed as it is smaller, stockier and has a much shorter tail, amazing colour.

Austral Blackbird:

(Curaeus curaeus)

Seen regularly from Santiago to Punta Arenas, usually just ones and two's never big flocks, recorded on the 26th, 27th, 29th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th & 10th.

Yellow-winged Blackbird:

(Agelaius thilius)

20th (1) **Santiago Airport**. 27th (3) Lakes near **Leyda**. 2nd (2) **Santa Maria Lodge** area. Not a common species going by how many sightings we observed.

Shiny Cowbird:

(Molothrus bonariensis)

Fairly common, recorded on the 21st, 27th, 28th, 1st, 2nd & 4th. Not seen in the south.

Cinereous Conebill:

(Conirostrum cinereum)

21st (40+) **Azapa Valley & Lluta Valley**. 23rd (10+) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 26th (2) **Valle De Chaca**. Common in the north

Black-throated Flowerpiercer:

(Diglossa brunneiventris)

23rd (8) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. Good views of this smart flowerpiercer.

Blue-and-yellow Tanager:

(Thraupis bonariensis)

23rd (3) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. Not excellent views of this species that is supposed to be easy at this site.

Rufous-collared Sparrow:

(Zonotrichia capensis)

The commonest species in Chile, recorded every day of the trip.

(Zonotrichia c. australis)

27th (1) **El Yeso**. This race is larger; lacks crown stripes and has long primary extension (Santiago Andes & Patagonia) see Birds of Chile.

Blue-black Grassquit:

(Volatinia jacarina)

21st (2) **Lluta Valley**. Strangely these two were our only sighting of this species during our few days in the north.

Band-tailed Seedeater:

(Catamenia analis)

23rd (100+) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 24th (4) (EM) **Putre**.

Chestnut-throated Seedeater:

(Sporophila telasco)

21st (10+) **Azapa Valley & Lluta Valley**. 23rd (8) **Putre**, in the valley behind the village. 25th (6) **Lluta Valley**.

Cetations, Mammals, Reptiles & Insects etc:

Commerson's Dolphins:

Guanaco:

Vicuna:

Llama:

Alpaca:

Patagonian Skunk:

Patagonian Fox:

Guinea Pig:

Short-tailed Snake: *(Tachymenis peruviana wiegmanni)* Formatted: Font: Italic

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