

# Albatross

*Birding and Nature Tours*



Santiago to Chiloé Island

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

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## OVERVIEW

This is the trip report for the passengers Butch and Susan Carter from the United States. The tour took place in central and Southern Chile birding in all possible sites according to the schedule designed and specially looking for target birds Mr. Carter was particularly interested to see along the area described. Mr. Carter is an enthusiast birder, whereas Mrs. Carter likes to join him along, and in many occasions waited in the car or hotel while birding.

We finally observed 154 species, including several of the species Mr. Carter had in his list. Some of the highlights in this trip were: Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, day views of Rufous-legged Owl, Southern and Northern Royal Albatross.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1. February 7<sup>nd</sup> Birding at Farellones and Valle Nevado.

On our first day we met at Orly hotel and after some struggle, because of traffic, we drove up Farellones to look for Andean endemics. We manage to see Moustached Turca, White-throated Tapaculo and at least heard Dusky Tapaculo. Other birds like Dusky-tailed Canastero, Chilean Mockingbird, amazing views of Andean Condor and even a Magellanic horned owl vocalizing in the trees. Further up saw Creamy-rumped Miner and most of the other birds from the high Andes. Drove back to Santiago

### Day 2. February 8<sup>th</sup> Full day on the coast

We left Santiago early in the morning to reach Algarrobo on the first lights. Susan stood at Santiago. At the reed beds in Algarrobo we had great views of at least three Striped-backed Bittern, other birds like Spot-flanked Gallinule. We drove up the valley to find Striped Woodpecker, Dusky Tapaculo. After this we drove to the Maipo Rover Mouth where we missed to find Tickling Doradto but had great chances of other birds including Black Skimmer, Many colored Rush Tyrant, etc.

After Maipo we drove to Valparaiso, went for some delicious Peruvian food for dinner.

### Day 3. February 9<sup>th</sup> Pelagic trip and coastal birding

As scheduled, we left early towards the port to meet with the other participants of the pelagic. We found most of the Humboldt Current birds including both Northern and Southern Royal, Salvin's Albatross, Buller's Shearwater,

After Pelagic we drove back to Santiago stopping at La Cadellada plant to look for Black-headed Duck. Back to Santiago to meet Susan.

### Day 4. February 10<sup>th</sup> El Yeso and the high Andes

Being a Sunday, this day we drove very early to El Yeso in order to avoid traffic. We found Crag Chilia, Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, Thick-billed Siskin, some of the Ground Tyrants we were missing. Susan stood at the hotel and walked around town.

Drove back to Santiago by mid-afternoon.

#### Day 5. February 11<sup>th</sup> Lake Colbun and Vilches

We left Santiago heading south, stop at Chimbarobgo to buy handicraft and visited the main square to look for Screaming Cowbird with no success. After that mostly driving directly to arrive early to the Colbun Lake area where we saw Des Mur's Wiretail, Rosy-billed Pochard, Upland geese, Andean Gull, Burrowing Parrot. Drove up to Lircay and got to see Chucao tapaculo and some other birds of the forest. Overnight at Hosteria Vilches

#### Day 6. February 12<sup>th</sup> Altos del Lircay National Park

Next day went to Altos de Lircay, this time to the trails were we had great day views of Rufous-legged Owl and Magellanic Woodpecker, Patagonian Tyrant. In the afternoon we drove down to the Colbun Lake again to look for Chilean Tinamou (which we heard but didn't see) and had great views of the Parrakeets again.

#### Day 7. February 13<sup>th</sup> Cerro Ñielol and Temuco

After breakfast left Vilches heading down to Temuco. This was a driving day mostly. Drove around the outskirts of Ñielol and got distant views of Rufous-tailed Hawk. Gave a try to Huet Huets and Chucaos with no luck. Overnight at Temuco.

#### Day 8. February 14<sup>th</sup> Full Day Araucaria Forest

This morning we visited the Cerro Ñielol where we had great views of Black-throated Huet Huet. Later in the day we drove up towards the Andes to see Araucaria Forest and found a Sharp-billed Canastero which was Mr. Carter.

#### Day 9. February 15<sup>th</sup> Birding in Nothofagus Forest

This day we departed from Temuco heading towards Puerto Montt. Long drive but upon arrival we look for Snowy-crowned Tern at Caicaen near Calbuco where we failed to find it but got to see other species like Flightless Steamer Duck and flocks of Brown-Hooded Gulls. We did also visit Pelluco near Puerto Montt.

#### Day 10. February 16<sup>th</sup> Birding in Chiloe Island

This day we took the ferry to Chiloe birding the Pagua area. Took the ferry across the Chacao channel. Checked the little village of Chacao at the market we had some large

numbers of Back necked Swans, Hudsonian Whimbrel. Later visited the little bay of Caulin to find a large flock of Godwit mixed in with Red Knots. Drove back to catch the ferry again where we saw Ringed Kingfisher. We visited Maullin, where we had lunch still looking for Snowy-crowned Tern. Return early enough to take you to your new lodge and after that we drove to the airport for you to rent a car.

## **BIRD LIST (154 species)**

Taxonomic order and notes follow South American Classification Committee

<http://www.museum.lsu.edu/~Remsen/SACCBaseline.html>

Detailed checklists available on eBird

### **ORDER ANSERIFORMES**

#### **Family Anatidae [Swans, Geese and Ducks]**

Black-necked Swan *Cygnus melancoryphus*

Coscoroba Swan *Coscoroba coscoroba*

Upland Goose *Chloephaga picta*

Flightless Steamer Duck *Tachyeres pteneres*

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularioides*

Chiloe Wigeon *Anas sibilatrix*

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris*

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica*

Rosy-billed Pochard *Netta peposaca*

Black-headed Duck *Heteronetta atricapilla*

Red Shoveler *Anas platalea*

Lake Duck *Oxyura vittata*

### **ORDER GALLIFORMES**

**Family Odontophoridae [New World Quail]**

California Quail *Calipepla californica*

**ORDER PODICIPEDIFORMES**

**Family Podicipedidae [Grebes]**

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland*

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis*

**ORDER COLUMBIFORMES**

**Family Columbidae [Pigeons]**

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Chilan Pigeon *Patagioenas araucana*

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui*

Black-winged Ground Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera*

**ORDER APODIFORMES**

**Family Trochilidae [Hummingbirds]**

Green-backed Firecrown *Sephanoides sephaniodes*

White-sided Hillstar *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*

**ORDER GRUIFORMES**

**Family Rallidae [Rails and Coots]**

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*

Spot-flanked Gallinule *Porphyriops melanops*

Red-fronted Coot *Fulica rufifrons*

Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armillata*

White-winged Coot *Fulica leucoptera*

## **ORDER CHARADRIIFORMES**

### **Family Recurvirostridae [Avocets and stilts]**

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*

### **Family Haematopodidae [Oystercatchers]**

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

### **Family Charadriidae [Lapwings and Plovers]**

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

Diademed Sandpiper Plover *Phegornis mitchellii*

### **Family Thinocoridae [Seedsnipes]**

Gray-breasted Seedsnipe *Thinocorus orbignyianus*

### **Family Scolopacidae [Sandpipers]**

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

**Family Laridae [Gulls and Terns]**

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*

Brown-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus maculipennis*

Dolphin Gull *Leucophaeus scoresbii*

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

Inca Tern *Larosterna inca*

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans*

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea*

**Family Rynchopidae [Skimmers]**

Black Skimmer *Rhynchops niger*

**ORDER SPHENISCIFORMES**

**Family Spheniscidae [Penguins]**

Magellanic Penguin *Spheniscus magellanicus*

**ORDER PROCELLARIIFORMES**

**Family Diomedidae [Albatrosses]**

Southern Royal Albatross *Diomedea epomophora epomophora*

Northern Royal Albatross *Diomedea epomophora sanfordi*

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*



Salvin's Albatross *Thalassarche salvini*

**Family Procellariidae [Petrels and Shearwaters]**

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

Westland Petrel *Procellaria westlandica*

Buller's Shearwater *Ardenna bulleri*

Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea*

Pink-footed Shearwater *Ardenna creatopus*

**Family Hydrobatidae [Storm-Petrels]**

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

**Pelecanoididae [Diving Petrels]**

Peruvian Diving Petrel *Pelecaniodes garnotii*

**ORDER SULIFORMES**

**Family Sulidae [Boobies]**

Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata*

**Family Phalacrocoracidae [Cormorants]**

Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi*

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Guanay Cormorant *Phalacrocorax bougainvillii*

Imperial Cormorant *Phalacrocorax atriceps*

## **ORDER PELECANIFORMES**

### **Family Pelecanidae [Pelicans]**

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus*

### **Family Ardeidae [Herons]**

Stripe-backed Bittern *Ixobrychus involucris*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

### **Family Threskiornithidae [Ibises]**

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopis*

## **ORDER CATHARTIFORMES**

### **Family Cathartidae [New World Vultures]**

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus*

## **ORDER ACCIPITRIFORMES**

### **Family Accipitridae [Hawks and Eagles]**

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*

Rufous-tailed Hawk *Buteo ventralis*

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

## **ORDER STRIGIFORMES**

### **Family Strigidae [Owls]**

Magellanic Horned Owl *Bubo magellanicus*

Rufous-legged Owl *Strix rufipes*

## **ORDER CORACIIFORMES**

### **Family Alcedinidae [Kingfishers]**

Patagonian (Ringed) Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata stellata*

## **ORDER PICIFORMES**

### **Family Picidae [Woodpeckers]**

Striped Woodpecker *Dryobates lignarius*

Magellanic Woodpecker *Campephilus magellanicus*

Chilan Flicker *Colaptes pitius*

## **ORDER FALCONIFORMES**

### **Family Falconidae [Falcons]**

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

Chimango Caracara *Milvago chimango*

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

## **ORDER PSITTACIFORMES**

### **Family Psittacidae [Parrots]**

Austral Parakeet *Enicognathus ferrugineus*

Slender billed Parakeet *Enicognathus leptorhynchus*

Burrowing Parrakeet *Cyanoliseus patagonus*

### **ORDER PASSERIFORMES**

#### **SUBORDER TYRANNI [Suboscines]**

### **Family Rhinocryptidae [Tapaculos]**

Chestnut-throated Huet-huet *Pterotochos castaneus*

Black-throated Huet huet *Pterotochos tarnii*

Moustached Turca *Pterotochos megapodius*

White-throated Tapaculo *Scelorchilus albicollis*

Chucao Tapaculo *Scelorchilus rubecula*

Ochre-flanked tapaculo *Eugralla paradoxa*

Magellanic Tapaculo *Scytalopus magellanicus*

Dusky Tapaculo *Scytalopus fuscus*

### **Family Furnariidae [Ovenbirds]**

Rufous-banded Miner *Geositta rufipennis*

Creamy-rumped Miner *Geositta isabellina*

White-throated Treerunner *Pygarrychas albogularis*

Crag Chilia *Ochetorhynchus melanurus*

Scale-throated Earthcreeper *Upucerthia dumetaria*

Buff-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

Gray-flanked Cinclodes *Cinclodes oustaleti*

Dark-bellied Cinclodes *Cinclodes patagonicus*

Thorn-tailed Rayadito *Aphrastura spinicauda*

De Mur's Wiretail *Sylviorthorhynchus desmursii*

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*

Sharp-billed Canastero *Asthenes pyrrholeuca*

Cordilleran Canastero *Asthenes modesta*

Dusky-tailed Canastero *Pseuasthenes humicola*

### **Family Cotingidae (Cotingas)**

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter *Phytotoma rara*

### **Family Tyrannidae [Tyrant Flycatchers]**

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps chilensis*

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

Many-coloured Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra*

Spectacled Tyrant *Hymenops perspicillatus*

Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*

Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*

Black-fronted Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola frontalis*

White-browed Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albilora*

Black-billed Shrike-tyrant *Agriornis montanus*

Fire-eyed Diucon *Xolmis pyrope*

Patagonian Tyrant *Colorhamphus parvirostris*

### **SUBORDER PASSERES [Oscines]**

#### **Family Hirundinidae [Swallows]**

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Chilean Swallow *Tachycineta meyeni*

**Family Troglodytidae [Wrens]**

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

**Family Mimidae [Mockingbirds]**

Chilean Mockingbird *Mimus thenca*

**Family Turdidae [Thrushes]**

Austral Thrush *Turdus falcklandii*

**Family Passeridae (Old World Sparrow)**

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

**Family Fringillidae [Finches]**

Thick-billed Siskin *Spinus crassirostris*

Black-chinned Siskin *Spinus barbatus*

Yellow-rumped Siskin *Spinus uropygialis*

**Family Emberizidae [Sparrows]**

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

**Family Icteridae [New World Blackbirds]**

Long-tailed Meadowlark *Leystes loyca*

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonaeriensis*

Austral Blackbird *Curaeus curaeus*

Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelasticus thilius*

**Family Thraupidae [Tanagers]**

Grey-hooded Sierra-finch *Phrygilus gayi*

Common Diuca-Finch *Diuca diuca*

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor*

Mourning Sierra-finch *Rhopospina fruticeti*

Greater Yellow-finch *Sicalis auriventris*

Grassland Yellow-finch *Sicalis luteola*