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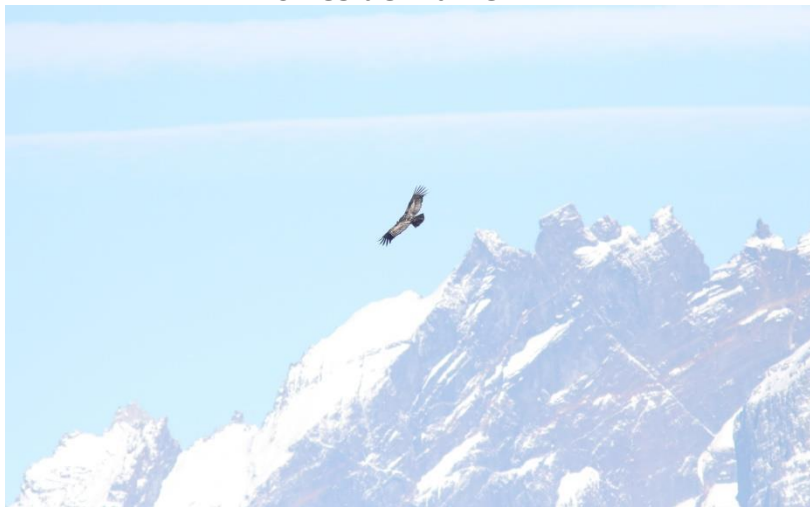
**A report on birds observed on a trip to Chili
1 November – 1 December 2017**

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Torres del Paine N.P.



INTRODUCTION

From 1 November to 1 December I made, in the company of my brother Frans, Wiel Poelmans and Frank Dorèl an extensive bird trip to Chile.

During this trip we covered the whole country from the far north to the far south in pursuit of all possible endemics, near-endemics and specialities of this country.

Our itinerary was designed to achieve this goal and, though we missed some species, I can only say that we had a great trip to this country with amazing, mind-blowing landscapes.

Only during the first 4/5 days and the last day we used local birding guides to get around the central areas (Santiago and Viña del Mar) and Altos de Lircay. The rest of the trip we birded independently, using domestic flights and rental cars to get around.

VISA

You do not need a visa to travel around Chile

GETTING THERE – FLIGHT

We flew with KLM from Amsterdam to Santiago with a stop at Buenas Aires.

It took 18½ hours.

We paid 980 Euro for a return flight.

GETTING AROUND

We purchased tickets for 4 domestic flights with Sky Airlines:

- * Santiago – Arica
- * Calama – Santiago
- * Santiago – Punta Arenas
- * Punta Arenas – Puerto Montt.

For these flights we paid another 240 Euro.

We rented spacious 4-wheel drive cars (Ford Escape and Toyota Rav4) through Sunny Cars (www.sunnycars.nl) at the various airports. We used cars of Europcar and Hertz. Especially the ground clearance of these vehicles was most welcome; when driving in the south from Punta Delgada to Puerto Natales along road 405, we really needed the 4-wheel drive capability of our Toyota Rav4. As a result of heavy rain this road was not in a very good state and very muddy at certain stretches.

We paid around 2500 € in total for hiring these cars.

For the first 5 days we made a deal with Diego Reyes to bird the central area around Santiago and Viña del Mar. In this deal the pelagic trip from Valparaiso was included. Driving around the country was very easy with the exception of the Santiago area, where every day there are huge traffic jams.

I took a navigation device (TomTom) with me from home, on which I had downloaded the map of Chili. Besides that we regularly used the off-line maps on our smart phones to get around.

ACCOMMODATION

When we had fine-tuned our itinerary, Frans and I searched the internet for suitable accommodation, preferably close to birding sites. Frans booked everything through www.booking.com. He put all bookings on his smart phone, including the exact location of our accommodation, so we could easily find and drive to these locations.

Looking back we were all satisfied with all the accommodations we stayed during our trip, except for Cabañas Rahue, which unexpectedly turned out to be too far from the N.P. Altos de Lircay. We paid around 3300 € in total for accommodation for the four of us.

FOOD & DRINKS

Food was generally good but not cheap. Personally I liked the fish dishes best. Beer and wine are widely available and the wine is generally excellent.

MONEY

The currency used in Chile is the Chilean Peso.

During our stay the exchange rate was: 1000 Chilean Peso = 1.40 Euro
1000 Chilean Peso = 1.60 US Dollar

ATM machines are easily found at airports and cities.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We did not have any health problems during our trip. Though we ascended in a short period of time from sea level to over 4000 mt. alt. in Lauca N.P. we did not have any problems regarding altitude besides some headache.

A hat/cap and sunblock is essential against the sunshine in the high Andes.

Chile is a very safe country to travel around. People are very friendly and polite.

Only few people speak English, so it comes in very handy if you speak some basic Spanish.

WEATHER

We had all kinds of weather during our trip: hot in the lowlands, nice sunny weather in the Andes, cold and windy in Patagonia, rain (drizzle and heavy downpours in Tierra del Fuego) etc. You have to be prepared for all kinds of weather when travelling in Chile from North to South.

BIRDING

We saw all the endemics and most near-endemics of Chile.

We did see the endemics: **Chilean Tinamou, Chilean Woodstar, Slender-billed Parakeet, Moustached Turca, White-throated Tapaculo, Dusky Tapaculo, Crag Chilia, Seaside Cinclodes, Dusky-tailed Canastero and Chilean Mockingbird.**

Other important targets seen were **Black-headed Duck, Ruddy-headed Goose, Ashy-headed Goose, Kelp Goose, 3 species of Steamer-Ducks, Spectacled Duck, James's Flamingo, Green-backed Firecrown, Horned Coot, King Penguin, Buller's Albatross, Westland Petrel, Northern Royal Albatross, Stripe-backed Bittern, Magellanic Plover, Rufous-chested Dotterel, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Magellanic Owl, Austral Pygmy-Owl, Rufous-legged Owl (Heard), White-throated Hawk, Rufous-tailed Hawk, White-throated Caracara, Austral Parakeet, Burrowing Parakeet, Ochre-flanked Tapaculo, Black-throated Huet-Huet, Chestnut-throated Huet-Huet, Creamy-rumped Miner, White-throated Treerunner, White-throated Earthcreeper, Grey-flanked Cinclodes, Black-bellied Cinclodes, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, Des Mur's Wiretail, Austral Canastero, Sharp-billed Canastero, Fire-eyed Diucon, Great Shrike-Tyrant, Patagonian Tyrant, Magellanic Woodpecker, Black-chinned Siskin, Thick-billed Siskin, Austral Thrush, Austral Blackbird, Chestnut-throated Seedeater, Slender-billed Finch, Tamarugo Conebill, Patagonian Sierra-Finch, Greater Yellow-Finch, Yellow-bridled Finch, White-bridled Finch, White-throated Sierra-Finch and Red-throated Sierra-Finch.**

Chilean Hawk was not observed during our stay and as Lago Porteria at Torres del Paine was off-limits during our visit, we did not have a real chance for **Austral Rail**.

At Lampa near Santiago we tried for **South American Painted Snipe**, but though I probably saw one creep through the vegetation, the area was not accessible because of the high water level.

As 3 of us had seen **Diademed Plover** before, we did not try very hard at Yeso Valley. Also because we figured that we would get it at Lauca N.P. But in the end we dipped the species which was not nice for Frank and also for Wiel and me as we would have liked to photograph this beauty.

Wiel was the only one who briefly saw a single **Puna Tinamou** at El Tatio.

During the short pelagic in the bay of Puerto Montt and during the ferry crossings to and from Chiloe island we failed to observe the **Pincoya Storm-Petrel**.

EQUIPMENT

Frank brought his scope with him, which was very useful at coastal sides and at the open plains.

We collected a whole set of songs and calls from Xeno-Canto.

REFERENCES

Books, articles & maps.

- **Chile & Easter Island**, Lonely Planet
- **Birds of Chile** – Alvaro Jaramillo et al.
- **The Essential Guide to Birding in Chile** – Mark Pearman
Still useful but it does not cover some of the more recent “discovered” sites

Trip reports.

- **Chile** 18 November – 10 December 2011 by Ian Merrill.
This is a well-written report and our main inspiration to do this trip. We roughly followed his itinerary.
- **Arica to Punta Arenas** 01 to 21-03-2012 by Raphael Lebrun
- **Chile** 22 March – 8 April 2013 by Graham Talbot & Chris Campion.
- **Birding Chile** 11 to 29 April 2015 by Ross Gallardy. A very informative report.
- **Central-south Chile birding trip** 28 November – 20 December 2016 by John van der Woude.

USEFUL ADRESSES/CONTACTS

WWW.SUNNYCARS.NL

I often use Sunny Cars to hire cars abroad. They are maybe a bit more expensive but you pay an all-inclusive price beforehand and you NEVER have to pay for extras when you pick up your rental vehicle.

www.birdwatchingchile.com

Wiel contacted Rodrigo Reyes of Birding Chile and arranged a suitable itinerary for us in the central region near Santiago and between Santiago and Viña del Mar.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First my birding companions for their contribution to this great trip.

Wiel for his efforts to make up a suitable itinerary to achieve our goal to observe as many of our target species as possible.

Frans, who spent many evenings booking accommodation for our trip and Frank for compiling the mammal list.

Many thanks also to Rodrigo Reyes, Daniel Reyes, Daniel Terán and Maurizio who were all very helpful during certain stages of our trip.

SHORT ITINERARY

- November 1: Flight Amsterdam – Buenas Aires – Santiago de Chile
- November 2: Arrival Santiago – Afternoon birding wetland of Batuco.
- November 3: Santiago – Yeso Valley. All day birding in Yeso Valley.
- November 4: Early morning at Yeso Valle - Drive to Viña del Mar – Maipo River Mouth.
- November 5: Pelagic Trip out of Valparaiso – Afternoon Mantagua wetland.
- November 6: Cap Zapallar – Cachagua Penguin colony - Mantagua wetland
– Botanical Gardens of Viña del Mar.
- November 7: Botanical Gardens of Viña del Mar – White-throated Tapaculo site near
Santiago – Lampa Marsh – Santiago.
- November 8: Early morning flight from Santiago to Arica – Chaca Valley & Village –
Codpa oasis – Arica
- November 9: Early morning drive to Putre – wet gully near Putre – Las Cuevas area –
Parinacota area in Lauca N.P.
- November 10: Chungara Lake – Las Cuevas area – Belen Forest – Arica.
- November 11: Early morning start of drive to San Pedro de Atacama – Birding Pampa
Tamarugua near Pozo Almonte (south).
- November 12: Early morning drive to laguna de Miscanti/Miñiques – birding along the
main road to Argentina - Los Flamencos N.P./Laguna Chaxa.
- November 13: El Tatio and wetland 25 km. before El Tatio. Afternoon drive to Calama.
- November 14: Flight Calama – Santiago and Santiago – Punta Arenas.
- November 15: Early morning Laguna Los Palos – drive to Punta Delgada – ferry to Tierra
del Fuego – visit to King Penguin colony – Porvenir.
- November 16: Drive to ferry via road 129 – ferry to Punta Delgada – Via road 405 to
Puerto Natales.
- November 17: Torres del Paine N.P. all day.
- November 18: Sierra de Baguales in the morning and coast near Puerto Natales in
afternoon.
- November 19: Drive Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – coast south of P.Arenas, including
Puerto del Hambre.
- November 20: Flight Punta Arenas – Puerto Montt – harbour of Puerto Montt.
- November 21: 2 hour boat trip out of Puerto Montt into the bay. Drive to Ancud on
Chiloé island.
- November 22: Darwin Station and Caulin Bay, west of Ancud – drive to Cochin –
afternoon birding along the W80 south-east of Cochin.

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- November 23: Morning along the W80 – drive to Ancud and afternoon along the coast, east of Ancud and visit to Puñihuil penguin colony.
- November 24: Caulin Bay – ferry to mainland – Drive to Puyehue N.P. – birding along the main road.
- November 25: Pionera Trail at Puyehue N.P. in morning – drive to skistation – birding along main road.
- November 26: Drive Puyehue to Temuco – birding stop at coast near Mehuin – Cerro Nielol in the afternoon.
- November 27: Cerro Nielol in the morning and late afternoon – in between fields just Outside Temuco.
- November 28: Drive Temuco – Vilches (Altos de Lircay) – Valle de Camponieve
- November 29: Morning at Altos de Lircay – drive to Santiago.
- November 30: Flight Santiago de Chile – Buenas Aires – Amsterdam.
- December 1: Arrival at Amsterdam

DETAILED ITINERARY

November 1: Travel day

At 16.10 pm Frans and I took the train to Schiphol Airport, where we met Wiel Poelmans and Frank Dorèl.

We left Schiphol Airport at 20.50 and after a stopover at Buenas Aires we continued to Santiago de Chile.

November 2: Batuco Wetlands

We arrived at Santiago at 11.05 and after collecting our luggage and changing some money we met Rodrigo.

We drove straight to the Batuco wetlands in a spacious minivan where we birded all afternoon from 13.00 – 17.00 pm. On the lake we observed many new waterbird-species like **Coscoroba Swan, Black-necked Swan, Rosy-billed Pochard, Lake Duck, Red Shoveler, Cinnamon Teal, Chiloé Wigeon** and **Yellow-billed Pintail**. A male **Blue-winged Teal** was unexpected and best was probably a pair of **Black-headed Ducks**. **Pied-billed Grebe, White-tufted Grebe, Great Grebe, Red-gartered Coot, White-winged Coot**, a single **Red-fronted Coot** and a single **Spot-flanked Gallinule** were also observed. The supporting cast in the area was a couple of **Chimangos**, a pair of **Apomado Falcons** and a male **Cinereous Harrier**. A **Peregrine Falcon** gave good views, perched and in flight.

Hérons were also well presented by **Cattle Egret, Cocoi Heron, Great White Egret, Snowy Egret** and a flock of **White-faced Ibises**. A single **Wilson's Phalarope** showed nicely as well as a pair of **Collared Plovers**. In the scrubby area, surrounding the wetland we saw our first endemic, **Chilean Mockingbird** and species like **Chilean Swallow, Austral Thrush, Correndera Pipit, Long-tailed Meadowlark, Yellow-winged Blackbird** and **Common Diuca-Finch**. Late afternoon we drove back to our hotel in Santiago, Hotel Diego de Almagro, close to the airport. After a nice dinner we had a good night sleep.

November 3: El Yeso Valley

At 07.00 am we met Daniel Terán, our driver/guide for the next 5 days, outside our hotel. He drove a large Mitsubischi 4x4 but it was still a bit cramped with 3 big persons on the back seats. We drove straight through Santiago to our first birding destination the El Yeso Valley. At 09.30 am we started to bird at the start of the valley and it did not take long before we found our first lifers. We birded a short grassy field with bushy, rocky slopes at the right side and here we observed **Greater Yellow-Finch, White-browed Ground-Tyrant** (common), **Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch** and **Black-winged Ground-Dove**. On the slope we observed a nice male **White-sided Hillstar** and our main target at this site, the endemic **Dusky-tailed Canastero**. A few **Andean Condors** sailed over at close range when we were about to leave the area. We continued up the valley and tried for the **Diademed Plover** at a wetland area. We did not find the plover but **Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** was common and we added **South American Snipe, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Buff-winged Cinclodes, Crested Duck, Yellow-billed Teal** and **Austral Negrito**. In some scrub we found **Cordilleran Canastero, Sharp-billed Canastero** and **Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant**. **Grey-flanked Cinclodes** also showed nicely. We checked another site for the **Diademed Plover** but did not find them again. In a stubby field we were lucky to find a pair of rare **Creamy-rumped Miners**, while checking out some **Scaly-throated Earthcreepers**. The miners gave very good and close views. In the same area we found **Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant, Black-faced Ground-Tyrant** and **Rufous-banded Miners** (common). A flock of siskins and sierra-finches contained **Yellow-rumped Siskin**, the rare **Thick-billed Siskin, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch** and **Mourning Sierra-Finch**. It became clear that it was too late to check the last site for the **Diademed Plover** (another hour up the valley) and we decided to go back down again to try for **Crag Chilia**. At a rocky outcrop only Frans managed brief views of one, but we

all had good views of several **Moustached Turcas**. **Magellanic Tapaculo** was unfortunately only heard.

Just before dusk we arrived back in the Maipo Valley at our hotel, Hotel Cascade de Animas.

November 4: El Yeso Valley – Maipo River Mount

Just after dawn, at 07.00 am we arrived in Valle de Volcan, at Baños de Morales. On our way there we regularly saw **Moustached Turca** (6 in total), just along the tarmac road. Along a rushing stream we observed another one of our targets, a pair of **Dark-bellied Cinclodes**. From the bridge we also observed a pair of **Torrent Ducks**. We then continued up the valley to a stake-out for **Crag Chilia**, where, after playing its song, it did not take long before we had great views of a pair of this endemic species. At least 3 **Chilean Flickers** were located in the same area, a **Cordilleran Canastero** and a large flock of **Greater Yellow-Finches**.

At 10.00 we left for our drive to Maipo, bypassing Santiago.

We arrived there at 13.00, where we ate some tasty empanadas, before we started our search for the local specialties. Just before Maipo, when driving through a suburban area, we found some **Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetails** and several **Rufous-tailed Plantcutters** along the main road.

We wanted to see the rare **Ticking Doradito**, but one of the local naturalists told us that there was no recent sighting of the bird in the area and that large stretches of suitable habitat were destroyed by a storm. But he pointed out the area where the species was seen last year.

We walked a path parallel to the beach to the actual estuary where we saw plenty of wader species and a small flock of **Black Skimmers**, but as we were focussing on the specialities of the area, we did not pay these species much attention. Several **Spectacled Tyrants** were found and eventually we entered the habitat of the Doradito. (reeds adjacent to willow thickets). **Many-coloured Rush-Tyrants** were common but we still could not find the Doradito. We were about to give up (it was quite wet and we did not wear boots) when Daniel and Wiel decided to check a little further into the reeds and there they eventually found the bird. We rushed over to them and were lucky that the bird remained visible and gave good views to all of us. After this success we decided to leave the area but made the wrong decision to try to cross the area back to the entrance in a straight line. We ended up struggling through thick vegetation to get back. We then headed north to a bridge from where Ross Gallardy was lucky enough to observe a **Stripe-backed Bittern** a few years back in a very small marsh but we dipped. Late afternoon we drove back to our very nice, atmospheric hotel in Viña del Mar. Night at Hotel Cap Ducal.

November 5: Pelagic from Valparaiso – Mantagua Wetland

In the early morning we drove a short distance to the harbour of Valparaiso for our pelagic. Just outside our hotel we observed a **Chilean Seaside-Cinclodes**. In Valparaiso we met Rodrigo, and an English birder together with some local birders. At 08.00 am we left the harbour for the open sea. In the harbour itself we counted hundreds of **South-American Terns**, a few **Elegant Terns**, **Inca Terns**, **Guanay Cormorant** and **Red-legged Cormorants**.

During our 5½ hour trip we saw: **Humboldt Penguin**, **Black-browed Albatross** (common), **Salvin's Albatross** (common), **Buller's Albatross** (2), **Northern Royal Albatross**(2), **Peruvian Diving-Petrel** (3), **Sooty Shearwater** (common), **Pink-footed Shearwater** (common), **Northern Giant Petrel** (1), **Southern Giant Petrel** (4), **White-chinned Petrel** (3), **Westland Petrel** (1), **Wilson's Storm-Petrel** (30+), **Chilean Skua**, **Grey Phalarope**, **Peruvian Pelican** and **Peruvian Booby**.

After the pelagic we drove north to the Mantagua wetland (Humedal de Mantagua) where we birded all afternoon. Our main target was **Stripe-backed Bittern**, which we did not see but in the course of the afternoon we observed our first **Chilean Pigeon**, **Plumbeous Rail**, **Red-gartered Coot**, **Red-fronted Coot**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **South-American Snipe**, **Striped Woodpecker** (Heard), **Dark-bellied**

Cinclodes, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant, Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail, Chilean Elaenia, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Austral Negrito, Spectacled Tyrant, Fire-eyed Diucon, Chilean Mockingbird and best of all a responsive **Dusky Tapaculo** on our way out. Because the tide was getting high, a few dozen **Hudsonian Whimbrels** came in to roost at the marsh.

Unfortunately the local birder of Mantagua was not present (celebrating his birthday) as he knew the whereabouts of **Rufous-legged Owl** in the area.

Night again at hotel Cap Ducal.

November 6: Cap Zapallar - Mantagua Wetland – Botanical Garden Viña del Mar

After an early breakfast we drove from Viña del Mar north to Cap Zapallar. It was a grey morning with some drizzle from time to time. When we arrived at Cap Zapallar we found a single **Blackish Oystercatcher** in the harbour and a very responsive **Thorn-tailed Rayadito** in some trees. We followed the main path up the hill and we soon found our main target, the **Great Shrike-Tyrant** (1 adult + 1 juv.) There was an abundance of flowers on the cape. Other notable bird species, observed during our stroll on the cape were our first **Black-chinned Siskins, Giant Hummingbird** and **Common Diuca-finch**.

We decided to drive to the nearby Humbolt Penguin colony at Cachagua.

There we walked along the beach, where we saw a few **Franklin's Gulls, Grey Gull** and a flock of **Surfbirds**. On the rocky outcrop, opposite the colony we had very nice views of a pair of **Chilean Seaside-Cinclodes**. It was also great to observe some Marine otters, fishing in front of us and showing their typical habit of crushing sea shells on a stone on their chest.

We continued to Mantagua wetland to try for **Stripe-backed Bittern** again. As Frank had missed the **Dusky Tapaculo** the other day, we taped in another one which gave good views to all of us.

At a small reed bed I randomly played the call of **Stripe-backed Bittern**, when suddenly we had a response. After some manoeuvring around to find a suitable spot to observe the bird, I played the tape again and suddenly we saw a bittern clambering through the reeds just in front of us. It then decided to fly over to the other side, giving excellent views in flight. After this success we birded a while in the general area, seeing more or less the same species as yesterday, except that we had some good views of **Wren-like Rushbird**.

We decided to drive to a restaurant to have lunch and then the plan was to drive to La Campana to do some spotlighting for owls in the evening. When Daniel phoned that we were coming to La Campana and intended to stay in the park after dark, we received the devastating news that the park was actually closed that evening and even worse also the next day! Normally the park is open 365 days a year but on 7 November they had a jubilee and therefore it was closed that day. As we had a planned-flight on November 8th we could not change our itinerary so we had to find an alternative. Targets at La Campana were **White-throated Tapaculo, Chilean Tinamou, Rufous-legged Owl, Magellanic Horned Owl** and **Austral Pygmy Owl**.

Daniel made a few calls to some friends and came with the suggestion to look that evening for owls in the Botanical Gardens.

So we drove to the Botanical gardens where we met Daniel (Daniel Reyes), the main manager of the Botanical Gardens. During our owling we did find **Barn Owl** and **Austral Pygmy Owl**. We also made a deal to come back the next morning, to bird a nearby area of the Botanical Gardens, which is reliable for **Chilean Tinamou**.

Night in Hotel Cap Ducal.

November 7: Botanical Gardens – Loprado Cost - Estera Lampa

Early next morning we were back at the gardens. A short stroll gave us nice views of **Stripe-backed Woodpecker, Chilean Pigeon, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Chilean Elaenia** and **Thorn-tailed Rayadito**. Then we drove to an adjacent savannah-like area and it took a while but finally we all had good looks at several **Chilean Tinamous**. As a reliable alternative for **White-throated Tapaculo** for La Campana, Daniel suggested another

area, on the way to Santiago. Just before the Loprado Tunnel along R68 (Valparaiso - Santiago), we took a road called "Loprado cost". We travelled to that area and indeed we had good views of the tapaculo. As we still had some time left, we decided to check the swamp Estera Lampa for **South American Painted Snipe**. The area turned out to be difficult to access and you really needed boots to stand a real chance to track down the snipe. But anyway, at one time, I noticed briefly an intriguing dark bird, skulking low through some short reeds, but we were unable to further investigate the area because of the high water level.

Late afternoon we drove to our hotel at Santiago, where we said goodbye to Daniel. Night in hotel Diego de Almagro.

November 8: South of Arica - Chaca Valley - Codpa

At 02.30 am we took the shuttle bus to the airport. At 05.00 we flew from Santiago north to Arica, where we landed at 07.30 am. We collected our car (Ford Escape) from Europcar and started our drive south to the Chaca Valley.

Our main target in the Chaca Valley was the **Tamarugo Conebill**. We birded the valley from 09.00 to 10.30 am but we failed to locate the species but instead observed many **Cinereous Conebills**, which almost make the same sound. Other species encountered during our search included **Slender-billed Finch** and **Chestnut-throated Seedeaters**. We then decided to cross over to the other side of the highway to Chaca Village. First we birded just before the village and along the main dirt road in the village but we again failed to find the Conebill. On the hummingbird front we only observed **Oasis Hummingbird** and certainly not the most wanted, endangered **Chilean Woodstar**. We checked out some flowers in a garden but again saw only **Oasis Hummingbirds**. When we drove through the village we found a hedge with many small red flowers. We again saw **Oasis Hummingbirds** but also a nice male **Peruvian Sheartail** and then a female **Chilean Woodstar** briefly showed. We decided to stick around and then we got lucky as a male **Chilean Woodstar** flew in and gave very good and close views but unfortunately it did not stay long enough for pictures. A single **Peruvian Meadowlark** was also notable.

After this success we decided to continue to the oasis of Codpa to see what we could find there. There we had a late lunch and birded the oasis. No Conebill but we did see **West Peruvian Dove, Croaking Ground-dove, Burrowing Owl, Chilean Elaenia** and **Slender-billed Finches**. In retrospect it would have been a better choice to check the Chaca Valley again in the afternoon.

Between Codpa and the Pan American Highway, in a very desolate landscape, we stumbled upon 4 **Greyish Miners** along the road.

Late afternoon we travelled back to Arica where we had problems to find our accommodation (Chinchorro Suites) as our Navigation directed us to the wrong hotel. When we finally found it, we met by chance Rodrigo again.

November 9: Putre – Lauca N.P.

We left Arica at 06.00 am as we wanted to be in the Putre area in the early morning to check out the wet gully, which held most/all of our targets in that area.

We arrived in Putre at 08.15 and birded the wet gully, next to the village until 10.30 am. It was a very productive morning and we observed a whole array of good species. **Dark-winged Canasteros** were common and it did not take long before we had nice views of a range-restricted **White-throated Earthcreeper**. A small buteo, soaring above the valley turned out to be a **White-throated Hawk**, a lifer for 3 of us and an unexpected bonus. **Bare-faced Ground-Dove** were common in the valley, several **Andean Hillstars** showed nicely, a few **Giant Hummingbirds, Streaked Tit-Spinetail**, a single **Canyon Canastero, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, Chiguanco Thrush, Mourning Sierra-Finch, Band-tailed Sierra-Finch, Greenish Yellow-Finch, Black-throated Flowerpiercer** and a single **Blue & Yellow Tanager**. At the edge of the steep river bank we found a **Straight-billed Earthcreeper**. At 10.30 am we had found all of our targets and walked back to the centre of Putre for some

coffee. We then checked out our accommodation at the outskirts of town (La Chakana) and after dropping our luggage at the cabins we drove to Lauca N.P. We first made an extensive stroll at Las Cuevas, which is normally reliable for **Diademed Plover**. But again we dipped.

During our stroll we had nice views of a single **Rufous-breasted Seedsnipe**. The supporting cast included **Grey-breasted Seedsnipe**, a bypassing **Mountain Caracara**, **Cream-winged Cinclodes**, **Cordilleran Canastero**, **Andean Negrito**, **Puna Ground-Tyrant**, **White-fronted Ground-Tyrant**, **White-winged Diuca-Finch** and a single **White-throated Sierra-Finch**. On the slopes there were herds of Vicuñas.

We then continued to Parinacota village and after photographing the scenic small church and eating our packed-lunch, we birded in the immediate vicinity of the village. We had nice views of several **Andean Flickers** and some waterfowl but not much else. We tried to find the trail to some more remote lakes but failed to find it.

As we had seen large flocks of flamingos from a small settlement (Chucuyo) along the main road near the police station, we retraced our steps to that area and started to walk slowly (4500 meter altitude!!) over the plain in their direction. We observed **Giant Coot**, **Andean Goose**, **Andean Duck**, **Puna Teal**, **Yellow-billed Teal**, **Northern Silvery Grebe**, **Puna Ibis**, **Andean Gull**, many **Baird's Sandpipers**, a few **Puna Plovers**, **Puna Snipe**, **Puna Miner** and finally we were near enough to check the flamingos with our scope. The main target was **James's Flamingo**, a lifer for all of us. And we found all 3 species of Flamingo, including 20+ **James's Flamingos**. A single **Andean Ibis** was also notable as in the past this species used to be regularly seen at Lauca N.P., but recently became very scarce or even absent.

Satisfied we walked back to the car. Close to our car we saw 3 **Black Siskins** and another pair of **Mountain Caracara**. Late afternoon we drove back to Putre, meanwhile scanning for **Puna Tinamou** and **Puna Rhea**. In the evening we had a very nice meal in one of the local restaurants in Putre. Then we made a mistake by not trying for any owls or Nightjars in the evening. We later found out that just close to our cabins the interesting sub-species of **Band-winged Nightjar** could be observed and there was also a chance for **Magellanic Owl**. But it was cold and windy and we just crashed out. We also discovered that we did not have enough petrol for another visit to Lauca the next day and the drive back to Arica. People told us that the locals do not want an official gas station in Putre for whatever reason, so you have to buy petrol (for an extra price of course) with some locals. I tried at one of those places but they were sold out! But they assured me that they would reserve 20 litre of petrol for us the next day, which I could collect around noon. Night at La Chakana cabins.

November 10: Lauca N.P. – Belen Forest - Arica

In the early morning we drove again to Las Cuevas area in Lauca. This time we birded the beautiful bofedales (cushion bogs) at the opposite side of the road. Less than one week ago birders saw **Diademed Plover** at this bofedal. We walked for two hours but again did not see any plover.

We then decided to drive further to Chungara Lake to check that area out but close to the police station we bumped into a huge traffic jam of trucks on their way to Bolivia. We then made the mistake to continue to Chungara together with dozens of trucks in clouds of dust. Instead we should have turned around and investigated some side tracks for our remaining targets, **Puna Rhea** and **Puna Tinamou**.

When we arrived at Chungara Lake it turned out that we could not walk to the edge of the lake and could only bird from the main road, high above the lake, covered in dust by bypassing trucks. **Andean Avocet** and **Andean Swallow** were added to our list but soon we decided to turn back towards Putre. Unfortunately by now we did not have enough petrol to investigate thoroughly any side road, so we drove back to Las Cuevas, to check that area again on both sides of the road.

Around noon we had to drive back to Putre where we bought our petrol and decided to drive in the direction of Arica and bird the Belen Forest area.

The last stretch from the main road to Belen was a very winding road and therefore more time consuming than we had anticipated. Roughly 7 km before the village of Belen you

find a large tract of polylepis forest just next to the road. We birded along an obvious trail through the forest up the hill for 1½ hour. Highlight was the observation of several **Thick-billed Siskins** of the *subspecies amadoni*. We also observed **Black-hooded Sierra-Finch, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch**, a few **D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrants, Rufous-webbed Bush-tyrant, Streaked Tit-Spintail** and **Canyon Canastero**.

Then followed an uneventful drive back to Arica, to hotel Chinchorro Suites.

November 11: Arica – Pampa del Tamarugal – San Pedro de Atacama

At 06.30 am we left Arica for our long drive to San Pedro de Atacama. At 09.30 we had a coffee break at Pozo Almonte and at 10.00 (at exactly km 1790) we arrived at Pampa del Tamarugal. As soon as we walked into this unique forest in a rainless desert we observed our first of many **Tamarugo Conebills**. We spent some time in the area, photographing the species and then we continued our journey to San Pedro. Late afternoon we arrived at San Pedro de Atacama, a nice touristic, small town, very popular by backpackers.

It took some time (our nav. system had problems with the one-way road system in San Pedro) before we found our pre-booked accommodation.

Late afternoon and evening was spent strolling around the cosy centre of San Pedro de Atacama with its many small shops and restaurants. Night at hostel Lickana.

November 12: Laguna Miñiques – Laguna Miscanti – Lago Chaxa

With our packed breakfast we left at 06.00 am for our drive along road 23 south passed the villages of Toconao and Socaire to the entrance of the N.P. near Laguna Miñiques. We arrived at 07.30 am but it turned out that they open the gate at 09.00 am. We waited and birded a little around the entrance. In retrospect we would bird the first hours of the day along the main road (road 23) towards Argentina and then show up at the entrance around 09.00 am.

Around the entrance we spotted **Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant, Cinereous Ground-Tyrant, Black-headed Sierra-Finch** and **Puna Miner**.

At 09.00 we drove straight up to the laguna and when we arrived at this cristal clear lake, surrounded by undisturbed mountains, we saw the incredible sight of hundreds of rare **Horned Coots** along the shore of the lake. It is strictly forbidden to walk to the lake shore and only at 2 sites people are allowed to go a little closer, but still at a distance of at least 100 meters.

After studying the birds in the scope and taking many pictures, we continued to the next lake, Lake Miscanti, which is situated closeby. Here the dirt track ends and we saw again plenty of **Horned Coots** and the supporting cast of **Northern Silvery Grebes**. At the parking lot we saw **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** and nearby **Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch**.

Very pleased with observing this rare species we drove back to the main road and as soon as we started to drive in the direction of the Argentinian border we found a **Puna Rhea** with four chicks, just next to the road. As we had missed the species at Lauca, this was a very welcome observation, which turned out to be the only one of the trip.

We continued along the road and made a long walk in the surrounding grassy steppe, mainly targeting **Puna Tinamou, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** and **Cordilleran Canastero** were seen but not much else.

Around noon we drove back to San Pedro, where we had a late lunch. We also tried to book the ferry from Punta Arenas to Porvenir through their website, but we were too late as the ferry on our preferred date was already fully booked.

Frank decided to stay in San Pedro in the afternoon while Frans, Wiel and me drove to Lago Chaxa at Los Flamings N.P. It was soaring hot when we arrived at the lake and also teeming with tourists but still we had very good, close views of **Andean Flamingo, Andean Avocet, Puna Plover** and **Puna Miner**.

After taking many pictures we returned to San Pedro. Night at hostel Lickana.

November 13: El Tatio Geyser area - Calama

Before dawn we left for the drive to the geyser valley of El Tatio. It was a very scenic drive over a well-maintained dirt road. We passed several nice wetland areas, which we did not give the attention they deserved, because we wanted to reach El Tatio in the early morning. From the car we observed **Andean** and **James's Flamingo**, **Andean Coot** and unexpected a single **Horned Coot**.

At El Tatio we found out that we were not the only ones visiting the site in the early morning as already several large busses had arrived too. We walked along the main geyser area and soon started to walk uphill in search of **Puna Tinamou**, which is supposedly not uncommon at this site. But only Wiel briefly saw a head and breast of a **Puna Tinamou**, sticking out of the steppe, when he scanned the area in front of him. Despite an extensive search we never saw one. When we walked back to the car we found our main target of the area, **Red-backed Sierra-Finch**, which gave very good and close views. We also observed our only **Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrants**. From El Tatio we drove 25 km back to a nice wetland area in a dry, rocky gorge. From the bridge we walked up the gorge, where we soon bumped into several more **Red-backed Sierra-Finches**. Other species we observed along the stream were **Giant Coot**, **Andean Goose**, **Puna Teal**, **Yellow-billed Teal**, **White-winged Cinclodes** and **Cordilleran Canastero**.

In the middle of the day we drove back to El Tatio to try for Puna Tinamou again and this time the whole valley was completely deserted. Again we made an extensive stroll on the hill side, surrounding the valley but we came up empty-handed.

At 15.00 we left for our long drive to Calama where we arrived around 18.00 pm.

We had pizza in the evening and afterwards we headed to the clean but unappealing hostel 914.

The advantage of this hostel is that it is close to the airport.

November 14. Calama – Santiago – Punta Arenas

This was mainly a travelling day. In the early morning we drove to the airport of Calama. We delivered the car and at 09.00 am we flew to Santiago, where we arrived at 11.00 am. At 15.30 pm we flew from Santiago to Punta Arenas where we arrived at 19.00 pm. After collecting our luggage and car we drove 17 km to Punta Arenas where we arrived at our nice hostel, Hostal Bustamente, around 20.00 pm.

We had a not so good dinner at the very cosy restaurant next to Casa Braun-Menéndez at plaza Munoz Gamero.

November 15: Punta Arenas – P.Delgado – King Penguin Colony - Porvenir

At 06.30 we drove north out of Punta Arenas on the main road (Road 9) towards Puerto Natales.

Just after the junction to Punta Delgado (road 255), we arrived at Laguna Los Palos, on the left side of road 9. Unfortunately the weather was not very nice, windy with a nasty drizzle. Anyway we set off for our search along the shore of the lake for our main target, the **Magellanic Plover**. It did not take long before we found a pair of this most wanted species. Both birds were tagged. Other species observed during our walk along the laguna were a flock of **Flying Steamer-Ducks**, **Double-banded Plover** and **Scaly-throated Earthcreeper**. We then drove along the main road (road 255) to Punta Delgada where we would take the ferry to Tierra del Fuego. It was rather busy at the ferry and we had to wait more than an hour before we could board it. I was lucky to find two **Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrants**, just behind the restaurant which we could not relocate when I had warned the others. From the shore we observed **Rock Cormorants**, a few **Southern Giant-Petrels**, **Black-browed Albatross** and distant **Diving-Petrels**. During the ferry crossing we had nice views of **Commerson's Dolphins** but not the hoped for **Magellanic Diving-Petrels**. On Tierra del Fuego we crossed the island (road Y79), straight to the site of the King Penguin colony (road Y71). From the road we observed a few **Ashy-headed Geese** and **South American Snipes** and finally we arrived at the King Penguin Colony. We spent an hour around the colony and it was truly a very nice experience. Besides the **King Penguins** we observed **Chilean Skua**,

Double-banded Plover, Short-billed Miner and **Patagonian Sierra-Finch**. A rare **South-Polar Skua** was also observed in flight by Wiel and Frank but Frans and I had only unsatisfactory views of this bird.

Later afternoon we left for the 2-hour drive to Porvenir.

In the evening we met the owner of our guesthouse, which is the son of the author of a famous birdguide and also a keen birder himself. He suggested to drive the 129 road the next day to the ferry to try for **Ruddy-headed Geese**. He also gave us info about a stake-out of **Magellanic Owl** along that road. We stayed overnight at Hosteria Yendegaia, a nice and authentic hotel.

November 16 Porvenir – P.Delgado – route 405 – Puerto Natales

As it rained most of the day, we did most of our birding from the car and despite the unfavourable weather conditions we observed some very good birds.

Just after breakfast we made a quick stroll through the harbour of Porvenir as there had been seen a **Rufous-chested Dotterel** lately. We failed to find the dotterel but had nice views of several **Dolphin Gulls**. Then we drove to road 129. We drove slowly along this road, carefully scanning through the flocks of **Upland Geese** for **Ruddy-headed Geese**. We saw a few **Ashy-headed** along the road before we arrived at some low hills on the right hand side of the road with an obvious steep cliff face. A perched **Magellanic Owl** was quickly located, sitting in one of the holes of this cliff face. We then continued along the 129 and suddenly the car came to an abrupt halt, as just next to the road we spotted a pair of **Ruddy-headed Geese**. It turned out to be the only observation of this species during our trip. **Ruddy-headed Geese** is rare in Chile and more easily seen in Argentina.

When arriving at the ferry, this time we could drive straight onto it. At the other side we had a stroll around the restaurant at the ferry landing and we all saw a pair of beautiful **Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant**.

Just a few kilometres down the ferry landing, we turned right on an obvious, wide track going through open gates. Soon we reached a scrubby, bushy habitat which is reliable for **Austral Canastero** and **Band-tailed Earthcreeper**. The Canastero was easy and quickly found but it took some time before we had views of the earthcreeper.

We then continued to road 405, which is normally a solid dirt road, running parallel to the Argentinian border. It eventually joins road 9 between Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales. Because of the rain the road was rather tricky (slippery/muddy) to navigate at some stretches and we were very pleased to have rented a 4x4 Toyota Rav4. We drove 120 km along this road, mostly in rain and we did not meet any other car during that drive, with the exception of a 4x4 patrol car of the Chilean Carabineri. The policeman asked us if we were lost and in trouble. We also drove up and down the entrance road to Pali Aike N.P., which is a side road of the 405. Despite the rain we saw some very nice species during our drive. Ofcourse we were hoping for **White-bellied Seedsnipe**, which is regularly seen along this road during the winter months, but this did not happen. We did see **Tawny-throated Dotterel, Double-banded Plover, Rufous-chested Dotterel** and several **White-bridled Finches**.

Eventually we reached road 9, where we turned right to Puerto Natales, where we arrived in the early evening. By then our car was completely covered in mud.

Just before Puerto Natales a flock of **Austral Parakeets** crossed the road just in front of our car. Night at Hostal Andes Patagonicos.

November 17: Torres del Paine N.P.

We left Puerto Natales in the early morning for our 1½ hour drive to Torres del Paine N.P. Several stops were made along the way and just before the entrance we found some **Andean Condors** flying around low and eventually landing close to us, giving excellent views. There were also a lot of Guanaco's about. When we arrived at the entrance we had to pay a high price for entering the national park. A ticket gives you access to the park for 3 days but if you, like us, just want to enter for 1 day you have to pay the same price. Anyway, we spent the whole day in the park, which is of an unreal beauty. Unfortunately for us the park officials had closed the road to Laguna Porteria, which is a

reliable spot for **Austral Rail** and the main target for us in Torres del Paine. We birded the Pehoé camping area, the area around hotel Lago Grey, the Grey trail and along the shores of the lakes we passed while driving through the park.

A few **Austral Parakeets** gave brief but good views at hotel Lago Grey and on the camping site we found **Rufous-tailed Plantcutter**, **Patagonian Sierra-Finch**, **Black-chinned Siskins** and **Fire-eyed Diucon**.

Late afternoon we drove back to Puerto Natales.

When leaving the park Frank discovered a pair of **Spectacled Ducks**, just next to the road. Night at Hostal Patagonicos

November 18: Sierra de Baguales – Puerto Natales seafront

In the morning we drove past the junction to Torres del Paine and continued along road 9 to Sierra de Baguales, another area with amazing landscapes. We had some rain but the very strong winds hampered our birding the most. You needed some force to even open the door of your car. This was probably the reason that we dipped **Patagonian Mockingbird** at a known site. We drove all the way to the end of the road, opening and closing several cattle gates while doing so. Despite the strong wind we observed **Yellow-bridled Finches**, and on our way back a single **White-throated Caracara**.

At noon we drove back to Puerto Natales and birded several hours along the seafront, just outside Puerto Natales town. **Southern Giant Petrels** were patrolling the shores. One of them had discovered a dead **Black-necked Swan** and was foraging on it, giving great views. Night at Hostal Patagonicos.

November 19: Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Puerto del Hambre

At 07.00 am we drove straight from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas where we arrived at 09.30 – 10.00 am. We continued south along the coast for another 40 km. to Puerto del Hambre. We birded a few hours along the coast, before we drove back to Punta Arenas. We did not visit Fuerte Bulnes, which protrudes further out into the sea, because it was very costly to enter the area.

At least 10 **Magellanic Diving-Petrels**, several **Black-browed Albatrosses** and some **Southern Fulmars** were observed from the coast. **Kelp Goose** was also added to our already impressive waterbird-list.

Night at Hostal Ovejero, which was nothing special but conveniently located along the main road out of Punta Arenas towards the airport. Hostal Bustamente, where we stayed on November 14, was much nicer.

November 20: Punta Arenas – Puerto Montt

Early morning we drove to the airport, dropped off the car and at 09.00 am we flew from Punta Arenas to Puerto Montt. We picked up our third and last rental vehicle (Ford Escape again) and just outside of the airport we were caught in a terrible traffic jam. We finally arrived at our hostel La Pacifica, only to find out that they had given our rooms to members of some sports club. After some hassle they arranged a room in a nearby hotel for us.

In the afternoon we walked to the nearby harbour to arrange a boat for a pelagic trip out into the bay the next day to try to spot **Pincoya Storm-Petrel**.

After several hours of asking around in the harbour we thought we had a deal for next morning, but that turned out to be a deception the next day because nobody showed up. We chilled a bit at our room in the late afternoon.

November 21: Puerto Montt Bay – Chiloé Island - Ancud

When we arrived at the harbour at 08.00 am for our pelagic, nobody turned up. Frank and Frans did not have any faith in a good result of our search for a boat but Wiel and to lesser extend I would like to give it another try. Finally I succeeded, with the help of my basic knowledge of the Spanish language, to find a skipper willing to take us out in the bay for 2 hours. And so at 10.30 am we boarded our small vessel for our private pelagic out into the bay. As the sea was quite choppy, it was rather difficult birding from our small vessel and unfortunately we never connected with our main target the local

Pincoya Storm-Petrel. We saw a Skua spec. (Arctic/Pomarine type) flying away from us but not much else and after 2 hours we arrived back in the harbour of Puerto Montt, rather disappointed. Then we had to bargain about the price as the skipper suddenly asked for more money. In the end we paid him around 70 Euro for our 2-hour trip. We walked back to our hotel where we packed our stuff and left for Chiloé Island. After we had crossed over to the island we drove to a nearby harbour where we had good views of several **Chiloé Steamer-Ducks**. Our plan was to drive to Caulin Bay on some dirt tracks but somehow we took the wrong track. When we turned around we suddenly noticed the small daypack of Frans, with all his photographic gear in it, just in front of us on the road!! It turned out that we drove around with our back door wide open, while one of us had forgotten to shut it when he put his coat in the back of the car. But worse of all we noticed that Frank's coat was missing as well. He had his smart phone, driver's licence, money and credit cards in his coat. Fortunately not his passport, which would have meant real trouble. So we slowly drove the same stretch of road, trying to relocate his coat but we failed to find it. So we spent hours at the police station, explaining the situation and making a report of all the missing items. Then we drove to our hotel where Frank contacted his insurance company and his bank to block his credit cards, when suddenly I got a phone call from his sister in The Netherlands. She got a call from a Chilean man, who had found his coat and tried several numbers on his phone to finally get hold of his sister. So in the end all was solved and I drove with Frank to the hacienda of this man to recover his coat with all the missing items. Quiet a relief. How lucky can you get!

The bottle of wine that evening tasted even better than usual.

Night at hotel Panamericana Ancud.

November 22: Chiloé Island

After breakfast we drove the short distance to the Darwin Biological Station, just east of Ancud along road 5. According to several trip reports this is a reliable site for **Black-throated Huet-Huet** and **Chuca Tapaculo**. As soon as we walked up the hill from the parking lot we heard a **Chuca Tapaculo** call and after some playback we had astonishing good views of a very responsive bird. The next hour we explored the area and the small trail behind the clearing but we did not hear any **Black-throated Huet-Huet**.

We decided to pay Caulin Bay a visit before we drove further south towards Castro. At Caulin Bay we found many wader species, including wintering **Hudsonian Godwits** and a flock of **Black Skimmers**.

We left Caulin Bay and drove along dirt road W-30 to a village called Chepu, which is a side road of the main road 5 to Castro. This is supposed to be a good area for the endemic **Slender-billed Parakeet** and the rare **Rufous-tailed Hawk**. The parakeet was quickly found, including a large flock giving good views of perched birds in the scope.

We then continued south of Castro and turned onto road W-80, mentioned particularly in the report of Ross Gallardy. We spent late afternoon birding along this road and we quickly found **Chuca Tapaculo**, **Ochre-flanked Tapaculo** and **Des Mur's Wiretail** but not **Black-throated Huet-Huet**. We drove to the small village of Cochin where we had booked rooms in hostal Marley. The elderly lady of the hostal panicked when we arrived, as she had no idea that 4 foreigners were coming on this particular date. But when we showed our booking and after she had contacted her son (who handled the booking) the matter was quickly settled.

November 23: Chiloé Island

Early morning we were back at Road W-80. During a stroll along the road we found another tapaculo species, **Magellanic Tapaculo**. And just as we were about to leave we briefly heard a **Black-throated Huet-Huet** call from the forest-edge. We crept under the wire and along a clearing we played the call. The response was amazing as a pair of **Black-throated Huet-Huets** gave excellent and lengthy views. After this success we followed the road to the coast but did not observe much during this drive.

So we left the area and drove back to Ancud where we dropped our luggage at our hotel. In the afternoon we travelled to Piñihuil Penguin Colony, while birding along the coastal Road. We were hoping for **Snowy-crowned Terns**.

At Piñihuil we first birded along the rocky beach and then took a short boat trip along the rocks to observe 2 species of penguin, **Chilean Skua**, **Red-legged**, **Rock** and **Imperial Shags** and **Chiloé Steamer-Ducks**.

Night at Panamericana Hotel Ancud.

November 24: Chiloé Island – Puyehue N.P.

We first paid Caulin Bay another visit to try again for **Snowy-crowned Tern** but again we dipped.

We took the ferry to the mainland and drove north to Puyehue N.P. where we arrived around 13.30 pm. After checking in at our cabin we birded all afternoon along the first stretch of the main road/track going up to the ski station, but bird wise it was very disappointing. But the fully grown southern beech-forest was very impressive.

Late afternoon we returned to our cabin where we took a dip in our hot tub, just outside our cabin. Night at Cabin Termas de Aguas Calientes.

November 25: Puyehue N.P.

In the early morning we birded several hours along the Pionera Trail. We saw and heard several **Patagonian Tyrants**. At first we had some discussions about the ID of these birds, as the species did not really look like the pictures in the field guide. But when we had a calling bird very close by, giving excellent views, we were convinced it was indeed the tyrant. We also realised that we had seen the same species late afternoon on the previous day!

Black-throated Huet-Huet was heard several times but we did not try hard for these birds.

After having some coffee at the small cafeteria we drove up all the way to the ski station. We were especially looking for **Chilean Hawk** along this road. But the birding was actually rather slow and did not yield anything new for us.

After driving down again we birded late afternoon around the clearing itself and only Frank was lucky enough to observe briefly a **White-throated Treerunner**.

It the middle of the night I woke up by a calling **Rufous-legged Owl**, just near our cabin.

I went out with Frans and Wiel and we tried for 1 hour to locate and observe the bird but unfortunately the bird stopped calling and could not be found.

Night at Cabin Termas de Aguas Calientes

November 26: Puyehue N.P. – Mehuin estuary – Temuco – Cerro Nielol

Wiel had found on E-bird that on our drive today from Puyehue N.P. to Temuco we would pass a site where some weeks ago 7 **Snowy-crowned Terns** had been observed.

So we decided to give that site a try. We left Puyehue N.P. and drove to the estuary near a village called Mehuin. And this time our perseverance worked out, as we had excellent views of at least 6 **Snowy-crowned Terns** at this site in flight and sitting on poles in the water. Other species observed at this site were **Ashy-headed Geese** and some **herons**.

In good spirit we continued to Temuco, where with some difficulty (one-way road system) we found our hotel. (hotel RP) We especially had chosen this hotel as it is only 1 km from the entrance of Cerro Nielol. Despite the fact that it was Sunday and that it probably was teeming with people, we decided to bird the site. So we walked from our hotel to the park entrance and started to walk up the hill. And indeed many people were

walking and recreating on the hill but it did not bother us too much. Just after the main mirador, a **Turkey Vulture** soared above the canopy, shortly followed by another smaller raptor. And to our surprise we actually were looking at a **Rufous-tailed Hawk**, the main target for us at this site, which gave views for about 10 seconds before it disappeared over the ridge.

How lucky we were. We decided to walk further up to the top and scan from there to try for better views. But we only saw several times a **Variable Hawk**. Other species seen that afternoon were **Chilean Pigeon**, a flock of probably **Austral Parakeets**, **Thorn-tailed Rayadito**, **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** and **Black-chinned Siskin**.

In the evening Wiel contacted local birder, Heraldo Nerambuena, who gave us directions for a good site on the mountain to try for better views of the **Rufous-tailed Hawk** and for a site of **Hellmayer's Pipit** near Temuco. Night at hotel RP

November 27: Temuco – Cerro Nielol

This morning we drove up the mountain to the first large mirador where we parked our car. We then followed the directions given by Heraldo to a site where we had a nice overview of a wooded valley. We heard a **Rufous-tailed Hawk** call but we never saw one during our 2-hour watch. So we decided to drive down and to try for the pipit on some fields with rushes..

That area was quickly found and during our birding in the area we thought we found the pipit, but all pipits observed turned out to be **Correndera Pipits**. We were also attacked by some nasty biting flies at that site. Many vocal **Sedge Wrens** were observed with a few **Spectacled Tyrants** and a single **Spot-flanked Gallinule** in an adjacent canal.

We returned to our hotel but were unable to enter, because exactly in front of our hotel the street was blocked by protesting native people (Mapuche), demonstrating against the local authorities. We were sent away by the police and parked our car 1 km further along the road. When we walked to our hotel the riot police was just arriving at the scene and threatened with violence against the protesters. Fortunately they decided to back down and as a result we were able to reach our hotel.

In the afternoon Frank decided to stay in town while Frans, Wiel and I drove back to Cerro Nielol to try for better views of the hawk. We drove up to the mirador and we were extremely lucky that suddenly a **Rufous-tailed Hawk** showed up and gave excellent views just in front of us and even landed in a tree for a few minutes.

So very happy we returned to our hotel in the late afternoon. Night at hotel RP.

November 28: Temuco – Altos de Lircay

We left very early, at 05.00 am, for our long drive to Vilches, Altos de Lircay.

Unfortunately we took the wrong exit from the highway to San Clemente and Vilches, which meant that we lost some time. Anyway at 12.00 we arrived at our pre-booked Cabin. Daniel had also recommended to go birding in the area with his friend Maurizio. We phoned him and within 20 minutes he showed up and arranged that we could drop our luggage at our cabin. The owner of the site was not present as he did not expect us to arrive that early.

Together with Maurizio we drove along the main road (Road 115) towards Argentina. We first made an extensive stop near a river at a breeding site of **Burrowing Parrots**, where we also had our basic lunch. (sandwiches with ham & cheese and water)

We then continued to Valle de Camponieve, which some people claim hold **Patagonian Forest Earthcreeper**. It surely was a beautiful site but I doubt that it hold the earthcreeper in the breeding season. It was a rocky valley with a rushing stream and with rocky hill sides, covered with bushes. We did not find the earthcreeper but saw **Sharp-billed Canastero** and a pair of **Torrent Ducks** along the stream.

Late afternoon we drove back to Vilches and birded just outside the national park until dusk. We tried for **Magellanic Woodpecker** but only heard one briefly and rather far away.

Maurizio arranged that we could have dinner with a local family and this turned out to be a very tasty meal indeed. In the evening, after hearing **Rufous-legged Owl**, we tried for

several hours to locate it but only Maurizio saw one briefly in flight in the head lights of the car. We tried at several other sites for the owl but to no avail.

At 11.00 pm we were pretty exhausted and rather disappointed we decided to give up.

From the entrance of the park it was still another one-hour drive back to our cabin.

We agreed with Maurizio to meet him at the entrance the next day at 07.00 am.

Night at Cabanas Rahue. A nice place but still 25 km from the entrance of Altos de Lircay.

November 29: Altos de Lircay - Santiago

After a very short night we arrived at the entrance of Altos de Lircay at 07.00 am.

Maurizio arrived a bit later and told us that he had a calling *Rufous-legged Owl* in the middle of the night, close to his place!!

Anyway, we started to bird in a nice forest patch just outside the park to try for our main target *Chestnut-throated Huet-Huet*. It took more than an hour but eventually we all had excellent and close views of a pair.

Then it was time for our last target, the *Magellanic Woodpecker*. Maurizio knew a good area, inside the park and so we drove up along the main track, which was by the way in a horrible condition, to a large parking area, a few kilometres from the main entrance.

We walked along a trail to an obvious viewing point and within 30 minutes, before reaching the viewing point, we had fantastic views of 3 *Magellanic Woodpeckers*.

One flew right towards us, showing his upper wing stripes. Mission accomplished.

Around noon we said farewell to Maurizio who was good company during our birding in the area around Vilches. We drove back to our cabin to collect our luggage and after a 5-hour drive we arrived at the Diego de Almagro Hotel near the airport of Santiago again.

Day 30: November 30

After breakfast we drove to the nearby airport, delivered the car and at 12.00 we flew from Santiago to Buenas Aires and on to Amsterdam.

Day 31: December 1

06.30 am arrival at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST OF OBESERVATIONS

1. **Puna Rhea** *Rhea tarapacensis* **Near Threatened**
12-11: 1 adult with chicks along the main road to Argentina, near Laguna Miñiques.
2. **Lesser Rhea** *Rhea pennata*
Commonly observed on 5 dates in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.
3. **Chilean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta perdicaria* **Endemic**
07-11: 5 observed close to Viña del Mar in a wild area near the Botanical Gardens. Some nice views.
4. **Puna Tinamou** *Tinamotis pentlandii*
13-11: 1 briefly seen by Wiel at El Tatio. Unfortunately despite an extensive search of the surrounding area, the bird could not be relocated.
5. **California Quail** *Callipepla californica*
Observed on 5 dates in the central area.
6. **Black-headed Duck** *Heteronetta atricapilla*
02-11: 1 pair at Batuco wetland
7. **Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea*
09/10-11: a total of 100+ on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
8. **Lake Duck** *Oxyura vittata*
02-11: 10 at Batuco wetland.
9. **Coscoroba Swan** *Coscoroba coscoroba*
02-11: 6 at Batuco wetland.
Recorded on 5 dates in the south, Punta Arenas area.
16-11: 50 near Puerto Natales.
10. **Black-necked Swan** *Cygnus melancoryphus*
02-11: 4 at Batuco wetland
Commonly recorded on 5 dates in the south, Punta Arenas area.
18-11: 700+ at seafront of Puerto Natales.
Common on 3 dates at Chiloé island and along the coast, north of Puerto Montt.
11. **Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera*
07-11: a flock of 42 at Lampa Marsh.
09/10-11: 50+ daily at Lauca N.P.
12. **Upland Goose** *Chloephaga picta* **Near-endemic**
03-11: 1 pair at El Yeso Valley.
Very commonly observed on 5 dates in the south, Punta Arenas area.
13. **Kelp Goose** *Chloephaga hybrid* **Near-endemic**
19-11: 5 at Puerto del Hambre, south of Punta Arenas.
23-11: 4 at the coast, near Piñihuil, Chiloé island.
14. **Ashy-headed Goose** *Chloephaga poliocephala* **Near-endemic**
15-11: 1 on Tierra del Fuego.
16-11: 7 along road 129 on Tierra del Fuego.
23-11: 2 at Cucao, at the end of road W-80 on Chiloé Island.
26-11: 2 near Mehuin.
15. **Ruddy-headed Goose** *Chloephaga rubidiceps* **Near-endemic**
16-11: 1 pair of this rare species seen along road 129, Tierra del Fuego
16. **Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata*
04-11: 1 pair at El Yeso.
28-11: 1 pair at Valle de Camponieve, east of Vilches.
17. **Rosy-billed Pochard** *Netta peposaca*
02-11: 6 at Batuco wetland.
18. **Flying Steamerduck** *Tachyeres patachonicus* **Near-endemic**
15-11: 20 at Laguna Los Palos, near Punta Arenas.
16-11: 2 near Punta Delgada.
17-11: 2 at Torres del Paine N.P.

- 19. Magellanic (Flightless) Steamerduck** *Tachyeres pteneres* **Near-endemic**
15-11: 1 near Punta Arenas.
19-11: 2 near Puerto Natales
- 20. Chiloé Steamerduck** *Tachyeres* ??? **Endemic**
A total of 32 on 4 dates on Chiloé island.
- 21. Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides*
03-11: 1 pair at El Yeso valley
09-11: 6 in Lauca N.P. (2 adult + 4 young)
Daily observed on 5 dates in the south.
- 22. Spectacled Duck** *Speculanas specularis* **Near-endemic Near Threatened**
17-11: Great views of a pair when leaving Torres del Paine N.P.
- 23. Puna Teal** *Spatula puna*
09/10-11: up to 100 daily at Lauca N.P.
13-11: 30+ near El Tatio.
- 24. Red Shoveler** *Spatula platalea*
02-11: Common at Batuco wetland.
- 25. Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*
02-11: Common at Batuco wetland.
05-11: 4 at Mantagua wetland.
07-11: 10 at Lampa Marsh.
- 26. Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*
02-11: 1 male at Batuco wetlands was unexpected.
- 27. Chiloé Wigeon** *Mareca sibilatrix*
Recorded on 11 dates.
- 28. Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*
02-11: 40 at Batuco wetland.
A total of 12 on 2 dates at El Yeso valley.
07-11: 8 at Lampa marsh.
15-11: 2 near Punta Arenas.
22-11: 15 on Chiloé island.
- 29. Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris*
Recorded on 10 dates.
- 30. Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*
02-11: 2 at Batuco wetland.
04-11: 6 near Viña del Mar.
06-11: 2 at Cachagua.
- 31. White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia Rolland*
02-11: 10 at Batuco wetland.
06-11: 1 near Viña del Mar.
16-11: 3 near Puerto Natales
17-11: 4 at Torres del Paine N.P.
- 32. Great Grebe** *Podiceps major*
02-11: 2 at Batuco wetland.
16-11: 2 near Punta Delgada.
17-11: 2 between Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine.
22-11: 3 along coast on Chiloé island.
- 33. Northern Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps junensis*
09/10-11: 3+10 in Lauca N.P.
12-11: 20 at laguna Miñiques & Miscanti
- 34. Southern Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis*
17-11: 2 at Torres del Paine N.P.
- 35. Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis* **Near Threatened**
09/10-11: 100+ Lauca N.P.
12-11: Common at lago Chaxa near San Pedro de Atacama.
16-11: 30 in the Punta Arenas area.

- 36. Andean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus andinus* **Vulnerable**
09-11: 6 near Parinacota lake, Lauca N.P.
11-11: 20 between San Pedro de Atacama and El Tatio.
11-11: 10 at Lago Chaxa.
- 37. Puna/James's Flamingo** *Flamingo jamesi* **Near-threatened**
09-11: 20 at Parinacota Lake, Lauca N.P.
13-11: 5 on lake between San Pedro de Atacama and El Tatio.
- 38. Chilean Pigeon** *Patagioenas araucana*
05-11: 2 near Viña del Mar.
07-11: 20+ at Botanical Gardens, Viña del Mar.
Up to 50 daily on Chiloé Island.
26-11: 10 at Cerro Nielol.
- 39. West Peruvian Dove** *Zenaida meloda*
08-11: 20 in Chaca Valley and Codpa.
- 40. Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*
Up to 10 daily during the first 6 days of the trip in the area around Santiago and between Santiago and Viña del Mar.
17-11: 5 near Puerto Natales.
- 41. Picui Dove** *Columbina picui*
02-11: 6 Batuco wetland.
04-11: 10 near Viña del Mar.
07-11: 10 near Lampa Marsh.
- 42. Croaking Ground-Dove** *Columbina cruziana*
08-11: 2 Chaca Valley.
10-11: 1 near Arica.
- 43. Bare-faced Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia ceciliae*
09-11: 20 at wet gulley, Putre.
10-11: 3 at Belen Forest.
- 44. Black-winged Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia melanoptera*
03-11: 8 El Yeso Valley.
09-11: 2 near Putre.
- 45. Green-backed Firecrown** *Sephanoides sephanoides*
Common on Chiloé Island and Puyehue N.P.
- 46. Andean Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus estella*
09-11: 10 in wet gulley, Putre.
- 47. White-sided Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*
03-11: at least 5 males in El Yeso Valley. Can be tricky to find but we had no problems.
- 48. Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas*
06-11: 3 at Cap Zapallar. *ssp. gigas*
06-11: a breeding pair in the gardens of Viña del Mar. *ssp. gigas*
09-11: 2 in wet gulley, Putre. *ssp. peruviana*
10-11: 2 at Belen Forest. *ssp. peruviana*
- 49. Chilean Woodstar** *Eulidia yarrellii* **Endangered**
08-11: 1 female and a gorgeous male at Chaca Village.
- 50. Oasis Hummingbird** *Rhodopis vesper*
08-11: 1 male & 3 females at Chaca Village.
- 51. Peruvian Sheartail** *Thaumastura cora*
08-11: 1 male at Chaca Village.
- 52. Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*
04-11: 3 at Maipo river estuary.
05-11: 2 at Mantagua wetland.
- 53. Spot-flanked Gallinule** *Gallinula melanops*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
27-11: a single bird in canal near Temuco.
- 54. White-winged Coot** *Lulica leucoptera*
02-11: 10 at Batuco wetland.

- 55. Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca*
13-11: 10 on wetlands between San Pedro de Atacama and El Tatio.
- 56. Red-gartered Coot** *Fulica armillata*
Commonly observed in the Santiago area and in wetlands near Viña del Mar.
16-11: 6 near Puerto Natales
17-11: 10 in Torres del Paine N.P.
- 57. Red-fronted Coot** *Fulica rufifrons*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
Less common than previous species in the wetlands around Viña del Mar.
- 58. Giant Coot** *Fulica gigantea*
09/10-11: 100+ on lakes in Lauca N.P.
13-11: 40+ between San Pedro de Atacama and El Tatio.
- 59. Horned Coot** *Fulica cornuta* **Near-Threatened**
12-11: 100+ on Lago de Miñiques & Lago Miscanti, San Pedro de Atacama.
13-11: a single bird found at wetland between San Pedro de Atacama – El Tatio.
- 60. King Penguin** *Aptenodytes patagonicus*
15-11: According to the rangers there are 82 adult birds in the colony on Tierra del Fuego, a two-hour drive from Porvenir.
- 61. Magellanic Penguin** *Spheniscus magellanicus* **Near Threatened**
Observed on 3 dates around Chiloé Island, including the breeding colony at Piñihuil.
- 62. Humboldt Penguin** *Spheniscus humboldti* **Vulnerable**
05-11: 5 during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
06-11: 100+ at colony at Cachagua.
23-11: 20+ at colony at Piñihuil.
- 63. Wilson's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*
05-11: 30+ during pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 64. Northern Royal Albatross** *Diomedea sanfordi* **Endangered**
05-11: 2 during pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 65. Black-browed Albatross** *Thalassarche melanophris* **Endangered**
05-11: 60+ during pelagic out of Valparaiso.
15-11: 2 from the ferry from Punta Delgada to Tierra del Fuego.
19-11: 30+ from the coast, south of Punta Arenas.
A total of 30 on 2 dates observed from the coast on Chiloé Island, including the ferry to the mainland.
- 66. Buller's Albatross** *Thalassarche bulleri* **Near Threatened**
05-11: 2 identified during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 67. Salvin's Albatross** *Thalassarche salvini* **Vulnerable**
05-11: 40+ during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 68. Northern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes halii*
05-11: 1 identified during the pelagic out of Valparaiso
- 69. Southern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus*
05-11: 4 during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
15-11: 2 from Punta Delgada.
18-11: 10 near Puerto Natales.
19-11: 50 from the coast, south of Punta Arenas.
21-11: 4 from ferry to Chiloé Island.
23-11: 2 from Chiloé Island.
24-11: 4 from ferry to mainland.
- 70. Southern Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialisoides*
19-11: 10+ from coast, south of Punta Arenas.
- 71. White-chinned Petrel** *Procellaria aequinoctialis* **Vulnerable**
05-11: 2 during pelagic out of Valparaiso.
15-11: 4 from ferry to Tierra del Fuego.
- 72. Westland Petrel** *Procellaria westlandica* **Vulnerable**
05-11: 1 gave very good views during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.

- 73. Sooty Shearwater** *Ardenna grisea* **Near Threatened**
05-11: Very common during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
21+24-11:40+ during ferry crossing to and from Chiloé Island.
23-11: 40 from the coast of Chiloé Island.
- 74. Pink-footed Shearwater** *Ardenna creatopus* **Vulnerable**
05-11: 200+ during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
21+24-11:3+10 during the ferry crossings to and from Chiloé Island.
- 75. Peruvian Diving-Petrel** *Pelecanoides garnotii* **Near-endemic Endangered**
05-11: 2 during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 76. Magellanic Diving-Petrel** *Pelecanoides magellani*
15-11: a single bird from Punta Delgada.
19-11: 10 from the coast, south of Punta Arenas, Puerto del Hambre.
- 77. Andean Ibis** *Theristicus branickii*
09-11: 1 at Lauca N.P.
- 78. Black-faced Ibis** *Theristicus melonopsis*
Commonly observed on 13 dates, in the south and south/central area of Chili.
- 79. White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*
02-11: 20 at Batuco wetland.
- 80. Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi*
A total of 10 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
- 81. Stripe-backed Bittern** *Ixobrychus involucris*
06-11: Fantastic views of a male at Mantagua wetland.
- 82. Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax ssp.*
A total of 8 on 3 dates in the Viña del Mar area.
16-11: a single bird in Porvenir harbour.
- 83. Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
02-11: 50 in the Batuco area.
04-11: 2 near Santiago.
- 84. Cooi Heron** *Ardea cooi*
02-11: 2 at Batuco wetland.
04-11: 1 near Viña del Mar.
26-11: 1 near Mehuin.
- 85. Great White Egret** *Ardea alba*
02-11: 3 at Batuco wetland.
05-11: 2 at Mantagua wetland.
22-11: 1 at Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
26-11: 1 at Mehuin.
- 86. Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*
02-11: 10 at Batuco wetland.
04-11: 4 at Maipo River Mount.
05-11: 1 at Mantagua wetland.
07-11: 1 at Lampa Marsh.
Up to 4 daily on Chiloé Island.
- 87. Peruvian Pelican** *Pelecanus thagus* **Near-endemic Near Threatened**
Common at the coast near Viña del Mar en Valparaiso.
Common at the coast on Chiloé Island.
- 88. Peruvian Booby** *Sula variegata*
05-11: 20+ during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
06-11: 2 along the coast near Viña del Mar.
- 89. Red-legged Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* **Near Threatened**
05-11: 3 in the harbour of Valparaiso.
During the ferry crossings to and from Chiloé 4 to 6 observed.
23-11: 10+ at Piñihuill, Chiloé Island.
- 90. Rock Shag** *Phalacrocorax magellanicus*
Common along the coast in the Punta Arenas area.
Common around Chiloé Island.

- 91. Guanay Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax bougainvilliorus* **Near Threatened**
05-11: 5 in the harbour of Valparaiso.
23-11: 10 at Piñihuil, Chiloé Island.
24-11: 10 at ferry crossing from Chiloé to mainland.
- 92. Imperial Shag** *Phalacrocorax atriceps*
A few along the coast near Punta Arenas.
16-11: 20 in the harbour of Porvenir.
18/19-11: Common around Puerto Natales.
Daily a few at Chiloé Island.
- 93. Neotropical Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*
Recorded on 9 dates.
- 94. Magellanic Plover** *Pluvianellus socialis* **Near-endemic Near Threatened**
15-11: 1 pair along the shore of Laguna Los Palos, near Punta Arenas.
- 95. Magellanic Oystercatcher** *Haematopus leucopodus* **Near-endemic**
A total of 90 on 5 dates in the south.
- 96. Blackish Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ater*
06-11: 3 at Cap Zapallar.
23-11: 2 at Piñihuil, Chiloé Island.
- 97. American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*
A total of 18 on 3 dates along the coast near Viña del Mar.
A total of 60 on 2 dates on Chiloé Island.
26-11: 20 near Mehuin.
- 98. Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina*
10-11: 10 at Lake Chungara, Lauca N.P.
12-11: 10 at Lago Chaxa, near San Pedro de Atacama.
13-11: 1 at lakeside between San Pedro de Atacama and El Tatio.
- 99. White-backed Stilt** *Himantopus melanurus*
02-11: 30 at Batuco wetland.
A total of 14 on 4 dates in the Viña del Mar area.
26-11: 10 at Mehuin.
- 100. Tawny-throated Dotterel** *Oreopholus ruficollis*
16-11: 7 along road 405.
- 101. Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*
02-11: 2 at Batuco wetland.
- 102. Puna Plover** *Charadrius alticola*
09-11: 2 at Parinacota Lake, Lauca N.P.
12-11: 2 at Lago Chaxa, near San Pedro de Atacama.
- 103. Two-banded Plover** *Charadrius falklandicus*
15-11: 12 on Tierra del Fuego.
16-11: 100+ during our drive from Porvenir to P.Natales along road 405.
- 104. Rufous-chested Plover** *Charadrius modestus*
16-11: 10+ along road 405.
- 105. Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*
Recorded on 18 dates.
- 106. Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens*
10-11: 2 at Lake Chungara, Lauca N.P.
- 107. Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** *Attagis gayi*
09-11: a single bird at the bofedales at Las Cuevas, Lauca N.P.
- 108. Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyianus*
03-11: 30 in the El Yeso Valley.
A total of 21 on 2 dates in Lauca N.P. mainly around Las Cuevas.
12-11: 4 near Laguna Miñiques.
- 109. Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus*
16-11: 20 near Puerto Natales.
19-11: 4 south of Punta Arenas.

- 110. Hudsonian Whimbrel** *Numenius hudsoni*
Recorded on 7 dates, mainly coastal areas near Viña del Mar and Chiloé Island.
- 111. Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica*
22/23/24-11: 100+ at Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
24-11: 40 at LLau-llau, Chiloé Island.
- 112. Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*
06-11: 10 at Cachagua beach.
- 113. Surfbird** *Calidris virgate*
06-11: 40 at Cachagua beach.
23-11: 20 at Piñihuil colony, Chiloé Island.
24-11: 10 Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
- 114. Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii*
A total of 14 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
12-11: 20+ at wetlands near San Pedro de Atacama.
Up to 70 daily in the south.
- 115. South American Snipe** *Gallinago paraguaiiae*
A total of 8 on 4 dates in the area around Santiago and Viña del Mar.
A total of 7 on 2 dates on Tierra del Fuego.
- 116. Puna Snipe** *Gallinago andina*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
- 117. Wilson's Phalarope** *Steganopus tricolor*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
- 118. Red Phalarope** *Phalaropus fulicarius*
05-11: 30 during the pelagic out of Valparaiso.
- 119. Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*
05-11: 2 at Mantagua wetland.
16-11: 4 near Punta Arenas.
A total of 45 on 3 dates on Chiloé Island.
26-11: 10 at Mehuin.
- 120. Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
23-11: 2 on Chiloé Island.
- 121. Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger*
04-11: 30 at Maipo River mouth.
A total of 135 on 2 dates at Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
26-11: a single bird at Mehuin.
- 122. Andean Gull** *Larus serranus*
A total of 40 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
12-11: 30 at laguna Miniques & Miscanti.
- 123. Brown-hooded Gull** *Larus maculipennis*
02-11: 50+ at Batuco wetland.
Recorded on 3 dates in the far south near Punta Arenas, Tierra del Fuego.
Up to 50 daily at Chiloé Island.
- 124. Grey Gull** *Larus modestus*
06-11: 10 at Cachagua beach.
- 125. Dolphin Gull** *Larus scoresbii* **Near-endemic**
A total of 25 on 3 dates in the far south.
22-11: 2 near Ancud.
- 126. Franklin's Gull** *Larus pipixcan*
04-11: 20+ Maipo estuary.
05-11: 2 at Mantagua wetland.
06-11: 2 at Cachagua beach.
24-11: 3 at Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
26-11: 20+ at Mehuin.
- 127. Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*
Commonly observed.

- 128 Inca Tern** *Larosterna inca* **Near Threatened**
05-11: 20 in the harbour of Valparaiso.
- 129 South American Tern** *Sterna hirundinacea*
05-11: 500+ at Valparaiso.
Daily recorded on 5 dates in the far south.
Daily on Chiloé Island.
26-11: 10 at Mehuin.
- 130 Snowy-crowned Tern** *Sterna trudeaui*
26-11: 6 of these beautiful terns observed at Mehuin.
- 131 Elegant Tern** *Sterna elegans* **Near Threatened**
04-11: 2 at Maipo River mouth.
05-11: 10 at Valparaiso.
21-11: 2 from the ferry to Chiloé Island.
23-11: 2 at Piñihuil colony.
- 132 Chilean Skua** *Catharacta chilensis*
05-11: 5 during the pelagic from Valparaiso.
Up to 10 daily along the coast in the far south.
23-11: 1 at Piñihuil.
- 133 South Polar Skua** *Catharacta*
15-11: 1 above the King Penguin colony on Porvenir. (WP & FD)
- 134 Common Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*
06-11: 2 seen in the Botanical Gardens of Viña del Mar.
- 135 Austral Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium nana* **Near-endemic**
06-11: 1 seen and 1 heard in the Botanical gardens of Viña del Mar.
- 136 Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*
08-11: 1 in the Chaca Valley.
- 137 Rufous-legged Owl** *Strix rufipes*
26-11: 1 heard at our cabins at Puyehue.
28-11: 1 heard at Altos de Lircay.
- 138 Magellanic Horned Owl** *Bubo magellanicus*
16-11: 1 seen on a cliff along road 129 at Tierra del Fuego.
- 139 Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*
Recorded on 10 dates but not in the far south.
- 140 Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*
Recorded on 6 dates, Chiloé Island, Temuco and Puyehue.
- 141 Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus* **Near Threatened**
03-11: 5 in the El Yeso Valley.
10-11: 1 at Lauca N.P.
A total of 30 on 2 dates at Torres del Paine and Baguales area.
29-11: a single bird along the highway between Lircay and Santiago.
- 142 White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*
29-11: 3 along the highway between Vilches and Santiago.
- 143 Cinereous Harrier** *Circus cinereus*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
07-11; 1 AT Estero Lampa.
A total of 4 birds on 4 dates in the far south.
- 144 Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*
06-11: 2 near Viña del Mar.
26-11: a single bird at Mehuin.
- 145 Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*
03-11: 2 El Yeso Valley.
07-11: 3 on transit between Viña del Mar and Santiago.
09-11: 3 Lauca N.P.
26-11: 1 Cerro Nielol.
28/29-11: 1 + 2 at Altos de Lircay area.
- 146 Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*
03-11: 1 at El Yeso Valley.

- 18-11: 2 at Sierra de Baguales.
28-11: 1 at Valle de Camponieve.
- 147 White-throated Hawk** *Buteo albigula*
09-11: 1 above Putre. An unexpected bonus of this seldomseen species.
- 148 Rufous-tailed Hawk** *Buteo ventralis* **Vulnerable**
26-11: brief views of 1 at Cerro Nielol.
27-11: Excellent views in flight and perched of one from the main mirador at Cerro Nielol.
- 149 Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*
Single birds on 2 dates on Chiloé Island in the Caulin Bay area.
- 150 Magellanic Woodpecker** *Campephilus magellanicus* **Near-endemic**
29-11: Excellent views of 3 at Altos de Lircay.
- 151 Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola*
09-11: 9 in the Parinacota area, Lauca N.P.
- 152 Chilean Flicker** *Colaptes pitius* **Near-endemic**
03-11: 1 at El Yeso Valley.
04-11: 3 at El Yeso Valley.
07-11: 1 on transit
17-11: 1 at Torres del Paine N.P.
22-11: a single bird on Chiloé Island.
25-11: a single bird at Puyehue N.P.
- 153 Striped Woodpecker** *Veniliornis ignarius*
05-11: Heard at Maipo.
Single birds heard and seen on 2 dates in the Botanical Gardens of Viña del Mar.
17-11: A single bird at Torres del Paine campsite.
- 154 Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus*
Daily recorded on 5 dates in the far south.
A total of 5 on 3 dates near our cabins in Puyehue N.P.
- 155 Chimango Caracara** *Phalcoboenus chimango*
Recorded on 17 dates.
- 156 Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
11-11: 1 on transit to San Pedro de Atacama.
- 157 White-throated Caracara** *Phalcoboenus albogularis*
18-11: a single bird in Sierra de Baguales. Very lucky to see one in this area, despite the extremely strong winds.
- 158 American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*
Single birds seen on 9 dates.
- 159 Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*
02-11: 1 pair at Batuco wetland.
- 160 Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
02-11: a single bird at Batuco wetland.
- 161 Austral Parakeet** *Enicognathus ferrugineus* **Near-endemic**
16-11: a flock of 16 near Puerto Natales.
17-11: 4 at Torres del Paine.
24-11: 4 at Puyehue N.P.
- 162 Slender-billed Parakeet** *Enicognathus leptorhynchus* **Endemic**
22-11: several flocks (total 200) during drives on Chiloé Island. Mainly along the dirt road to Chepu.
23-11: 50+ on Chiloé Island.
- 163 Burrowing Parrot** *Cyanoliseus patagonicus*
28-11: 100+ between Vilches and Valle de Camponieve, along Road .
- 164 Chestnut-throated Huet-huet** *Pteroptochos castaneus* **Near-endemic**
29-11: Heard and 3 seen at Altos de Lircay.
- 165 Black-throated Huet-huet** *Pteroptochos tarnii* **Near-endemic**
23-11: Great views of a pair along road W-80 on Chiloé Island.

- 25-11: Heard at Puyehue N.P.
- 166 Moustached Turca** *Pteroptochos megapodius* **Endemic**
A total of 8 on 2 dates at El Yeso Valley.
- 167 White-throated Tapaculo** *Scelorchilus albicollis* **Endemic**
07-11: heard and 1 seen very well at "Loprado cost".
- 168 Chucao Tapaculo** *Scelorchilus rubecula*
22-11: Heard and 2 seen at Darwin Station, Chiloé Island.
22-11: Heard and 1 seen along road W-80, Chiloé Island.
23-11: Heard along road W-80.
Heard on 2 dates at Puyehue N.P.
25-11: 2 seen along main road, Puyehue N.P.
28-11: Heard at Altos de Lircay.
29-11: 1 seen at Altos de Lircay.
- 169 Ochre-flanked Tapaculo** *Eugralla paradoxa*
22-11: great views of 2 along road W-80 on Chiloé Island.
- 170 Magellanic Tapaculo** *Scytalopus magellanicus* **Near-endemic**
03-11: Heard at El Yeso Valley.
23-11: Heard and 2 seen along road W-80 on Chiloé Island.
Heard at Puyehue N.P. and Cerro Nielol.
- 171 Dusky Tapaculo** *Scytalopus fuscus* **Endemic**
Heard on 3 dates in areas around Viña del Mar.
05-11: 1 seen at Mantagua wetland.
06-11: 2 seen at Mantagua wetland.
- 172 Common Miner** *Geositta cunicularia*
18-11: 2 at Sierra de Baguales.
- 173 Puna Miner** *Geositta punensis*
09-11: 8 at Lauca N.P.
12-11: 6 near San Pedro de Atacama.
- 174 Rufous-banded Miner** *Geositta rufipennis*
A total of 44 on 2 dates at El Yeso Valley.
- 175 Greyish Miner** *Geositta maritima*
08-11: 4 near Codpa.
- 176 Short-billed Miner** *Geositta Antarctica* **Near-endemic**
15/16-11: Common in Patagonia around Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales and on Tierra del Fuego.
- 177 Creamy-rumped Miner** *Geositta isabellina*
03-11: 2 of these rather rare species seen in the upper El Yeso Valley.
- 178 White-throated Treerunner** *Pygarrhychas albogularis* **Near-endemic**
24-11: 1 in front of our cabin at Puyehue N.P. (Frank only)
25-11: great views of 2 very vocal birds along the Pionera Trail, Puyehue N.P.
- 179 Straight-billed Earthcreeper** *Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus*
09-11: 1 in the wet gully, near Putre.
- 180 Band-tailed Earthcreeper** *Ochetorhynchus phoenicurus*
16-11: 1 near Punta Delgada
- 181 Crag Chilia** *Chilia melanura* **Endemic**
03-11: 1 at El Yeso Valley. (frans only)
04-11: 3 at Valle de Volcan.
- 182 Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops*
05-11: 1 at Maipo
06-11: several Mantagua wetland.
- 183 Scale-throated Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia dumetaria*
03-11: 3 at El Yeso Valley. *ssp.hypoleuca*
15-11: 1 at Laguna Los Palos. *ssp. dumetaria*
17-11: 2 at Torres del Paine N.P. *ssp.dumetaria*
18-11: 2 at Sierra de Baguales.
28-11: 1 at Valle de Camponieve.

- 184 White-throated Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia albigula*
09-11: 1 at wet gulley, near Putre.
- 185 Plain-breasted Earthcreeper** *Upucerthia jelskii*
09-11: 1 at wet gulley near Putre. (Wiel only)
- 186 Buff-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes fuscus*
03-11: 20+ at El Yeso Valley.
18-11: 1 at Sierra de Baguales.
- 187 Cream-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris*
A total of 14 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
- 188 Grey-flanked Cinclodes** *Cinclodes oustaleti* **Near-endemic**
03-11: 10+ at El Yeso Valley.
16-11: 1 along road 405.
- 189 White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis*
13-11: 4 between San Pedro de Atacama – El Tatio.
- 190 Dark-bellied Cinclodes** *Cinclodes patagonicus* **Near-endemic**
A total of 4 on 2 dates in the area of Viña del Mar.
17-11: 1 at Torres del Paine.
A total of 20 on 3 dates on Chiloé Island.
27-11: 2 at Cerro Nielol.
- 191 Seaside Cinclodes** *Cinclodes nigrofumosus* **Endemic**
05-11: 4 around our hotel at Viña del Mar.
06-11: 2 at Cachagua colony.
21-11: 1 ferry to Chiloé Island.
23-11: 10+ at Piñihuil, Chiloé Island.
- 192 Thorn-tailed Rayadito** *Aphrastura spinicauda*
05-11: a single bird in Maipo area.
06-11: a single bird at Cap Zapallar.
06/07-11: a total of 6 in the Botanical Gardens of Viña del Mar.
17-11: 4 at Torres del Paine N.P.
19-11: 4 at Punta Hambre, south of Punta Arenas.
A total of 10 on 2 dates at Puyehue N.P.
26-11: 3 at Cerro Nielol.
28-11: 4 at Altos de Lircay.
- 193 Des Mur's Wiretail** *Sylviorthorhynchus desmursii*
22/23-11: single birds gave very good views along road W-80, Chiloé Island.
- 194 Streaked Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura striata*
09-11: 6 in the wet gulley, Putre.
10-11: 2 in Belen Forest.
- 195 Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*
A total of 9 on 2 dates in the areas around Viña del Mar.
07-11: 1 near Santiago.
- 196 Dark-winged Canastero** *Asthenes arequipae*
09-11: 6 in the wet gulley, Putre.
- 197 Austral Canastero** *Asthenes anthoides* **Near-endemic**
16-11: 6 near Punta Delgada.
- 198 Cordilleran Canastero** *Asthenes modesta*
03/04-11: single birds at the El Yeso Valley.
09-11: 3 in the Las Cuevas area, Lauca N.P.
12-11: 4 near San Pedro de Atacama.
- 199 Sharp-billed Canastero** *Asthenes pyrrholeuca*
03-11: a single bird at El Yeso Valley.
28-11: 3 at Valle de Camponieve.
- 200 Canyon Canastero** *Asthenes pudibunda*
09-11: a single bird at wet gulley, Putre.
10-11: 3 at Belen Forest.

- 201 Dusky-tailed Canastero** *Pseudasthenes humicola* **Endemic**
03-11: 2 at El Yeso Valley.
- 202 Rufous-tailed Plantcutter** *Phytotoma rara*
04-11: 6 in the Maipo area.
17-11: 2 on a campsite in Torres del Paine.
22/23-11: 2+1 on Chiloé Island.
- 203 Many-colored Rush-Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra*
A total of 16 on 3 dates in suitable habitat around Viña del Mar.
- 204 Chilean Elaenia** *Elaenia chilensis*
08-11: 10+ in Chaca Valley and at Codpa.
Common in central and south Chili.
- 205 Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris*
09-11: 4 in the wet gulley, Putre.
- 206 Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus*
Recorded on 9 dates. Areas around Viña del Mar, Torres del Paine N.P., Chiloé Island, Cerro Nielol and Altos de Lircay.
- 207 Ticking Doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx citreola*
04-11: Good views of this rare species at Maipo river estuary.
- 208 Patagonian Tyrant** *Colorhamphus parvirostris*
A total of 5 on 2 dates at Puyehue N.P. (main road and along the Pionera Trail)
- 209 D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthoides*
10-11: 4 at Belen Forest.
- 210 Vermillion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*
08-11: 2 at Chaca Village.
- 211 Austral Negrito** *Lessonia rufa*
Common in the central areas and in the south.
- 212 Andean Negrito** *Lessonia oreas*
Daily in Lauca N.P.
13-11: 10+ between San Pedro de Atacama – El Tatio.
- 213 Spectacled Tyrant** *Hymenops perspicillatus*
A total of 10 on 2 dates in the Maipo area.
22-11: a single bird on Chiloé Island.
27-11: 3 near Temuco in wet fields just below Cerro Nielol.
- 214 Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*
12-11: 6 near laguna Miñiques and Miscanti.
- 215 Puna Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola juninensis*
A total of 14 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
- 216 Cinereous Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola cinereus*
12-11: 4 near San Pedro de Atacama.
- 217 White-fronted Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola albifrons*
A total of 8 on 2 dates at Lauca N.P.
- 218 Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*
03-11: 10 at El Yeso Valley.
18-11: 1 at Sierra de Baguales.
- 219 Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*
13-11: a single bird near El Tatio.
- 220 Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola maclovianus*
03-11: 6 at El Yeso Valley.
18-11: 1 at Sierra de Baguales.
- 221 White-browed Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola albilora*
A total of 50 on 2 dates at El Yeso valley.
- 222 Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola capistratus*
15/16-11: 2 at Punta Delgada.
18-11: 4 at Sierra de Baguales.
- 223 Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola frontalis*
03-11: 2 at El Yeso Valley.

- 13-11: 2 25 km. before El Tatio.
- 224 Rufous-webbed Bush-tyrant** *Polioxolmis rufipennis*
10-11: 1 at Belen Forest.
- 225 Fire-eyed Diucon** *Xolmis pyrope* **Near-endemic**
A total of 7 on 3 dates in the area around Viña del Mar.
17-11: 1 at Torres del Paine N.P.
22-11: 5 on Chiloé Island.
- 226 Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montanus*
03-11: 6 in the El Yeso Valley.
09-11: 1 near Putre.
17-11: 2 at Torres del Paine N.P.
- 227 Great Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis lividus* **Near-endemic**
06-11: 3 at Cap Zapallar.
- 228 Chocolate-vented Tyrant** *Neoxolmis rufiventris*
16-11: 4 along road 405 between Punta Delgada and Puerto Natales.
18-11: 10 in the Sierra de Baguales.
- 229 Chilean Swallow** *Tachycineta meyeni*
Recorded on 15 dates.
- 230 Blue & White Swallow** *Pychochelidon fucata*
Recorded on 9 dates.
- 231 Andean Swallow** *Orochelidon andecola*
10-11: 2 at Lake Chungara in Lauca N.P.
- 232 House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*
Recorded on 9 dates.
- 233 Grass (Sedge) Wren** *Cistothorus platensis*
27-11: 10 at marshy fields near Temuco.
- 234 Chilean Mockingbird** *Mimus thenca* **Endemic**
02-11: 10+ at Batuco wetland.
03/04-11: 10+ at El Yeso valley
Common on 4 dates in the areas around Viña del Mar.
22-11: 1 on Chiloé Island.
24-11: 2 near Caulin Bay, Chiloé Island.
- 235 Austral Thrush** *Turdus falcklandii*
Recorded on 21 dates.
- 236 Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco*
09-11: 5/6 near Putre.
- 237 House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Recorded on 6 dates.
- 238 Correndera Pipit** *Anthus correndera*
02-11: 10+ at Batuco wetland.
04-11: 4 at Maipo River estuary.
05-11: a single bird near Viña del Mar.
27-11: 4 in fields near Temuco when searching for Hellmayr's Pipit.
- 239 Thick-billed Siskin** *Spinus crassirostris*
03-11: a few *ssp. crassirostris* at El Yeso Valley.
10-11: 4 *ssp. amadoni* at Belen Polylepus Forest.
- 240 Black Siskin** *Spinus atratus*
09-11: 3 at Parinacota lake, Lauca N.P.
- 241 Yellow-rumped Siskin** *Spinus uropygialis*
03-11: 40+ at El yeso Valley.
- 242 Black-chinned Siskin** *Spinus barbatus* **Near-endemic**
06-11: 4 at Cap Zapallar.
17-11: 5 at Torres del Paine N.P.
19-11: 10 at Punta del Hambre.
A total of 20 on 2 dates at Chiloé Island.
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Cerro Nielol.
- 243 Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*

- Recorded on 17 dates.
- 244 Peruvian Meadowlark** *Leistes bellicosus*
08-11: a single bird in the Chaca Valley.
- 245 Long-tailed Meadowlark** *Leistes loyca* **Near-endemic**
Recorded on 13 dates.
- 246 Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*
Recorded at Batuco wetland, in areas around Viña del Mar and around Arica.
- 247 Austral Blackbird** *Curaeus curaeus* **Near-endemic**
03/04-11: 10+ at El Yeso Valley.
17-11: Common at Torres del Paine N.P.
A total of 14 on 2 dates at Puyehue N.P.
- 248 Yellow-winged Blackbird** *Agelaiodes thillius*
02-11: common at Batuco wetland.
Common in suitable habitat in the areas around Viña del Mar.
27-11: 10+ in marshy field near Temuco.
- 249 Blue & Yellow Tanager** *Thraupis bonariensis*
09-11: 1 in wet gulley, Putre.
- 250 Mourning Sierra-Finch** *Rhopospina fruticeti*
A total of 12 on 2 dates in the El Yeso Valley.
A total of 30 in Lauca N.P.
17-11: a single bird in Torres del Paine N.P.
28-11: 20 in Valle de Camponieve.
- 251 Band-tailed Sierra-Finch** *Corydospiza alaudina*
09-11: 6 at wet gulley, Putre.
10-11: 1 at Belen Forest.
- 252 Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco*
08-11: 6 at Chaca Valley.
- 253 Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis*
09-11: 2 near Putre
10-11: 10 at Belen Forest
- 254 Slender-billed Finch** *Xenospingus concolor* **Near-Threatened**
08-11: 10 at Chaca Valley.
- 255 Tamarugo Conebill** *Conirostrum tamarugense* **Vulnerable**
11-11: 15 - 17 at Pampa de Tamarugua.
- 256 Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum*
08-11: 10 at Chaca Valley.
10-11: 1 at Belen Forest.
11-11: 1 at Pampa de Tamarugua.
- 257 Black-throated Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa brunneiventris*
09-11: 1 at wet gulley, Putre.
- 258 Bright-rumped Yellow-finch** *Sicalis uropygialis*
12-11: 20+ in the area around Laguna de Miñiques.
- 259 Grassland Yellow-finch** *sicalis luteola*
A total of 30 on 2 dates in the areas around Viña del Mar.
26-11: 4 on transit to Temuco.
- 260 Patagonian Yellow-finch** *Sicalis lebruni* **Near-endemic**
15-11: 2 at King Penguin colony on Tierra del Fuego.
16-11: 1 near Punta Delgada.
18-11: 2 in Sierra de Baguales.
- 261 Greenish Yellow-finch** *Sicalis olivascens*
09-11: 2 at wet gulley, Putre.
- 262 Greater Yellow-finch** *Sicalis auriventris* **Near-endemic**
03-11: 2 at the beginning of the El Yeso Valley.
04-11: A flock of 40 in the El Yeso Valley.
- 263 Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus gayi* **Near-endemic**
Common on 2 dates at El Yeso Valley.

- A total of 20 on 2 dates around Viña del Mar.
Recorded on 3 dates in the far south.
22-11: 4 on Chiloé Island.
- 264 Patagonian Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus patagonicus* **Near-endemic**
17-11: 1 on campsite in Torres del Paine N.P.
18-11: 1 in Sierra de Baguales.
Recorded on 3 dates on Chiloé Island.
A total of 8 on 2 dates in Puyehue N.P.
26-11: 6 at Cerro Nielol.
- 265 Black-hooded Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus atriceps*
10-11: 2 at Lauca N.P.
12-11: 10 near San Pedro de Atacama.
- 266 Yellow-bridled Finch** *Melanodera xanthogramma*
18-11: 20+ at Sierra de Baguales.
- 267 White-bridled Finch** *Melanodera melanodera*
16-11: 12 along road 405.
- 268 Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch** *Geospizopsis plebejus*
10-11: a flock at Belen Forest.
- 269 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** *Geospizopsis unicolor*
A total of 7 on 2 dates at El Yeso Valley.
12-11: 3 at Lago de Miscanti.
13-11: 2 at El Tatio.
- 270 White-winged Diuca-Finch** *Chionodacryon speculiferum*
A total of 5 on 2 dates in Lauca N.P.
- 271 Common Diuca-Finch** *Diuca diuca*
Up to 20 daily on 2 dates at El Yeso Valley.
Recorded on 4 dates in the areas around Viña del Mar.
22-11: 3 on Chiloé Island.
28-11: 10+ at Valle de Camponieve.
- 272 White-throated Sierra-Finch** *Ephippiospingus erythronotus*
09-11: a single bird at las Cuevas, Lauca N.P.
- 273 Red-backed Sierra-Finch** *Ephippiospingus dorsalis*
13-11: 2 at El Tatio and 3 at wetland, 25 km before El Tatio

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF OBSERVED MAMMALS (Compiled by Frank Dorèl)

- 1. European Hare** *Lepus europaeus*
Regularly in Patagonia
- 2. European Rabbit** *Coryctolagus cuniculus*
A few in Patagonia
- 3. Culpeo Fox** *Lycalopex culpaeus*
1 gave excellent views at El Tatio Geyser area.
- 4. South-american Grey Fox** *Lycalopex griseus*
Regularly encountered in the south.
- 5. Guanaco** *Lama guanicoe*
Regularly in Patagonia
- 6. Vicuña** *Vicugna vicugna*
Common Lauca and the San Pedro de Atacama area.
- 7. Tucu Tucu** *Ctenomys personi*
One near Laguna Miñisque.
- 8. Southern Viscacha** *Lagidium viscacia*
A total of 8 on 2 dates at Lauca.
- 9. Coypu** *Myocastor coypus*
1 at Hunedal de Mantagua.
- 10. Bat spec.**
Botanical gardens Viña del Mar
- 11. Peale's Dolphin** *Lagenorhynchus australis*
3 north of Fuerte Bulnes.
- 12. Commerson's Dolphin** *Cephalorhynchus commersonii*
5 +1 during ferry crossings to Tierra del Fuego.
- 13. Minke's Whale** *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*
1 from ferry to Chiloé Island,
- 14. South-american Sea Lion** *Otaria flavescens*
2 during pelagic from Valparaiso.
1 near Punta Delgada
12 in the harbour of Puerto Montt.
- 15. Marine Otter** *Lontra felina*
3 in the sea near Cachagua.
- 16. Pudu** *Pudu puda*
1 at edge of lake, west of Ancud.
- 17. Patagonian Hairy Armadillo** *Chaetophractus villosus*
1 next to dirt road, north of Punta Delgada.
- 18. Patagonian Hog-nosed Skunk** *Conepatus humboldtii*
1 crossing road 405
- 19. Mouse spec.**
1 at Belen Forest.
- 20. Brown Rat** *Rattus norvegicus*
1 Botanical Gardens, Viña del Mar.