

Antarctica | Species List

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Bird List

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans

Upland Goose (*Chloephaga picta*) Seen near Punta Arenas and on the Falklands
Kelp Goose (*Chloephaga hybrida*) Seen in Port Stanley harbor on the Falklands
Ruddy-headed Goose (*Chloephaga rubidiceps*) Mixed in with Upland Geese on Falklands
Falkland Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres brachypterus*) Seen on first two days in Falklands
Crested Duck (*Lophonetta specularioides*) First day in Port Stanley harbor
Silver Teal (*Spatula versicolor*) Seen on second day on Bleaker Island, Falklands
Chiloe Wigeon (*Mareca sibilatrix*) A few in wetlands on Bleaker Island, Falklands
Yellow-billed Teal (*Anas flavirostris*) Several in Bleaker Island wetlands
South Georgia Pintail (*Anas georgica georgica*) Seen all four days on S. Georgia Island

Cionidae: Sheathbills

Snowy Sheathbill (*Cionis albus*) Common at penguin colonies at all locations visited

Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers

Blackish Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ater*) Two on rocky shores below Rockhopper Penguin colony on Bleaker Island, Falklands

Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings

Two-banded Plover (*Charadrius falklandicus*) A few seen in wetlands on Bleaker Island, Falklands

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies

South American Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) One in wetlands on Bleaker Island, Falklands
Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) A few in Bleaker Island wetlands, Falklands

Stercorariidae: Skuas and Jaegers

South Polar Skua (*Stercorarius maccormicki*) Most common Skua on Antarctic Peninsula
Brown Skua (*Stercorarius antarcticus*) Common on Falklands and on S. Georgia Island

Laridae: Gulls and Terns

Brown-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus maculipennis*) Seen first two days of journey in Falklands
Dolphin Gull (*Leucophaeus scoresbii*) Also seen first two days only, including near PA hotel
Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) By far most common gull of journey, seen on 11 days
South American Tern (*Sterna hirundinacea*) Only seen on first two days of journey around Falklands

Antarctic Tern (*Sterna vittata*) Abundant along Antarctic Peninsula where they reside

Spheniscidae: Penguins

King Penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*) Hundreds of thousands on South Georgia Island

Adelie Penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*) Common on Antarctic Peninsula, often floating on icebergs

Gentoo Penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) The second-most common penguin of the trip

Chinstrap Penguin (*Pygoscelis antarcticus*) Hundreds seen in colonies on Antarctic Peninsula

Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) Just one in Port Stanley harbor, Falklands

Macaroni Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysolophus*) One on Falklands; hundreds on South Georgia Island

Southern Rockhopper Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocome*) Nesting colony of 160 on Bleaker Island

Diomedeidae: Albatrosses

Gray-headed Albatross (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*) Relatively common ship-follower

Black-browed Albatross (*Thalassarche melanophris*) World's most abundant albatross was common on our trip

Light-mantled Albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*) Sporadic sightings, generally in open ocean

Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora*) A few sightings on first three days of journey

Wandering Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*) Largest flying bird in world was a frequent boat-follower. We visited a nesting area where we could fully appreciate their size, beauty and soaring ability

Oceanites oceanicus: Southern Storm Petrels

Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*) Seen every day but one on the journey, usually at sea

Black-bellied Storm Petrel (*Fregetta tropica*) Common during major ocean crossings

Procellariidae: Petrels and Shearwaters

Southern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) Seen almost daily, including on large crossings

Northern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes halli*) Seen daily on first part of trip; not on Peninsula

Southern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) Common on first two days near Antarctic Peninsula

Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*) Striking ship-follower from S. Georgia to Antarctica

Snow Petrel (*Pagodroma nivea*) Beautiful bird seen on a number of days in open sea near Antarctica

Kerguelen Petrel (*Aphrodroma brevirostris*) Reported on day 10 by alert birders on the outer deck

Soft-plumaged Petrel (*Pterodroma mollis*) Seen on four days of journey, often in open sea crossings

Blue Petrel (*Halobaena caerulea*) This attractive sea-dweller mixes in with prions in the open ocean

Fairy Prion (*Pachyptila turtur*) Seen once on bridge by several of our group and One Oceans staff

Antarctic Prion (*Pachyptila desolata*) Most common of the prions, seen seven days of the journey

Slender-billed Prion (*Pachyptila belcheri*) A few seen on crossing days in first half of journey

White-chinned Petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*) Common on most days of journey

Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*) A few seen upon leaving Falklands and heading to S. Georgia I

Sooty Shearwater (*Arcenna grisea*) Abundant on first two days, and not seen after that

Common Diving-Petrel (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*) Speedy, bat-like bird seen S. Georgia to Antarctic

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

Magellanic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Common on first two days

South Georgia Shag (*Phalacrocorax georgianus*) Appropriately seen daily on S. Georgia Island

Imperial Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Large groups near Punta Arenas and on Bleaker Island

Antarctic Shag (*Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis*) The only cormorant seen in Antarctica

Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets

Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) One in Port Stanley harbor, Falklands

Cathartidae: New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Seen both days over Falklands

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites and Eagles

Variable Hawk (*Geranoaetus polysoma*) Seen on first day over Falklands

Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras

Striated Caracara (*Phalco boenus australis*) One on second day in Falklands

Southern Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) One on our first day in the Falklands

Turdidae: Thrushes

Austral Thrush (*Turdus falcklandii*) Seen in Port Stanley

Motacillidae: Pipits and Wagtails

Correndera Pipit (*Anthus correndera*) In wetlands on Bleaker Island walk

South Georgia Pipit (*Anthus antarcticus*) Seen all four days on on S. Georgia Island – encouraging!

Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins

Chilean Swallow (*Golondrina chileana*) One landed on upper deck of ship on day 4

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Found in Port Stanley, Falklands

MAMMALS

Antarctic Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) Abundant, charismatic and surprisingly fast on land, we encountered them almost daily on beaches, islands and in Tussock grasslands

South American Sea Lion (*Otaria byronia*) Seen only at Bleaker Island, Falklands

Southern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga leonina*) Common on S. Georgia Island, especially at Gold Cove

Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) One memorably visited our fleet zodiacs and kayaks near its feeding area by a Macaroni Penguin colony on S. Georgia Island. Also seen on Peninsula.

Weddell Seal (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) Often seen in Antarctica resting on snow and ice

Crabeater Seal (*Lobodon carcinophaga*) A number seen on icebergs in Antarctic Peninsula

Southern Right Whale (*Eubalaena australis*) One seen between Falklands and S. Georgia Island

Antarctic Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*) A few surfaced close to our zodiacs off of Antarctic Peninsula

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) One of most common whales, especially on major crossings

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) Close, spectacular looks at many – especially near Antarctic Peninsula

Long-finned Pilot Whale (*Globicephala melas*) One seen on tenth day from our ship's bridge

Peale's Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus australis*) Seen on first half of trip, including at close range when landing on Bleaker Island in the Falklands. Some participants were splashed by them!

Orca (*Orcinus orca*) Several small groups seen near Antarctic Peninsula