



The magical and enigmatic Diademed Sandpiper-Plover is a classic "bird of the tour", and has been found on every Birdquest tour to Chile (Andrew Moon)

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For the tenth tour in a row, Ultimate Chile 2015 provided views of all of the mainland endemics, all eight tapaculos seen (not just heard) and a superb wader spectacle including Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, Magellanic Plover, Peruvian Thick-knee, both dotterels and three species of seedsnipe to mention but a few. As always, seabirds were another major draw of this tour with 13 species of tubenose observed including highlights of Chatham Albatross, Juan Fernandez Petrel and Markham's Storm-Petrel plus Swallow-tailed Gull. In all, we encountered 276 species (of which 24 were only seen on the extension) as we travelled the length of the country sampling three major biomes including several vast areas of wilderness, from the Atacama desert to the high Andes and through Patagonian forests to the tundra steppe of the far south. Other highlights from north to south included Chilean Woodstar, Tamarugo

Conebill, Ticking Doradito, [Chilean] Black Rail, Magellanic Woodpecker, Burrowing Parrot, Spectacled Duck (numerous on this tour), Rufous-legged Owl, Des Murs' Wiretail, perched Chilean Hawks, Ruddy-headed Goose, Austral Rail, White-bridled Finch and Band-tailed Earthcreeper. Not least will we forget Chile's tapaculos (how could we?), from the huge huet-huets, with a Black-throated unusually leaf-scraping in the open in full daylight, and nicely performing Chestnut-throated, to the colourful Chucao, the bold Moustached Turca and protracted views of a perched White-throated Tapaculo in a tree! Added to this, the very comfortable accommodations and some interesting tasty local cooking and fine wines, coupled with a great bonding group of participants, lead to a hugely successful tour.

The tour began in the fishing port of Iquique, with a first coastal stop on the dramatic lava shores producing a small group of perched Red-legged Cormorants, 1500 Grey Gulls, good numbers of Belcher's and Kelp Gulls as well as Blackish Oystercatcher while Peruvian Pelicans, Peruvian Boobys and Elegant Terns cruised past in numbers. The rocks were crawling with lizards including Atacama Lava Lizards providing an interesting spectacle. In town, the odd West Peruvian Dove was seen before we set out for the tamarugo woodlands where the Tamarugo Conebill fell quickly although with notable wind and high temperatures it took a while before everyone obtained decent views of this restless and attractive range-restricted species.

As dawn broke and we left the colourful port on our first pelagic, the sheer numbers of Inca Terns was astonishing as thousands huddled the quayside while others jostled for every last inch of ship roping. Added to this atmosphere were good numbers of Grey, Franklins, and Belcher's Gulls. The sea was flat calm, as is usual in these parts, and Peruvian Diving Petrels were coming up to the bow repeatedly as droves of Sooty Shearwaters increased. Other seabirds were slow to show but the morning produced Black-browed and Salvin's Albatrosses, White-chinned Petrel, Pink-footed Shearwater, Wilson's and Elliot's Storm-Petrels and finally two Markham's Storm-Petrels after a lot of chumming. Chilean and Long-tailed Skuas, Red-necked Phalarope, and three smart Swallow-tailed Gulls were also seen, while twelve Guanay Cormorants and a Black Skimmer were waiting for us back in port. Our drive to Arica was hampered by wind and although we saw many Cinereous Conebills, only Mike managed a decent view of a Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant.

The Azapa valley oasis strip was our first port of call in the morning, where we managed to find all three hummingbirds in record time with great views of a male Chilean Woodstar, a pair of Peruvian Sheartails and several Oasis Hummingbirds. Suddenly, Warren got us on to a trio of smart Peruvian Thick-knees sleeping under some low trees, successfully relying upon their camouflage when dogs approached. Croaking Ground Dove, Burrowing Owl, White-crested (Peruvian) Elaenia and Slender-billed Finch made up the supporting cast before we were back in the desert driving across to the Lluta Valley. Here we added Andean Swift, Peruvian Meadowlark, and two pairs of the local form of Bran-coloured (Rufescent) Flycatcher before ascending to higher altitude. At mid elevation Atacama desert, it would be true to say that there is little life, with the area recognized as the driest place on the planet. We were a little surprised to find a Greenish Yellow Finch here, while our target species fell after an hours' walk, when Hemme found a Greyish Miner which was flighty but provided decent views. Reaching an isolated tract of *Polylepis* woodland we soon connected with D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant and several Dark-winged Canasteros, plus Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, Chiguanco Thrush and Black-hooded and Mourning Sierra Finches before driving on to our base in the town of Putre.

At dawn we birded a deep vegetated canyon, where activity increased steadily over the next few hours. The first of many Buff-breasted Earthcreepers, plus Canyon Canastero fell quickly. Flocks of Bare-faced Ground Doves were active in the canyon, providing scope studies as they alighted and sunned themselves, while several groups of Spot-winged Pigeons took refuge in nearby Eucalypts. We soon got to grips with distinguishing White-winged Cinclodes from the multitude of Cream-winged Cinclodes before a hummingbird frenzy took over with some twenty-five Andean Hillstars, several Sparkling Violetears and the brief appearance of a Giant Hummingbird. Shrubs were alive with Black-throated Flowerpiercers, Streaked Tit-Spinetails and Blue-and-yellow Tanagers, and we also managed views of a White-browed Chat-Tyrant and many Band-tailed Seedeaters as well as a perched Aplomado Falcon. Moving higher, while still acclimatizing, we connected with Straight-billed Earthcreeper, Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail, Cordilleran Canastero, Spot-billed Ground Tyrant, Andean Swallow and a multitude of Ash-breasted Sierra Finches.



The Chilean Woodstar has a tiny range and may suffer from competition with other hummingbirds and pesticide use (Simon Cox). Peruvian Thick-knee remains motionless during the day, unless awoken by dogs or birders (Max Reid)

In the afternoon we made our first ascent to Lauca National Park where lounging Viscachas soon caught the eye. Next up, we quickly found White-winged Diuca Finch and the localized White-throated Sierra Finch “grazing” on the cushion plant bogs along with Andean Geese. Driving higher, and straight off the cuff, Frank got us onto a close-up trio of walking bushes, otherwise known as Puna Tinamou, still a tricky bird to find even though Lauca is one of the best sites. Needless to say these would be our first and last Puna Tinamous. Lake stops provided Crested Duck, Speckled Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail, Puna Teal, Silvery Grebe, Giant Coot, Andean Avocet and Andean Gull. Flamingos were a top priority but we only managed to study Chilean and superb Andean Flamingo with some thirty-six scoped. The weather was closing in fast, and we made a quick break to a renowned rhea site, immediately finding nine Lesser Rheas. Other bog stops produced male Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Andean Negrito, and Puna Ground Tyrant before we were forced to return to base.

With clear skies in the morning we headed back into the park for a Hoover job. The one bird in the back of the mind of many was of course the magical Diademed Sandpiper-Plover and it wasn't long before we set out on a hike at 4200 m. a.s.l. A pair of Torrent Ducks were riding some eddies in the valley bottom, as the ice thawed from the streams and we made our way up to the cushion plant bogs. Our first of many White-fronted Ground Tyrants obliged, along with various sierra finches and diuca finches although our scanning and scoping of the bog was drawing a blank. Back in the distance we heard some shouts from a speck, which was actually Sally, who had noticed that a DSP had given us the slip. An hour or so later, and with many smiling faces, we forced ourselves to walk away from this high Andean gem due to our large agenda.

Driving on, another of our tougher targets fell suddenly with a ‘guess-you-are-here’ stop in optimum habitat when a trio of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe performed nicely. A string of stops and some short walks then produced Andean Lapwing, Andean Flicker, Mountain Caracara, Puna Miner, and Bright-rumped Yellow Finch before reaching Lago Chungara where we duly added Andean Duck, White-tufted Grebe and Andean Coot. Back on the case of the elusive James' Flamingo, we finally scored an adult and two immatures, plus Puna Ibis and now overdue Black Siskin, before retreating to the coast.

The Lluta river mouth is a magnet for waders and boasts the No.1 vagrant list of any site in Chile. When we arrived however the river was full of people lounging in the water; what seems to be a ubiquitous Chilean pastime. The wader flocks were nearby though with numerous American Oystercatcher, American Golden

Plover, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Plover as well as a Grey Plover, two Spotted Sands, a Semi-p Sand, two Westerns, three Leasts and a Pec, as well as two Cinnamon Teals and twelve White-cheeked Pintails on a nearby lake. A stilt on this lake was in fact a *melanurus* black-necked type, photographed by Hemme and represents the second or third record for Chile.

As soon as we relocated to central Chile by way of a flight to Santiago, we set out for the coast with a first lake stop producing a pair of Coscoroba Swan, Cocoli Heron, Great Grebe, Chiloe Wigeon, Red Shoveler, our only Spot-flanked Gallinule of the tour, plus Red-gartered and Red-fronted Coots. Soon we were on an empty beach, walking to an estuary mouth through hordes of Grey, Franklin's and some Brown-hooded Gulls and Whimbrels. In the nearby marsh we put up as many as twelve Magellanic Snipe as we scouted for our main target. Unusually a couple of juvenile Ticking Doraditos had moved into a rushbed which is unusual habitat for the species, so it was strange to hear snippets of doradito voice coming from the rushes. Sure enough, we lured them out to the edge for nice close-ups. Yards away, the shore was heaving with gulls, terns, and duck including our only Silver Teal of the tour. A flock of eight hundred Black Skimmers would take off, swirl around and land again, making for a memorable experience. Here too we scoped our first Hudsonian Godwit and the only Willet of the tour, while the only Common Tern of the tour flew overhead. Back up the coast we studied an entertaining flock of Surfbirds, while our first Common Diuca Finches and a Picui Ground Dove hopped around the carpark. A lake stop which should have been teeming with waterfowl was pink, polluted and sterile, but we would give it a quick look anyway... just in case! The warden informed us that sewage had been pumped into the lake, and there were no longer any Stripe-backed Bitterns. As soon as we got to the lake edge, Mark heard the first of four Black Rails and quickly formulated a plan. With a little patience we all managed views of a crake crossing back and forth across a track which was a top result. Lollo verde! Here too we added our first Plumbeous Rail, Chilean Elaenia and Austral Negrilo. Further along the coast, we reached the infamous Michael Jackson rock, teeming with Inca Terns, Peruvian Boobys, Red-legged Cormorants and Peruvian Pelicans, and almost immediately found a very obliging pair of endemic Chilean Seaside Cinclodes. A final lake stop near Quintero produced a variety of duck including the now overdue Lake Duck.

Another day, another pelagic, but this would certainly be one to remember. Our first birds were Peruvian Diving Petrels and Sooty Shearwaters by the thousand with occasional Pink-footed Shearwater until we reached deep water where the fun began. Two different Juan Fernandez Petrels passed the boat giving decent views which was quite a bonus. Chumming brought us seventy Salvin's Albatross as well as Black-browed Albatross, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel, and unusually Westland Petrels outnumbered White-chinned Petrel. Suddenly we were treated to an adult Chatham Albatross (with a juvenile also photographed) and then Southern Royal Albatross, right alongside the boat. The first image of this giant flying straight towards us was a memorable moment for many. Humboldt Penguins accompanied our voyage back to port, to round off a highly successful pelagic.

An afternoon visit to La Campana national park was dedicated to finding White-throated Tapaculo; one of Chile's toughest endemics to see well. We had quick response, and a bird crept up on us through the bamboo climbing the nearest tree to give us amazing point blank views. Lollo rosso! Ten minutes or so later a *huaso* (as Chilean gauchos are known in these parts) came riding by and the inevitable happened. Elated, we birded the road with little afternoon activity but managed to see Striped Woodpecker, obliging Giant Hummingbirds, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Fire-eyed Diucon, Black-chinned Siskin, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch and Austral Blackbird.

At dawn we were ready for a hike in a different, higher sector of the park where our main goal was the endemic Crag Chilia. One of the first birds to show was a well behaved endemic Dusky-tailed Canastero, and it wasn't long before Moustached Turca was taunting us with his whooping calls. This and a Dusky Tapaculo were unresponsive or rather, were playing their usual game of hide and seek. Suddenly we were treated to unexpected, boss views of a pair of Chilean Tinamous foraging almost in the open, when Sally pointed out a passerine on the rocky slope. It was the Chilia which then put on a real show for us, working crevices and spiky vegetation and sneaking up to us just to show off. Soon, we visited another track and this time secured scope views of the chunky Moustached Turca, and had great close ups of Dusky Tapaculo to boot. Five new Chilean endemics in a morning wasn't bad going! The Lampa marshes were our next location, and as we all know a low can follow a high in birding. Most of the area was bone dry, and a first

walk only produced a couple of Short-eared Owls. We flogged the marshes for a few hours adding only Wren-like Rushbird in rising heat and finally retreated to the cooler Andean foothills.



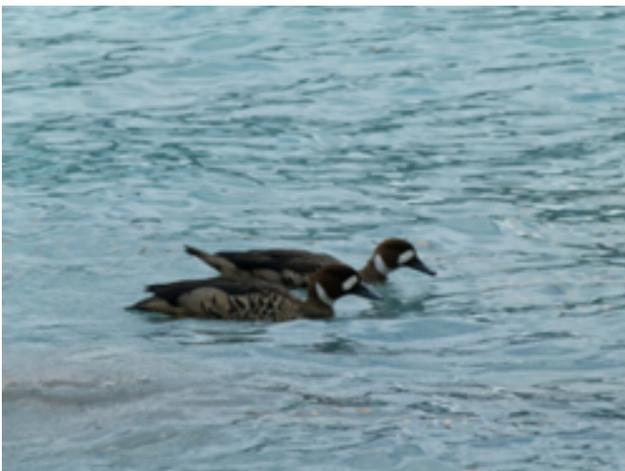
The deep water Humboldt current off central Chile provides a superb pelagic experience; this years' highlights included adult Chatham Albatross (top left), Southern Royal Albatross (right, Max Reid) and Juan Fernandez Petrel (lower pictures, Mark Pearman)

Driving up to El Yeso, with vast blue skies and the dramatic backdrop of glacier-capped scree slopes, we soon noticed several pairs of Moustached Turcas fearlessly running about so we stop to enjoy a few at close range, as well as a pair of Chilean Flickers. White-browed Ground Tyrant and Grey-flanked Cinclodes were two of the most common birds above 2000 m., but a walk soon added White-sided Hillstar, Magellanic Tapaculo (of an undescribed form), Rufous-banded Miner and Sharp-billed Canastero, as well as a corking male Rufous-tailed Plantcutter. A Black-fronted Ground Tyrant put in a brief appearance, perching on a boulder but soon disappeared. Higher up, we bagged Scale-throated Earthcreeper, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant and finally reached an altitude where Greater Yellow Finches were plentiful, as numerous Andean Condors were putting on an aerial show. We had also come here, like so many pilgrims before us, for another look at DSP and were not to be disappointed, this time enjoying an adult and juvenile at point blank range. Finally we also caught up with ten or so Yellow-rumped Siskins, another localized Andean species of this latitude.

Moving on to the Maule valley, we had translocated to another World which was in fact a broad, forested *Nothofagus* valley where the low water level of the man-manipulated Lago Colbún was noteworthy. Not good for Spectacled Duck maybe, as confirmed by checking areas which were previously good for the species. Black-faced Ibis were doing well though, and this would be the first indication at what a dynamic species this would be further south. We also managed our first Upland Geese, although distant. A few stops later at optimum viewing points along the rushing white water of the Maule and there was Steve punching the air and shouting out with liberating joy... Lollo Rosso!! Not one or a pair, but ten lounging Spectacled Ducks which we scoped and drooled over for a while, while also watching two male Torrent Ducks and contemplating the magnificent scenery. The local endemic Chilean race of Burrowing Parrot was also a priority here, although we soon found several breeding banks empty. Mid afternoon was seemingly not the best parrot time of day either, but a fond memory took us to a place where these veritable macaw-like parrots came to us, with a pair popping up when we went back to the bus, and hanging around while we set up scopes and took photos for a couple of minutes. Afterwards, a guy over the ridge put them back in a cage... NOOooo, only joking... but it almost seemed that way!

Just around the corner was our first taste of Vilches and the chance to walk inside high canopy *Nothofagus* forest with a bamboo understory. Before long we were enjoying Austral Parakeet, scopable Chilean Pigeons, our first close-ups of the delightful Thorn-tailed Rayaditos and the amazing White-throated Treerunner. Here we had our first encounter of the Chestnut-throated Huet-huet, a bird that can totally take you by surprise with a blinding strutting, scolding, tail-cocking view, often depending upon how you anticipate what it might do, while judging the density of the vegetation. Alternatively it could be tougher than your worst antipitta nightmare. On this occasion a few managed a glimpse although this was only the start. On a different trail we located a territory which also had a pair of Chucao Tapaculos which showed well. The huet-huets were vocally responsive towards dusk, so we were totally set up for dawn. Here too we managed repeated looks at a Patagonian Tyrant, the only one of the tour.

Soon after dawn there were some big grins as we walked away from repeated looks at Chestnut-throated Huet-huet, Chucao Tapaculo and Magellanic Tapaculo all log-walking in the open. Less than ten minutes stroll away, nothing could prepare us for some jaw-dropping studies of two pairs of Magellanic Woodpeckers that didn't care much about us being around. Here too we noted our first Patagonian Sierra Finch and some managed views of the fast Green-backed Firecrown.



Two iconic Patagonian endemics, the Spectacled Duck (Mark Pearman) and Magellanic Woodpecker (Rainer Kopa) provided great excitement.

By the time we reached Chillán, the forest was pretty quiet, and after dipping Rufous-legged Owl at Vilches, we were left with a sour taste in the mouth. A preview and systematic night search gave us memorable scope studies of this large Patagonian predatory endemic. Soon after dawn, we managed our first views of the restless Des Murs Wiretail which is a gem of a bird when you see it well. Our first Dark-bellied Cinclodes performed nicely and we all managed another great look at a log-hopping Chestnut-throated Huet-huet.

On to Temuco, and deeper into the tapaculo capital which is the Patagonian lake district. The forest was pretty quiet birdwise when we arrived, unlike the locals. Green-backed Firecrowns were plentiful and most managed scope views. After more views of wiretails we staked out an Ochre-flanked Tapaculo which some managed reasonable views of, as well as a Black-throated Huet-huet seen only by Mark. But things were to change in the morning when the Ochre-flanked Tapaculo performed well, and huet-huets were everywhere. We were treated to outrageous looks at one foraging on the roadside in daylight for at least fifteen minutes during which time it was possible to take a selfie with a huet-huet. Both Chucao and Magellanic Tapaculos were also seen, and finally we connected with a perched pair of endemic Slender-billed Parakeets and a flock of eleven flying around. With a full set of tapaculos now, our drive to Puerto Montt was illuminated by superb scenery with the backdrop of various volcanos including Villarica and Osorno. A stop by a small marsh produced our first Sedge Wren and Grassland Yellow Finches.

Shortly after dawn we departed by yacht into the Seno Reloncavi with some managing to see a Flying Steamer Duck not far from port. The pelagic was disappointing in that we failed to find the Pincoya Storm Petrel. High seas in the morning meant that there was very little local fishing activity and hence no mass fish gutting which attracts the stormies. New birds included Magellanic Penguin, Imperial Shag, South American Tern and Arctic Skua. Later in the afternoon we found our first Magellanic Oystercatcher which we were able to compare directly with American and Blackish Oystercatchers.

We took the first ferry after dawn to Chiloe, and were to later make the crossing three times more just in case we bagged a Pincoya, but it was not to be. Yet seabird numbers were impressive with ten thousand Sooty Shearwaters, four thousand Red-legged Cormorants and three thousand Imperial Shags, plus a few Magellanic Penguins, Pink-footed Shearwaters and a Black-browed Albatross. Landing on the island of Chiloe, which is approximately the size of Cyprus, a Ringed Kingfisher of the endemic Patagonian race greeted us at the pier. But, our attention quickly turned towards a very close pair of the flightless steamer-ducks which we had come to see. In all we were able to see thirty of these very distinctive, yet unnamed, steamers during our brief visit to Chiloe. Hundreds of Black-necked Swans could be seen along the shores as we visited a nearby estuary where we were able to scope sixty Hudsonian Godwits. Just down the road, we stopped to look at a large perched raptor in a bare tree which was quickly confirmed as a Chilean Hawk as everyone streamed out of the bus to get a full dose of scope views. Suddenly, another hawk flew in overhead and perched behind us at close range, followed by another, both being juvenile Chilean Hawks to add to this amazing treat. A short drive away we backed up to a marsh only to quickly find a Plumbeous Rail when in flew four Slender-billed Parakeets which provided us with great perched views for the next half hour. Fully fulfilled with our Chiloe experience, we were soon back in Puerto Montt saying our goodbyes to John before flying to Punta Arenas in the far south. A small local reserve on the outskirts produced close-up studies of Flying Steamer Ducks among other waterfowl, as well as our first Southern Crested Caracara.

Heading south from Punta Arenas is wasn't long before we connected with a pair of Fuegian Steamer Duck after at least ten Flying Steamer Ducks, the immaculate Kelp Goose and our first of many Cinereous Harriers. A few thousand Upland Geese later we suddenly stopped to look at our first Ashy-headed Geese only to realize that there were in fact two Ruddy-headed Geese mixed in the flock, allowing great scope studies and another result. The drive to Torres del Paine included four hundred Lesser Rheas, as well as impressive numbers of Upland Geese and Andean Condors. The Sierra Baguales produced the expected Patagonian Mockingbird (found by Warren as soon as we got out of the bus), as well as Buff-winged Cinclodes and numerous Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrants. The first bird on our morning's agenda was a Premier League bird, but it took us a lot of effort at two lakes to finally get a good look at the tiny Austral Rail. It was of course well worth the perseverance as we all obtained outstanding protracted views. Austral Canasteros performed nearby and just as we were leaving Steve noticed a young and very obliging Austral Pygmy Owl to complete our set of *#austral* birds. For the rest of the day we enjoyed the snow-covered peaks and famous granite towers, turquoise lakes, waterfalls and glaciers. We also scrutinized a few Silvery Grebes of the southern nominate race, and an astonishing number of Spectacled Ducks with twenty-four seen.



Seeing Chilean Hawk perched was a bonus, although we had three perched in the space of 10 minutes (Hemme Batjes), whereas this Austral Pygmy Owl was just a show off (Max Reid).

Moving on to the Patagonian steppe our targets fell at a steady pace with smart Rufous-chested Dotterels and a stack of Least Seedsnipe and stunning Tawny-throated Dotterels, plus Common and Short-billed Miners, a chunky Chocolate-vented Tyrant and six very local White-bridled Finches. Winds were picking up on the Magellan Straits and by the time we reached the ferry port there was a two mile long truck queue for the small ferry, not to mention cars, minibuses and fuel tankers, but the crossings to Tierra del Fuego had been suspended. There was no chance of us reaching the Land of Fire anytime soon and we had to make new plans quickly, especially given the large driving distances involved in this region. An early morning visit to a lake out of Punta Arenas was a last ditch attempt to see Magellanic Plover. After a fairly long walk, and never giving up hope, we scored with great scope studies of seven birds including a chick. Wow!!! Here too we bagged various Two-banded Plovers and unexpectedly our only Patagonian Yellow Finch of the tour which was another result. Back at the ferry port we witnessed another suspension of crossings, while enjoying a Commerson's Dolphin playing in the white water at close range, as Rock Shags flew past at intervals. We were back on the trail of the elusive Band-tailed Earthcreeper, a species stolen from Argentina in 1988, and the wind wasn't helping. Finally, with new information, we scored in a patch of scrub near the Straits, with a bird foraging in the open beside bushes. Back in Punta Arenas, a final piece of the jigsaw was the gorgeous Dolphin Gull which we found almost immediately to round off a highly successful Ultimate Chile tour.



Tawny-throated Dotterels blend in well on the Patagonian steppe (Max Reid)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species and family sequence, taxonomy and species names follow the I.O.C. World Bird List which is available online at www.worldbirdnames.org/

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species that were only seen on the tour extension are marked with (X).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

- Chilean Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus tataupa* 3 showed well near La Campana NP.
- Puna Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamotis pentlandii* Protracted views of a trio at Lauca NP.
- Lesser Rhea** *Rhea pennata* 11 at Lauca (*tarapacensis*), abundant in the far S (*pennata*).
- Coscoroba Swan** ◊ *Coscoroba coscoroba* 2 at Rocas de Santo Domingo, 2 (NL) out of Punta Arenas.
- Black-necked Swan** ◊ *Cygnus melanocoryphus* Common at Chiloe and in the far south.
- Flying Steamer Duck** ◊ *Tachyeres patachonicus* 1 (NL) on the Pto Montt pelagic, 14 out of Punta Arenas.
- Fuegian Steamer Duck** ◊ (Flightless/ Magellan S-D) *Tachyeres pteneres* (X) A pair out of Punta Arenas.
- Chiloe Steamer Duck** ◊ *Tachyeres sp. nov.* 30 or more on Chiloe Island.
- Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* A pair at Lauca NP (*berlepschi*). 2 males in the Maule valley (*armata*).
- Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera* Common at Lauca NP.
- Upland Goose** ◊ *Chloephaga picta* 5 in the Maule valley, and abundant in the far south.
- Kelp Goose** ◊ *Chloephaga hybrida* (X) Two males and a female out of Punta Arenas.
- Ashy-headed Goose** ◊ *Chloephaga poliocephala* (X) Two flocks of 20, and 4 in the far south.
- Ruddy-headed Goose** ◊ *Chloephaga rubidiceps* (X) A pair out of Punta Arenas.
- Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides* Common at Lauca NP, and abundant in the far south.
- Spectacled Duck** ◊ *Specularnas specularis* 10 in the Maule valley, and 24 at Torres del Paine.
- Chiloe Wigeon** ◊ *Anas sibilatrix* Increasingly common from central to southern Chile.
- Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* 2 females at the Lluta river mouth, and 40 near Quintero.
- Red Shoveler** ◊ *Anas platalea* Common on lakes in central Chile and the far south.
- White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* 12 at the Lluta river mouth.
- Yellow-billed Teal (Speckled T)** *Anas flavirostris* Common at Lauca (*oxyptera*), and C/ S Chile (*flavirostris*).
- Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* Numerous encounters.
- Silver Teal** *Anas versicolor* 1 at Rocas de Santo Domingo.
- Puna Teal** *Anas puna* Common at Lauca NP, and 1 at the Lluta river mouth.
- Andean Duck (A Ruddy-D)** *Oxyura ferruginea* 5 at Lauca, 1 at the Lluta river mouth, 8 at Torres del Paine.
- Lake Duck** ◊ (Argentine Ruddy-D) *Oxyura vittata* 12 on a lake near Quintero.
- California Quail** (Intr) *Calipepla californica* Regular encounters in C Chile.
- Magellanic Penguin** ◊ *Spheniscus magellanicus* 2 and 4 from Pto Montt-Chiloe, 1 in the Magellan Straits.
- Humboldt Penguin** ◊ *Spheniscus humboldti* 12 on the pelagic from Quintero.
- Southern Royal Albatross** *Diomedea epomophora* 2 on the pelagic from Quintero.
- Black-browed Albatross** *Thalassarche melanophrys* 1 on the Iquique pelagic, 7 on the Quintero pelagic.
- Chatham Albatross** ◊ *Thalassarche eremita* An adult on the Quintero pelagic was a major result!
- Salvin's Albatross** *Thalassarche salvini* 2 on the Iquique pelagic, 70 on the Quintero pelagic.
- Southern Giant-Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus* 3 on the Quintero pelagic, 4 in the far south.
- Juan Fernandez Petrel** ◊ *Pterodroma externa* 2 on the Quintero pelagic,.
- White-chinned Petrel** *Procellaria aequinoctialis* 3 on the Iquique pelagic, 5 on the Quintero pelagic.
- Westland Petrel** ◊ *Procellaria westlandica* 9 or more on the Quintero pelagic.
- Sooty Shearwater** *Puffinus griseus* Abundant on all three pelagics and the Chiloe ferry crossing.
- Pink-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus creatopus* 1 and 60 on the Iquique and Quintero pelagics, 2 near Chiloe.
- Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus* 5 on the Iquique pelagic, 50 on the Quintero pelagic.
- Elliot's Storm Petrel** ◊ *Oceanites gracilis* 15 or more on the Iquique pelagic.

Markham's Storm Petrel ◊ *Oceanodroma markhami* 2 on the Iquique pelagic.
Peruvian Diving Petrel ◊ *Pelecanoides magellani* 65 on the Iquique pelagic, 25 on the Quintero pelagic.
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* 1 near Puerto Montt.
White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia Rolland* 1 at Lauca NP, 6 in central Chile, 12 at Torres del Paine.
Great Grebe *Podiceps major* 8 in central Chile (*major*), and 4 at Torres del Paine (*navasi*).
Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* 4 and 25 at Lauca (*juninensis*), and 4 at Torres del Paine (*occipitalis*).
Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* 15 daily at Lauca, regular encounters in the far south.
Andean Flamingo ◊ *Phoenicopterus andinus* 36 and 27 on different dates at Lauca.
James's Flamingo ◊ *Phoenicopterus jamesi* An adult and 2 immatures at Lauca.
Black-faced Ibis ◊ *Theristicus melanopis* Ubiquitous from the Maule valley southwards.
Puna Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus* 5 at Lauca NP.
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Regular encounters.
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Small numbers in C and S Chile with a roost of 60 near Quintero.
Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* 1 at Leyda lake, 2 between there and the coast, and 2 on the drive to Talca.
Great Egret *Ardea alba* Regular in small numbers in C and S Chile, with 20 in the Maule valley.
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Regular in small numbers in C and S Chile.
Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus* Abundant south to Chiloe.
Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata* Abundant in N and C Chile.
Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* Common in N and C Chile, abundant at Chiloe.
Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common south to Chiloe.
Rock Shag ◊ *Phalacrocorax magellanicus* (X) 40 or more at the Magellan Straits.
Guanay Cormorant *Phalacrocorax bougainvillii* 12 at Iquique, and 1 off Quintero.
Imperial Shag ◊ *Phalacrocorax atriceps* Abundant off Chiloe and in the far south (*atriceps*).
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Regular encounters south to Puerto Montt.
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Regular in C Chile and the lake district.
Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* 10 at El Yeso, 1 at Chillán (NL, Hemme), 80+ sighted at Torres del Paine.
Chilean Hawk ◊ *Accipiter chilensis* Wow !!! An adult and two juveniles (family group) perched on Chiloe.
Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus* (X) Up to 7 daily in the far south.
Variable Hawk (Red-backed H) *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Regular encounters.
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* 2 juvs above Iquique, 6 at Torres del Paine NP.
Black Rail ◊ *Laterallus jamaicensis* Many views of a trotting bird with 3 others heard in C Chile (*salinasi*).
Austral Rail ◊ *Rallus antarcticus* (X) Crippling views of an immature or subadult at Torres del Paine.
Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Singles at Laguna El Peral, on Chiloe and at Torres del Paine.
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*: 2 at the Lluta river mouth.
Spot-flanked Gallinule *Gallinula melanops* 1 at Leyda lake.
Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* 20 at Lauca NP, and 1 at the Lluta river mouth.
Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armillata* The commonest coot in C and S Chile.
Red-fronted Coot *Fulica rufifrons* 3 at Leyda lake and 2 at Ventanas lake.
Giant Coot *Fulica gigantean* 10 and 400 at Lauca NP on different dates.
Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris* 3 in the Azapa valley, two singles in the Lluta valley.
Magellanic Plover ◊ *Pluvianellus socialis* (X) 6 adults and a chick out of Punta Arenas.
Magellanic Oystercatcher ◊ *Haematopus leucopodus* 1 near Pto Montt, 30 and 1 out of Punta Arenas.
Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* 5 at or near Iquique, and a pair near Puerto Montt.
American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common in C Chile, 2 near Puerto Montt, 10 on Chiloe.
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* 1 photographed by Hemme near the Lluta river mouth.
White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* Common in C Chile.
Andean Avocet *Recurvirostra andina* 2 on two dates at Lauca.
Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Ubiquitous in C and S Chile (*fretensis* and *chilensis*).
Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* 3 at Lauca NP.
American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* 15 at the Lluta river mouth, 3 at Rocas de Santo Domingo.
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* 1 at the Lluta river mouth.
Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* 40 at the Lluta river mouth, 1 at Santo Domingo.

Two-banded Plover ◇ *Charadrius falklandicus* (X) 8 out of Punta Arenas.

Rufous-chested Plover (R-c Dotterel) ◇ *Charadrius modestus* (X) 5 on the Pali Aike track.

Tawny-throated Dotterel *Oreopholus ruficollis* (X) 15 on the Pali Aike track.

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover ◇ *Phegornis mitchellii* 1 at Lauca, and 2 at El Yeso. Voted bird of the tour.

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe *Attagus gayi* 3 at Lauca NP.

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe *Thinocorus orbignyianus* 13 at Lauca, and 25 at El Yeso.

Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus* 1 at Sra Baguales (NL, Frank/Mike), 25+ on the Pali Aike track.

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiæ* 14 in coast and high C Andes, 7 in far S (*magellanica*).

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica* 1 at Rocas de Santo Domingo, 60 on Chiloe.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* Enuff !

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* 20 at the Lluta river mouth.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* 6 at the Lluta river mouth.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* 1 at Rocas de Santo Domingo

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* 2 at the Lluta river mouth.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* 13 S of Iquique, 1 at R. de Sto Domingo, 6 at the M. Jackson rock.

Surfbird *Aphriza virgata* 15 at Rocas de Santo Domingo.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* 2 at the Lluta river mouth.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* 1 at the Lluta river mouth.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* 2 at the Lluta river mouth.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* 3 at the Lluta river mouth.

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* (X) 100 or more on a lake out of Punta Arenas.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* 4 at Lauca, 3 at the Lluta river mouth, 2 at Rocas de Santo Domingo.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* 1 at the Lluta river mouth.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* 10 on the Iquique pelagic.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* 1 at Iquique & Lluta mouth, 800 Sto Domingo, 3 on Chiloe (*cinerascens*).

Swallow-tailed Gull *Creagrus furcatus* 3 on the Iquique pelagic.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* 12 at Lauca, 4 at the Lluta river mouth, and 30 in the Maule valley.

Brown-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus maculipennis* Common in C Chile, numerous in the S.

Dolphin Gull ◇ *Leucophaeus scoresbii* (X) A crippled bird, and 40 more seen by some at Pta. Arenas.

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* Common at Iquique, C Chile and Chiloe areas.

Grey Gull ◇ *Leucocephalus modestus* Abundant on the coasts of N and C Chile.

Belcher's Gull ◇ *Larus belcheri* 30 and 8 at and around Iquique, and 50 at Quintero.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Ubiquitous at all coastal and some inland sites.

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* Up to 35 out of Iquique, 4 in C Chile, 20 out of Puerto Montt.

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* Small numbers around Chiloe and in the Magellan Straits.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* 1 at Rocas de Santo Domingo.

Inca Tern ◇ *Larosterna inca* 4000+ in Iquique harbor, 200 at Michael Jackson rock, and 30 off Quintero.

Chilean Skua ◇ *Stercorarius chilensis* 1 off Iquique, 3 off Quintero, 7 off Pto Montt, 1 (NL) at Pto Natales.

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* A pale or intermediate phase adult off Iquique.

Parasitic Jaeger (Arctic Skua) *Stercorarius parasiticus* 1 relatively dark phase adult off Puerto Montt.

Long-tailed Jaeger (L-t Skua) *Stercorarius longicaudus* 2 on the Iquique pelagic.

Feral Pigeon (Rock Dove) *Columba livia* The less said the better.

Spot-winged Pigeon *Patagioenas maculosa* 30 in Putre and 7 at Parinacota, Lauca NP.

Chilean Pigeon ◇ *Patagioenas araucana* Regular in small numbers from C Chile to the lake district.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Enuff.

West Peruvian Dove ◇ *Zenaida meloda* Common in the lowlands and oasis strips of the far N.

Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Small numbers in C Chile south to Chillán.

Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana* 25 or more in the Azapa and Lluta valleys.

Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae* 80 or more around Putre.

Black-winged Ground Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera* 2 NL by Hemme (1 photographed) at Putre.

Rufous-legged Owl ◇ *Strix rufipes* 1 performed well at Termas de Chillán.

Austral Pygmy Owl ◇ *Glaucidium nana* Heard at Vilches, although 1 put on a show at Torres del Paine.

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* 3 in the Azapa valley.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* 2 flushed in the Lampa marshes, and 1 (NL, Sally) at Puerto Natales.

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* 10 in the Lluta valley.

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* 4 at Putre.

Andean Hillstar *Oreotrochilus estella* 1 at the *Polylepis* woodland, and 25 or so at Putre.

White-sided Hillstar ◇ *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus* A juvenile male and two females at El Yeso.

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* 1 at Putre, and at least 7 in and around La Campana.

Green-backed Firecrown ◇ *Sephanoides sephaniodes* Regular encounters in C Chile and the lake district.

Oasis Hummingbird ◇ *Rhodopis vesper* 3 in the Azapa valley.

Peruvian Sheartail ◇ *Thaumastura cora* A male and female in the Azapa Valley.

Chilean Woodstar ◇ *Eulidia yarrellii* A male performed well in Azapa valley.

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* 1 at Chacao, Chiloe (*stellata*) awaited the arrival of our ferry.

Striped Woodpecker ◇ *Veniliornis lignarius* Regular encounters in C Chile and the lake district.

Chilean Flicker ◇ *Colaptes pitius* Regular encounters from C Chile to the far S.

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* 5 at Lauca NP.

Magellanic Woodpecker ◇ *Campephilus magellanicus* Two pairs at Alto Vilches, watched at leisure.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* 2 at Lauca NP.

Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* (X) Common in the far south.

Chimango Caracara *Milvago chimango*: Ubiquitous from C Chile southwards.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Regular encounters.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Singles at Putre, the Pali Aike track and near Bahia Azul.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrines* Lone adult *cassini* seen at Lauca NP and Puerto Montt.

Red-masked Parakeet (Intr) *Psittacara erythrogenys* 3 in the Azapa valley. "Established" by 2005.

Burrowing Parrot ◇ *Cyanoliseus patagonus* 2 in the Maule valley ().

Austral Parakeet ◇ *Enicognathus ferrugineus* Regular encounters from Vilches southwards.

Slender-billed Parakeet ◇ *Enicognathus leptorhynchus* 13 at Temuco; then stunning looks at 4 on Chiloe.

Mountain Parakeet *Psilopsiagon aurifrons* (H) A pair or small flock heard at Lauca.

Common Miner *Geositta cunicularia* (X) 3 on the Pali Aike track.

Puna Miner *Geositta punensis* 2 at Lauca NP.

Short-billed Miner ◇ *Geositta antarctica* (X) 1 on the Pali Aike track.

Greyish Miner ◇ *Geositta maritime* 1 above the Lluta valley.

Rufous-banded Miner *Geositta rufipennis* 12 at El Yeso (*fasciata*).

Straight-billed Earthcreeper *Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus* 1 above Putre.

Band-tailed Earthcreeper ◇ *Ochetorhynchus phoenicurus* (X) 1 near the Magellan Straits performed well.

Crag Chilia ◇ *Ochetorhynchus melanura* Outstanding views of 1 near La Campana.

Buff-breasted Earthcreeper *Upucerthia validirostris* 5 near Putre.

White-throated Earthcreeper ◇ *Upucerthia albigula* 1 (NL, Hemme) at Putre.

Scaly-throated Earthcreeper *Upucerthia dumetaria* 1 at El Yeso (*hypoleuca*), and 3 in Torres del Paine.

Buff-winged Cinclodes (Bar-w C) *Cinclodes fuscus* (X) Small numbers daily in the far south.

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* At least 28 around Putre and at Lauca on two dates.

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* 16 around Putre and at Lauca.

Grey-flanked Cinclodes ◇ *Cinclodes oustaleti* 10 or more at El Yeso.

Dark-bellied Cinclodes ◇ *Cinclodes patagonicus* 1 at Chillán, common in the lake district southward.

Chilean Seaside Cinclodes ◇ *Cinclodes nigrofumosus* 2 at the M. Jackson rock, 1 (NL, Jake) at Quintero.

Des Murs' Wiretail ◇ *Sylviorthorhynchus desmursii* 3 at Chillán, 6 at Temuco and 1 on Chiloe.

Thorn-tailed Rayadito ◇ *Aphrastura spinicauda* Common from Vilches southwards.

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura aegithaloides* 2 Lauca (*berlepschi*), 4/1 C.pana/Vilches (nom.).

Streaked Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura striata* 6 out of Putre.

Sharp-billed Canastero (Lesser C) *Asthenes pyrrholeuca* 5 at El Yeso.

Canyon Canastero ◇ *Asthenes pudibunda* 2 at Putre.

Cordilleran Canastero *Asthenes modesta* 1 out of Putre, 2 at Lauca, and 2 at Sierra Baguales.

Dark-winged Canastero *Asthenes arequipae* 3 at the *Polylepis* woodland and 1 near Putre.

Austral Canastero ◊ *Asthenes anthoides* (X) 2 in Torres del Paine NP.
Dusky-tailed Canastero ◊ *Pseudasthenes humicola* 3 at La Campana NP.
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* 3 at Lampa marshes, and 8 at Torres del Paine.
White-throated Treerunner ◊ *Pygarrhichas albogularis* Fairly common from Vilches to Temuco.
Chestnut-throated Huet-huet ◊ *Pteroptochos castaneus* Lone birds seen well at Vilches and Chillán.
Black-throated Huet-huet ◊ *Pteroptochos tarnii* Numerous looks at Temuco; 1 also foraging in the open.
Moustached Turca ◊ *Pteroptochos megapodius* 2 seen near La Campana, great looks at 8 at El Yeso.
White-throated Tapaculo ◊ *Scelorchilus albicollis* Point-black walk-away views at La Campana.
Chucao Tapaculo ◊ *Scelorchilus rubecula* 5 seen at Vilches and Temuco, many more H incl. on Chiloe.
Ochre-flanked Tapaculo ◊ *Eugralla paradoxa* 1 or 2 seen at Temuco with others heard.
Magellanic Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus magellanicus* 2 at El Yeso (ssp.nov.), 1 at Vilches & Temuco (nom).
Dusky Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus fuscus* 2 seen and another heard at La Campana.
White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* 6 in the Azapa valley.
Chilean Elaenia *Elaenia chilensis* Common to abundant in all Patagonian forest.
Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes reguloides* 1 south of Iquique; only seen well by Mike.
Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris* 2 in the *Polylepis* woodland and 2 at Putre.
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Regular encounters from La Campana southwards.
Ticking Doradito (Lemon D) ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx citreola* 2 juveniles at Rocas de Santo Domingo.
Bran-coloured Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* 2 pairs in the Lluta valley (*rufescens*).
Many-coloured Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* 3 at Rocas de Santo Domingo, and 1 at El Peral.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* 8 in the Lluta valley.
Austral Negrito ◊ *Lessonia rufa* 12 at El Peral, 1 at El Yeso, and 50 north of the Magellan Straits.
Andean Negrito *Lessonia oreas* 8 at Lauca NP.
Spot-billed Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola maculirostris* Singles at Putre, Lauca, also (NL) Sra Baguales.
Puna Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola juninensis* 9 or more at Lauca NP.
White-fronted Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albifrons* 8 at Lauca NP.
White-browed Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albilora* 30 or more at El Yeso.
Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola capistrata* (X) 20 at Sierra Baguales, 1 (NL) at Torres.
Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant ◊ *Muscisaxicola frontalis* 1 seen by some at El Yeso.
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* 1 at El Yeso.
Fire-eyed Diucon ◊ *Xolmis pyrope* Regular encounters from La Campana southwards.
Chocolate-vented Tyrant ◊ *Neoxolmis rufiventris* (X) 1 on the Pali Aike track.
D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca oenanthoides* 4 at the *Polylepis* woodland.
White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys* 1 near Putre.
Patagonian Tyrant ◊ *Colorhamphus parvirostris* 1 at Vilches.
Rufous-tailed Plantcutter ◊ *Phytotoma rara* Lone males at El Yeso and Chillán, 2 (NL) at Torres del Paine.
Chilean Swallow *Tachycineta meyeni* Ubiquitous in C and S Chile.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* Regular encounters.
Andean Swallow *Orochelidon andecola* 1 at Putre and 4 in Lauca NP.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* 2 in the Lluta valley, and 1 (NL, Hemme) at Cuya.
"Sedge Wren" *Cistothorus platensis* 1 near Frutillar by Osorno volcano, 3 at Torres del Paine (*hornensis*).
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Small numbers throughout the tour.
Chilean Mockingbird ◊ *Mimus thenca* Common in central Chile.
Patagonian Mockingbird ◊ *Mimus patagonicus* (X) 1 at Sierra Bagual.
Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* 8 at the *Polylepis* woodland and around Putre.
Austral Thrush ◊ *Turdus falcklandii* Common throughout Patagonia.
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Present in most towns and cities.
Correndera Pipit *Anthus correndera* 3 at Rocas de Sto. Domingo, 1 at Lampa, common in the far south.
Black-chinned Siskin ◊ *Carduelis barbata* Generally common from La Campana to Chiloe.
Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica* Small numbers in Córdoba and Buenos Aires.
Black Siskin *Carduelis atrata* 12 at Lauca NP.
Yellow-rumped Siskin ◊ *Carduelis uropygialis* 10 or more at El Yeso.

Peruvian Meadowlark ◇ *Sturnella bellicosa* 1 in the Lluta valley.
Long-tailed Meadowlark *Sturnella loyca* Common in C and S Chile.
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* 3 in the Lluta, 15 at El Peral, singles at La Campana and Temuco.
Austral Blackbird ◇ *Cureus cureus* Generally common in C and S Chile.
Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelaius thilius* Small numbers in C Chile and 1 at Torres del Paine. Common in **Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Widespread and common.
Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* 6 near Putre.
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Over 25 in oasis strips from Cuya to the Lluta valley.
Tamarugo Conebill ◇ *Conirostrum tamarugense* 1 at the Pampa de Tamarugal.
Black-throated Flowpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* 8 or more at Putre.
Black-hooded Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus atriceps* 1 at the *Polylepis* woodland, 12 at Putre and 1 in Lauca NP.
Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus gayi* Regular encounters in C Chile and the far south.
Patagonian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus patagonicus* Small numbers in Patagonian forest.
Mourning Sierra Finch *Phrygilus patagonicus* Common in the high N Andes.
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* 2 at Lauca NP, and a male at El Yeso.
White-throated Sierra-Finch ◇ *Phrygilus erythronotus* 9 at Lauca NP over two dates.
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Common in the high N Andes.
White-bridled Finch ◇ *Melanodera melanodera* (X) 6 on the Pali Aike track.
White-winged Diuca Finch *Diuca speculifera* 12 over two visits to Lauca NP.
Common Diuca Finch *Diuca diuca* Small numbers almost daily in C Chile south to Temuco.
Slender-billed Finch ◇ *Xenospingus concolor* 10 or more in the Azapa and Lluta valleys.
Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropygialis* A pair at Lauca NP.
Greater Yellow Finch ◇ *Sicalis auriventris* 15 or so at El Yeso.
Greenish Yellow Finch *Sicalis olivascens* Common at Putre and Lauca, 1 in the Atacama desert.
Patagonian Yellow Finch ◇ *Sicalis lebruni* (X) A male out of Punta Arenas.
Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola* 4 near Volcan Osorno, and 12 on Chiloe.
Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco* A male in the Lluta valley.
Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* 1 at the *Polylepis* woodland and 10 around Putre.

MAMMALS

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* Regular encounters in C and S Chile.
European Hare *Lepus europeus* Regular.
Southern Viscacha (Mountain V) *Lagidium viscacia* 12 at Lauca NP.
South American Grey Fox (Argentine GF) *Pseudalopex griseus* (X) 12 or more in the far south.
Humboldt's Hog-nosed Skunk *Conepatus humboldti* (X) 2 at Torres del Paine, 1 at Pto Ozaoy.
South American Sea Lion *Otaria byronia* Common at most coastal sites south to Chiloe.
Dusky Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus obscurus* 30 off Iquique, 12 off Quintero.
Commerson's Dolphin *Cephalorhynchus commersoni* (X) Great looks at 1 in the Magellan Straits.
Guanaco *Lama guanicoe* 4 out of Putre, abundant in the far south.
Vicuña *Vicugna vicugna* Abundant at Lauca NP.

AMPHIBIANS

Marbled Water Frog *Telmatobias marmoratus* A handheld individual at Parinacota, Lauca NP.
Warty Toad *Bufo spinulosus* Several tiny toads with red soles to their feet at El Yeso.

REPTILES

Four-banded Pacific Iguana *Microlophus quadrivittatus* Common near Iquique, grey striped black.

Atacama Lava Lizard *Microlophus atacamensis* Common near Iquique, mostly dark.

Desert Lizard *Microlophus tarapacensis* A few at the Pampa de Tamarugal, and (?) at the Borax mine.

Green Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva* (Intr) Photographed under thistles at Lampa, provisional identification.

Chilean Slender Snake *Tachymenis chilensis* One photographed at Vilches.