

Chile - South, Central and North



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It was quite a challenge to work out an itinerary in a country having a length of about 4300 km and a width of about 200 km. Instead of making a circuit as we do elsewhere we had to make four. Thus we started off in the centre keeping to the east of Santiago before going back to the airport for a trip 2000 km to the south. Another 4-WD brought us around in Patagonia until we spent a whole day going to the far north. It was indeed an eye-opener going from the lush Mediterranean climate in the centre to the stormy south with icebergs and stout King Penguins. However, encountering 41 degrees centigrade in an Atacama oasis near the border with Peru succeeded by the barren ascent to the Indian town of Putre and frosty nights kept us very much alert, too. To end this fascinating trip we went back to Santiago bound for the area west of the city and the sea. Unfortunately the scheduled pelagic was changed to set off from another port without our being properly notified. Thus we had no use of a guide at all, but as the country is very easy-going and the infrastructure is up to standards met with in the US or Western Europe it proved very workable indeed. We faced no problems whatsoever, apart from a puncture when entering Torres el Paine...

The flight ticket from Copenhagen to Santiago cost Dkr 8,244/€ \$ 1,100. As seen above we had to rely on domestic flights as well. We found out it was a very good idea to book all the flights from home in one go. This proved much cheaper. We chose LAN, which worked well. The costs were Dkr 4775/ € 640 for the three itineraries (8000 km in all). It was not especially cheap to go out dining, but the quality was usually excellent, and as we normally bought food from stores to celebrate lunch in the field the overall costs were OK.

We rented cars four times, twice in Santiago, once in Punta Arenas and once in Arica. This was hassle-free, too. Both the cars and the hotels/hostels were arranged by the use of the Internet from home. Quite a job, but this meant more time in the field once in Chile. No complaints.

All in all we managed 227 species, out of which 9 were endemics.

Itinerary

Basically we noted all birds we registered. These are listed below. If there are observations on the road that merit special notification the exact spot is pointed out. These observations are then not mentioned in the total of a given route. Names and order attempt to follow Alvaro Jaramillo, Birds of Chile, London 2010. Endemics are **high-lighted**.

Saturday Feb 18th

**Arturo Merino Benitez Airport -
Farallones**

We drove along at a slow pace stopping whenever it looked interesting - to get an introduction to Chilean birdlife.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 10, Chimango Caracara 4, American Kestrel 1, Southern Lapwing 8, Rock Pigeon 14, Eared Dove 12, White-crested Elaenia 4, Chilean Swallow 1, Blue-and-white Swallow 2, **Chilean Mockingbird** 10, House Sparrow 20, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch 10, Mourning Sierra-Finch 1, Rufous-collared Sparrow 10, Long-tailed Meadowlark 1, Austral Blackbird 30.

Puente Lilen
km 13

Andean Condor 6.

Km 20 at 1800m

Chilean Tinamou 1, Andean Condor 1, Fire-eyed Duicon 1, **Moustached Turca** 3.

Farallones
16.30 - 20.00

California Quail 8, Variable Hawk 2, Mountain Caracara 2, Aplomado Falcon 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, Black-winged Ground-Dove 30, Rufous-banded Miner 12, Creamy-rumped Miner 1, Buff-winged Cinclodes 1, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 10, Dark-bellied Cinclodes 1, Cordilleran Canastero 1, White-crested Elaenia 3, Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant 2, Black-chinned Siskin 60, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch 70, Common Duica-Finch 8, Greater Yellow-Finch 2, Rufous-collared Sparrow 30.

We stayed the night in the eastern part of Santiago at Manquehue Hotel paying \$ 102/db so as to get out of the city quickly the next morning.

Sunday Feb

Santiago – Embalse el Yeso
06.30-18.50

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 2, Southern Crested Caracara 1, American Kestrel 1, Southern Lapwing 2, Rock Pigeon 70, Eared Dove 30, Monk Parakeet 11, Chilean Flicker 2, Tufted Tit-Tyrant 1, Chilean Swallow 1, House Wren 1, **Chilean Mockingbird** 20, Austral Thrush 2, House Sparrow 30.

Km 3.1

Crag Chilia 2, Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail 1, Yellow-rumped Siskin 2.

Km 6 at a small waterfall at a bend

Crag Chilia 4, **Moustached Turca** 1, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 1.

Km 7.2

Mountain Caracara 2, White-sided Hillstar 1.

Km 15.3

Andean Condor 4, Mountain Parakeet 2.

Km 17 at a parking lot and a green meadow opposite

Scale-throated Earthcreeper 2, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 3, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 3, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant 1, White-browed Gound-Tyrant 2, Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant 4.

Embalse el

Andean Condor 5, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 3, Variable Hawk 2, Mountain Caracara 2, Chimango Caracara 6, American Kestrel 1, Southern Lapwing 20, White-rumped Sandpiper 1, Eared Dove 40, Black-winged Ground-Dove 20, White-sided Hillstar 1, Chilean Flicker 1, Rufous-banded Miner 25, Scale-throated Earthcreeper 2, **Crag Chilia** 6, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 10, Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail 1, **Moustached Turca** 1, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant 1, Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant 2, White-browed Ground-Tyrant 12, Blue-and-white Swallow 50, **Chilean Mockingbird** 6, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch 20, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch 2, Rufous-collared Sparrow 5, Austral Blackbird 50.



Embalse el Yeso

Km 4.4 after the turn towards Embalse el Yeso

Greater Yellow-Finch 50, Yellow-rumped Siskin 2.

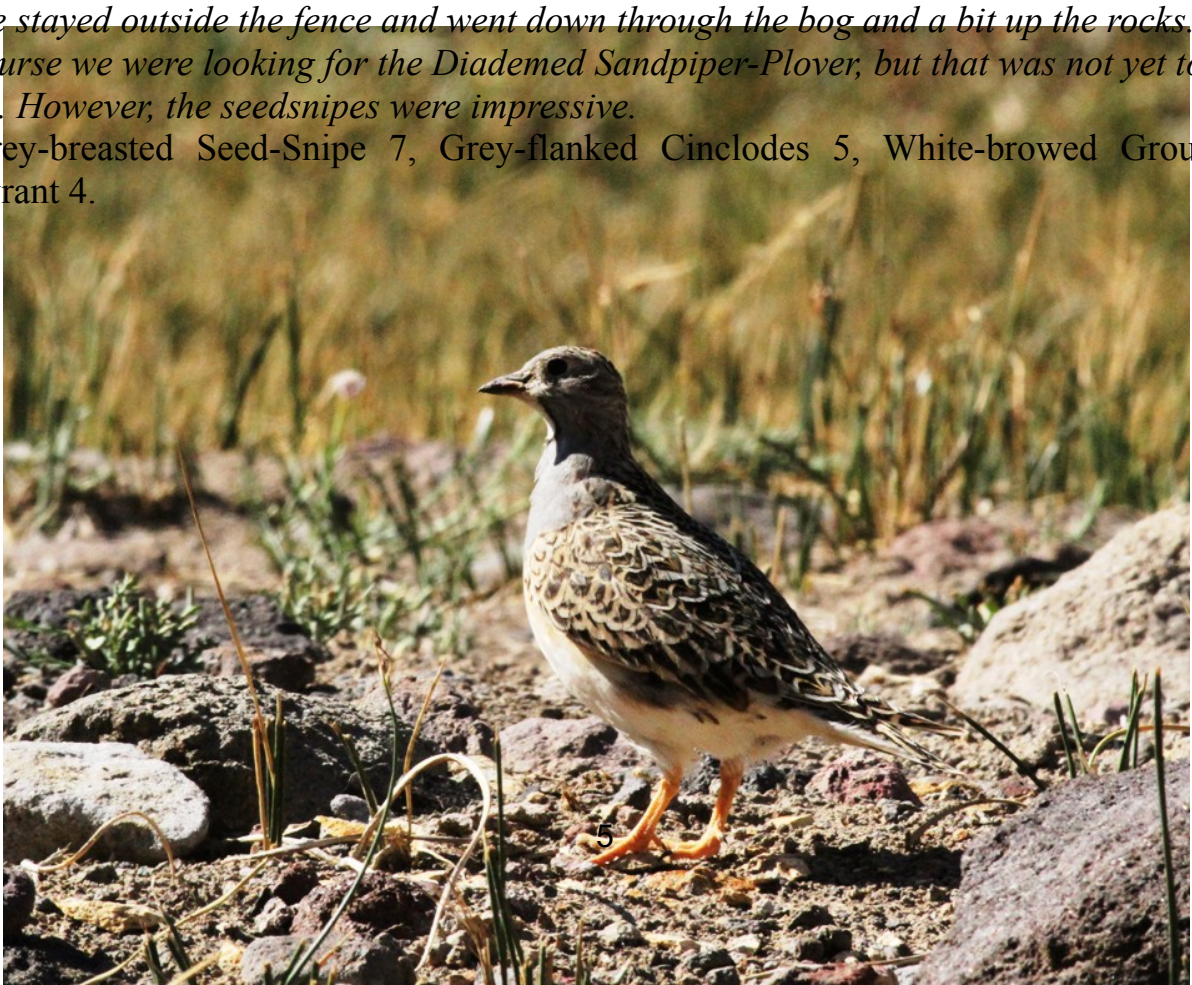
Km 13.5

South American Snipe 1.

At the end of the road

We stayed outside the fence and went down through the bog and a bit up the rocks. Of course we were looking for the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, but that was not yet to be. However, the seedsnipes were impressive.

Grey-breasted Seed-Snipe 7, Grey-flanked Cinclodes 5, White-browed Ground-Tyrant 4.



Grey-breasted Seedsnipe

We went to the airport, where we had booked rooms in Hotel Diego de Almagro at US\$ 179/double to get the flight south to Punta Arenas in the early morning.

Monday Feb 20th

In the airport of Punta Arenas we were received by rather a windy atmosphere, got our 4WD and started birding in quite another environment.

Punta Arenas – Mina Rica – (via Seno Ottway) Puerto Natales

10.00-21.00

Darwin's Rhea 24, Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Black-faced Ibis 25, Black-necked Swan 17, Upland Goose 2000, Crested Duck 10, Yellow-billed Pintail 40, Andean Condor 3, Southern Crested Caracara 50, Chimango Caracara 30, American Kestrel 2, Southern Lapwing 20, Lesser Yellowlegs 1, White-rumped Sandpiper 22, Chilean Skua 4, Kelp Gull 15, Rock Pigeon 1, Chilean Swallow 20, Austral Thrush 10, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch 8, Rufous-collared Sparrow 50, Long-tailed Meadowlark 6.

Puerto Chabunco

10.45-11.30

On our way to Punta Arenas proper to buy some food to bring along we could not resist the challenge of driving along a gravel road leading to the seaside to have a look-out for seabirds and were rewarded with our first albatrosses –though at some distance.

Black-browed Albatross 30, Southern Giant-Petrel 5, Rock Cormorant 5, Imperial Cormorant 20, Flightless Steamer-Duck 2, Crested Duck 20, Two-banded Plover 10, Chilean Skua 20, Kelp Gull 50, Dark-bellied Cinclodes 20, Rufous-collared Sparrow 5.

Km 19, right after a big farm at a turn of the road

Chilean Hawk 1.

Seno Ottway

14.00-15.40

Darwin's Rhea 8, Southern Giant-Petrel 1, Magellanic Penguin 28, Black-faced Ibis 20, Upland Goose 20, Crested Duck 15, Cinereous Harrier 1, Southern Crested Caracara 1, Two-banded Plover 3, South American Snipe 2, White-rumped Sandpiper 7, Chilean Skua 4, Kelp Gull 4, South American Tern 2, Dark-bellied Cinclodes 1, Austral Negrito 4, Rufous-collared Sparrow 10.

Coscoroba Swan 22, Ruddy-headed Goose 4, Ashy-headed Goose 20, Hudsonian

Km 24 past the road leading from Seno Ottway at a small lake W of the road
towards Natales

Km 36

Flying Steamer-Duck 2.

Km 110, small pond to the west of the road

Chiloe Wigeon 16, Speckled Teal 2, Chilean Flamingo 53.

Km 191, small pond to the west of the road

Flying Steamer-Duck 1, Silver Teal 7, White-winged Coot 2.

Km 195, big pond to the east of the road

White-tufted Grebe 50, Great Grebe 1, Flying Steamer-Duck 3, Spectacled Duck 7, Silver Teal 10, White-winged Coot 60, Austral Parakeet 6.

Km 196, small pond to the east of the road

Red Shoveller 1.

We arrived at Pto Natales at Bories House Hotel, which was a very cozy place with a familiar atmosphere at US\$ 340 for two doubles/night. Not cheap.

Puerto

Natales

Imperial Cormorant 150, Black-crowned Night-Heron 5, Black-faced Ibis 70, Black-necked Swan 18, Plumbeous Rail 1, Dolphin Gull 3, Brown-hooded Gull 2, Chilean Skua 5, Austral Negrito 1.

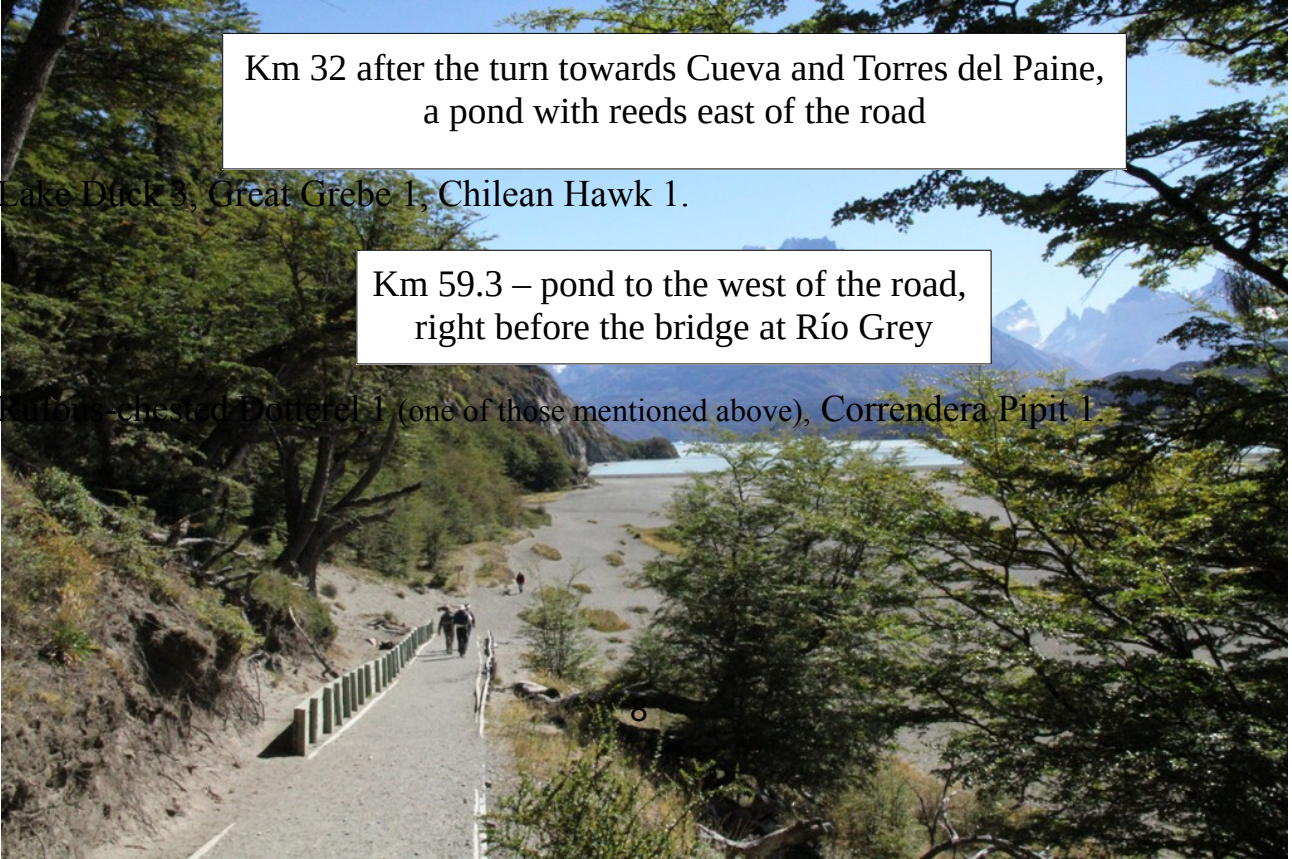
Tuesday Feb 21st

Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales

04.30-18.30

White-tufted Grebe 10, Great Grebe 3, Silvery Grebe 6, Darwin's Rhea 24, Black-necked Swan 10, Coscoroba Swan 6, Upland Goose 150, Ashy-headed Goose 20, Speckled Teal 50, Yellow-billed Pintail 50, Silver Teal 20, Red Shoveller 104, Spectacled Duck 11, Crested Duck 20, Andean Condor 7, Cinereous Harrier 1, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 3, Southern Crested Caracara 20, Chimango Caracara 39, American Kestrel 4, White-winged Coot 20, Red-gartered Coot 3, Southern Lapwing 35, South American Snipe 2, Rufous-chested Dotterel 3, Baird's Sandpiper 15, Austral Parakeet 20, Common Miner 2, Buff-winged Cinclodes 30, Thorn-tailed Rayadito 20, White-crested Elaenia 10, Fire-eyed Duicon 1, Austral Negrito 8, Chilean Swallow 20, House Wren 2, Austral Thrush 5, Black-chinned Siskin 2, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch 2, Patagonian Sierra-Finch 2, Rufous-collared Sparrow 50, Austral Blackbird 50.

Guanaco 560.



Km 32 after the turn towards Cueva and Torres del Paine,
a pond with reeds east of the road

Lake Duck 3, Great Grebe 1, Chilean Hawk 1.

Km 59.3 – pond to the west of the road,
right before the bridge at Río Grey

Rufous-chested Dotterel 1 (one of those mentioned above), Correndera Pipit 1.

Torres del Paine

Puente Weber

Austral Rail 1 seen.

A bog just behind the main entrance, Sarmiento

Austral Rail 1 heard, Yellow-winged Blackbird 7.

We had a puncture in the national park but succeeded in getting it fixed in the town of Puerto Natales (US\$ 3) when we came back. Thus we were ready for the deserted road back towards Punta Arenas – after a fine dinner and early breakfast at Bories House Hotel.

**Wednesday Feb
22nd**

**Puerto Natales – Punta
Delgada - Porvenir
05.00-18.45**

On our way we tried to find the road (Galego Chico Road) leading to Pali Aike from around Morro Chico but failed somehow.

Magellanic Penguin 2, Imperial Cormorant 10, Darwin's Rhea 48, Black-faced Ibis 9, Chilean Flamingo 1, Black-necked Swan 8, Coscoroba Swan 4, Upland Goose 830, Speckled Teal 10, Spectacled Duck 14, Crested Duck 8, Southern Crested Caracara 21, Chimango Caracara 4, American Kestrel 1, White-winged Coot 2, Southern Lapwing 12, Two-banded Plover 26, Hudsonian Godwit 6, White-rumped Sandpiper 20, Baird's Sandpiper 12, Chilean Skua 25, Kelp Gull 100, Brown-hooded Gull 28, South American Tern 30, Common Miner 1, Buff-winged Cinclodes 4, Dark-bellied Cinclodes 10, Austral Negrito 20, Chilean Swallow 4, Correndera Pipit 3, Patagonian Yellow-Finch 12, Rufous-collared Sparrow 300, Long-tailed Meadowlark 2. Guanaco 364, Patagonian Grey Fox 10.



Greater Yellowlegs 1, Rufous-chested Dotterel 1.

Km 39 on road 255 towards Punta Delgada. 8 km long road
opposite
Y 455

Least Seedsnipe 4 (1 km down the road on the left side), Tawny-throated Dotterel 48 (1.5 km down).

Bahía Oazy

Magellanic Oystercatcher 180, Brown-hooded Gull 16.

Pali Aike

From road 255 we went north to Pali Aike, paid the entrance and as sole visitors we drove around the road inside looking for the poor chance of getting a glimpse of one of the resident 7 Pumas.

Darwin's Rhea 48, Tawny-throated Dotterel 30, Rufous-breasted Dotterel 2, Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant 2.

Guanaco 479.

Porvenir

These observations were made at the harbor. We tried to get down to the coastal area north of the town, but everything was unfortunately fenced in – so apparently no chance of Magellanic Plover...

Imperial Cormorant 30, Rock Cormorant 2, Black-crowned Night-Heron 1, Crested Duck 8, Dolphin Gull 46, Brown-headed Gull 98, Kelp Gull 4500, Chilean Skua 84.

We stayed the night at Hotel Barlovento, which was OK. We paid US\$ 278 for two doubles. The place was rather unexciting, but the food in the restaurant was excellent.

Thursday Feb 23rd

Porvenir – Pingüino Rey -Punta Arenas

5.00 – 21.00

Darwin's Rhea 74, Black-browed Albatross 22, Southern Giant-Petrel 10, Imperial Cormorant 500, Black-faced Ibis 62, Coscoroba Swan 10, Upland Goose 830, Spectacled Duck 2, Crested Duck 318, Variable Hawk 1, Southern Crested Caracara 16, Chimango Caracara 6, Two-banded Plover 6, Kelp Gull 570, Austral Negrito 3,

Chilean Swallow 16, Correndera Pipit 2, Rufous-collared Sparrow 26, Long-tailed Meadowlark 6.

Pingüino Rey

10.45 – 12.10

This visit was arranged from home via the Internet

<http://www.pinguinorey.com/contactenos.html>. We were allowed to approach the penguins within limits.

King Penguin 21 AD with 6 pull, Southern Giant-Petrel 2, Black-browed Albatross 20, Manx Shearwater 3, White-chinned Petrel 4, Grey Petrel 2, Imperial Cormorant 20, Southern Crested Caracara 1, White-rumped Sandpiper 1, Kelp Gull 20, Chilean Skua 7, Long-tailed Meadowlark 3.

Patagonian Grey Fox 1.



Km 113 on road 257 going N

Chilean Flamingo 201 (lake SE of the road), Two-banded Plover 6, Short-billed Miner 6 (W of the road).

Angostura Primera

15.15 – 17.45

We had a good view of the birds passing from the lighthouse north of the ferry at Punta Delgada.

Great Grebe 2, Black-browed Albatross 6 E, Magellanic Diving-Petrel 14 W, Common Diving-Petrel 2 W, Magellanic Penguin 50, Neotropic Cormorant 12 W, Rock Cormorant 30 W, Imperial Cormorant 10 W, Cinereous Harrier 2, Magellanic Oystercatcher 18 W, Chilean Skua 70 W, Dolphin Gull 1, Kelp Gull 20, Brown-hooded Gull 3, South American Tern 8000 W, Patagonian Yellow-Finch 1.

Peale's Dolphin 10.

We ended up in Punta Arenas at Hotel Best Western Finis Terrae, which was placed in the centre of the town. We stayed there for two nights. All in all for two doubles we paid US\$ 600.

Friday Feb 24th

Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes

06.00- 20.00

We drove road 9 to its very end at the southernmost town on any mainland in the world and continued as long as it was possible on the gravel road with the bay on our left handside. Impressive view!

Black-browed Albatross 59, Southern Giant-Petrel 93, Magellanic Diving-Petrel 25, Rock Cormorant 25, Imperial Cormorant 1670, Coscoroba Swan 10, Upland Goose 105, Speckled Teal 2, Flightless Steamer-Duck 4, Red Shoveller 12, Spectacled Duck 2, Crested Duck 135, Magellanic Penguin 140, Chilean Flamingo 1, Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Black-faced Ibis 6, Southern Crested Caracara 10, Chimango Caracara 28, American Kestrel 1, Magellanic Oystercatcher 19, Southern Lapwing 17, Baird's Sandpiper 8, Chilean Skua 166, South Polar Skua 10+, Kelp Gull 1810,

Brown-hooded Gull 150, South American Tern 500, Buff-winged Cinclodes 5, Dark-bellied Cinclodes 11, Thorn-tailed Rayadito 4, White-crested Elaenia 10, Tufted Tit-Tyrant 3, Fire-eyed Diucon 10, Chilean Swallow 12, Correndera Pipit 5, House Wren 4, Austral Thrush 2, Black-chinned Siskin 6, Patagonian Sierra-Finch 3, Rufous-collared Sparrow 61, Long-tailed Meadowlark 23, Austral Blackbird 32.

Km 10

Kelp Goose 2, Rufous-chested Dotterel 1,

Km 18

Cinereous Harrier 1.

Km 44.6

Kelp Goose 1, Blackish Oystercatcher 1, Green-backed Firecrown 1.

Km 67.5

Southern Fulmar 3, White-chinned Petrel 5, Green-backed Firecrown 1.



Southern Giant-Petrel

Saturday Feb 25th

According to our tight schedule it was time for another change – 4300 km due north to Arica. With a very early start from Punta Arenas we arrived at noon in Arica with a change of planes in Santiago. It proved difficult to get access to an area right south of the airport at the mouth of Río Lluta. The military guarded it against types like us.

Arica: Península Alcrán + The Mouth of Río San José

13.00-19.00

Peruvian Pelican 740, Peruvian Booby 72, Neotropic Cormorant 200, Guanay Cormorant 5000 S, Red-legged Cormorant 16, Little Blue Heron 1, Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Turkey Vulture 147, American Kestrel 1, Blackish Oystercatcher 14, American Oystercatcher 13, Hudsonian Whimbrel 3, Ruddy Turnstone 70, Surfbird 200, Band-tailed Gull 90, Grey Gull 1500, Kelp Gull 50, Franklin's Gull 25,000, Elegant Tern 2000, Inca Tern 550, Rock Pigeon 30, Pacific Dove 40, Croaking Ground Dove 31, House Sparrow 4, Cinereous Conebill 1, Rufous-collared Sparrow 10.

South American Sea Lion 1.



Mostly Franklin's Gulls

We went to the cozy Hotel Savona for the night paying US\$ 154 for two doubles. Our breakfast was not that interesting, but during the night it proved a good place to stay during earthquake.

Cinereous Conebill 1, Croaking Ground Dove 3.

Sunday Feb 26th

Arica: The Mouth of Río San José

06.45-09.30

Peruvian Pelican 600, Peruvian Booby 5, Neotropic Cormorant 200, Guanay Cormorant 1000, Black-crowned Night-Heron 11, Turkey Vulture 84, American Oystercatcher 33, Band-tailed Gull 20, Grey Gull 300, Kelp Gull 2, Franklin's Gull 15,000, Elegant Tern 200, Inca Tern 10, Rock Pigeon 110, Pacific Dove 58, Rufous-collared Sparrow 8.

We had another go at the roosting site before we went to the market to buy provisions for our trip through Valle de Lluta and the barren mountains to Putre.

Arica - Putre

09.30-15.30

Turkey Vulture 437, Black-breasted Buzzard-Eagle 1, American Kestrel 9, Pacific Dove 18, Croaking Ground Dove 22, Black-winged Ground Dove 41, Groove-billed Ani 2, Vermillion Flycatcher 6, Andean Swallow 40, Cinereous Conebill 3, Black-hooded Sierra-Finch 2, Mourning Sierra-Finch 10, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch 4, Greenish Yellow-Finch 14, Rufous-collared Sparrow 24.

Km 3

Chestnut-throated Seedeater 1.



Slender-billed Finch

Km 7 at Puente Santa Lucía

Slender-billed Finch 1 (the one and only of the trip).

Chestnut-throated Seedeater 1.

Km 37

Km 90 Pukará de Copaquilla

Greyish Miner 2.

Km 91.5

Dark-winged Canastero 2, Band-tailed Seedeater 1.

Mirado

Andean Condor 1.

Putre

15.30 -

We went round the outskirts of the town before going to the last day of a very local carnival! We stayed three nights at Terrace Lodge at US\$ 60/db/night. Quite a nice place.

Bare-faced Ground Dove 4, Spot-winged Dove 50, Andean Hillstar 4, Creamy-winged Cinclodes 1, White-browed Chat-Tyrant 1, Chiguanco Thrush 5, Hooded Siskin 4, Blue-and-yellow Tanager 1, Mourning Sierra-Finch 7, Black-throated Flowerpiercer 2, Rufous-collared Sparrow 10.

Monday Feb 27th

Putre

07.00 - 18.00

The so-called “Wet Gorge” to the west of Putre was the target of the morning birding after which we walked to the east and south side for the rest of the day.

Andean Condor 4, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 2, Puna Hawk 3, Mountain Caracara 3, Bare-faced Ground Dove 33, Black-winged Ground Dove 18, Spot-winged Dove 21, Mountain Parakeet 7, Andean Hillstar 8, Giant Hummingbird 3, White-throated Earthcreeper 2, Plain-breasted Earthcreeper 2, Creamy-winged Cinclodes 4, White-winged Cinclodes 2, Streaked Tit-Spinetail 3, Dark-winged Canastero 8, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant 2, White-browed Chat-Tyrant 4, House Wren 1, Chiguanco Thrush 28, Thick-billed Siskin 2, Hooded Siskin 58, Blue-and-yellow Tanager 2, Black-hooded Sierra-Finch 13, Mourning Sierra-Finch 38, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch 6, Band-tailed Seedeater 8, Black-throated Flowerpiercer 7, Greenish Yellow-Finch 16, Rufous-collared Sparrow 52.



Tuesday Feb 28th

Putre - Lauca NP (to km 180)

08.30 - 21.00

White-tufted Grebe 1, Silvery Grebe 404, Puna Rhea 8, Neotropic Cormorant 3, Chilean Flamingo 56, Andean Flamingo 23, Puna Flamingo 3, Speckled Teal 337, Andean Goose 971, Puna Teal 150, Crested Duck 55, Puna Hawk 5, Mountain Caracara 1, American Kestrel 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, Andean Coot 1275, Giant Coot 95, Andean Avocet 28, Andean Lapwing 1, Hudsonian Whimbrel 1, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Lesser Yellowlegs 2, Baird's Sandpiper 14, Andean Gull 100, Bare-faced Ground Dove 2, Spot-winged Dove 5, Andean Hillstar 3, Andean Flicker 8, Common Miner 1, Puna Miner 9, Cream-winged Cinclodes 15, White-winged Cinclodes 2, Cordilleran Canastero 5, Puna Ground-Tyrant 25, Andean Negrito 22, Andean Swallow 6, Mourning Sierra-Finch 5, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch 15, White-throated Sierra-Finch 8, White-winged Diuca-Finch 6, Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch 6, Rufous-collared Sparrow 6.

Km 145

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe 1.

Km 146 Las Cuevas

Pectoral Sandpiper 2, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe 4.

Km 147, a pond to the right

Puna Plover 1.

Km 151

Black Siskin 10.

Parinacota

Andean Ruddy Duck 1.

Lago Parinacota

Andean Ruddy Duck 30, White-cheeked Pintail 4, White-fronted Ground-Tyrant 2.

Wednesday Feb 29th

Putre East (“Dry Gorge”)

07.30-11.00

Puna Hawk 1, Bare-faced Ground Dove 8, Spot-winged Dove 27, Mountain Parakeet 1, Andean Hillstar 4, Cream-winged Cinclodes 2, Canyon Canastero 1, Chiguanco Thrush 10, Hooded Siskin 12, Cinereous Conebill 2, Black-hooded Sierra-Finch 11, Mourning Sierra-Finch 15, Band-tailed Seed eater 3, Rufous-collared Sparrow 20.

Putre “Centre”

Sparkling Violetear 3 at eucalyptus on the main square.

Putre – Lauca NP (Las Cuevas)

07.30-11.00

As we had missed out some important birds In Lauca the day before we decided to have another try before directing ourselves back towards Arica - not a bad decision. Today our headaches due to the heights were less vehement, too.

Speckled Teal 20, Andean Goose 3, Crested Duck 7, Mountain Caracara 4, Andean Gull 6, Andean Hillstar 5, Puna Miner 1, Cream-winged Cinclodes 2, White-winged Cinclodes 3, Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant 7, Black Siskin 8, Cinereous Conebill 4, Mourning Sierra-Finch 7, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch 9, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch 3, Chestnut-throated Seed eater 2, Greenish Yellow-Finch 2.

Km 141.900

Exactly at this point we were very lucky to finally find the much sought after diadem – in addition with two young!

Diademed Sandpiper Plover 1 AD +2 pulls, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe 4, Black Siskin 8.

Km 144

Andean Condor 1 “passing”.



Km 145

Torrent Duck 2 males (chasing each other), Puna Hawk 1, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe

Valle de LLuta

13.00 - 18.00

When reaching the fertile valley we had a few stopovers.

Black-faced Ibis 1, Turkey Vulture 110, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 2, American Kestrel 9, Pacific Dove 8, Black-winged Ground Dove 31, Groove-billed Ani 1, Vermillion Flycatcher 11, Barn Swallow 61, House Wren 3, Rufous-collared Sparrow 15, Peruvian Meadowlark 1.

Thursday Mar 1st

Valle de Azapa

8.00- 11.00

Great Egret 2, Cattle Egret 2, Turkey Vulture 110, American Kestrel 4, Lesser Yellowlegs 3, Rock Pigeon 100, Pacific Dove 25, Croaking Ground Dove 17, Barn Swallow 3, Rufous-collared Sparrow 20.

Km 9.240
8.30 - 9.00

This was a place that looked good due to a lot of flowery bushes. Unfortunately there was a lot of heavy traffic – but all three hummers were present.

Peruvian Sheartail 2, Oasis Hummingbird 8, **Chilean Woodstar** 4.

Km 12 – at the museum, a
left turn

Peruvian Thick-knee 3, Pectoral Sandpiper 7 (at a pond), Burrowing Owl 3, Peruvian Sheartail 12, **Chilean Woodstar** 2, Oasis Hummingbird 5.

Peruvian Thick-knee

Valle de Chaca, towards Caleta Vitor

12.15 – 15.00

This was hot – 41 degrees centigrade. Still, there was some bird life, especially at the coast.

Peruvian Pelican 95, Peruvian Booby 42, Neotropic Cormorant 50, Guanay Cormorant 17, Red-legged Cormorant 17, Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Turkey Vulture 117, American Kestrel 1, Blackish Oystercatcher 1, Willet 1, Pacific Dove 16, Croaking Ground Dove 8, White-crested Elaenia 12, Vermillion Flycatcher 4, Barn Swallow 1, Rufous-collared Sparrow 5.

Puente Chaca, at the parking lot east – in a big tree

11.35 – 12.00

Tamarugo Conebill 1.

**Arica: Península Alcrán + The Mouth
of Río San José**

16.00- 19.00

Peruvian Pelican 1200, Peruvian Booby 40, Neotropic Cormorant 150, Guanay Cormorant 800 S, Red-legged Cormorant 40, Little Blue Heron 3, Cattle Egret 1, Black-crowned Night-Heron 4, Turkey Vulture 50, American Kestrel 1, Blackish Oystercatcher 11, American Oystercatcher 43, Hudsonian Whimbrel 75, Willet 70, Ruddy Turnstone 143, Surfbird 450, Band-tailed Gull 40, Grey Gull 1500, Kelp Gull 5, Franklin's Gull 25,000, Elegant Tern 50, Inca Tern 900, Rock Pigeon 40, Pacific Dove 20.

South American Sea Lion 1.

Friday Mar 2nd

Again it was time to frequent LAN Chile. Around noon we landed once more in Santiago. This time we headed west.

Santiago-María Pinto – Bollenar - Concón

14.00- 16.00

Peruvian Pelican 70, Peruvian Booby 50, Neotropic Cormorant 10, Cattle Egret 32, Black Vulture 3, Turkey Vulture 5, Chimango Caracara 53, American Kestrel 4, Southern Lapwing 84, Kelp Gull 50, Brown-hooded Gull 2000, Inca Tern 30, Black Skimmer 17, Rock Pigeon 4, Picui Ground Dove 5, **Chilean Mockingbird** 3, Austral Thrush 5, Long-tailed Meadowlark 1.

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter

El Peral

16.00- 18.00

El Peral was supposed to close at 5 pm, but we were kindly allowed to visit the nice birding site until 6 pm.

Black-necked Swan 1, Yellow-billed Pintail 4, Cinnamon Teal 2, Red Shoveller 1, Lake Duck 20, Great Grebe 3, White-tailed Kite 1, Plumbeous Rail 2, Spot-flanked Gallinule 1, Red-gartered Coot 10, Red-fronted Coot 75, Southern Lapwing 19, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Kelp Gull 15, Brown-hooded Gull 10, Rock Pigeon 5, Striped Woodpecker 1, Dusky Tapaculo 1, Rufous-tailed Plantcutter 1, Many-coloured Rush Tyrant 1, Austral Negrito 2, House Wren 10, **Chilean Mockingbird** 2, Austral Thrush 30, Rufous-collared Sparrow 20, Long-tailed Meadowlark 20, Austral Blackbird 6.

We stayed this night and the next one at Pingüino en la Roca, a somewhat dilapidated hotel built into the cliffs with a tremendous view of the Pacific near Concón paying US \$35/db/night. This was very close to Río Aconcagua, which we visited from various angles. However, we were warned at the bridge not to leave our car unattended.

Saturday Mar 2nd

Punta Liles

7.00 – 7.30 + 16.30 – 19.30

From home we had contacted Aconcagua Birding and agreed on a pelagic from Quintero this very day at 6.30 am. Though they also got our cell phone number they apparently chose to try contact via e-mail when to inform us that for some reason the pelagic had moved to Valparaíso....

*We went to Punta Liles instead to get at least some glimpse of the sea – and the **Seaside Cinclodes**, which should be very probable there. The shearwaters were seen in the afternoon only.*

Pink-footed Shearwater 32, Sooty Shearwater 696, Peruvian Pelican 150, Peruvian Booby 350, Neotropic Cormorant 35, Chimango Caracara 2, American Kestrel 1, Magellanic Oystercatcher 1, Kelp Gull 150, Brown-hooded Gull 430, South American Tern 8, Rock Pigeon 10, Pacific Dove 10, Picui Ground Dove 4, **Chilean Seaside Cinclodes** 4, Rufous-tailed Plantcutter 1, Chilean Swallow 1, Austral Thrush 10.

Quintero – Concón – Villa Alemana – Valparaíso – Quintero - Concón

7 30-8 30 + 10 00 – 16 30

Pied-billed Grebe 1, Neotropic Cormorant 2, Black Vulture 4, Turkey Vulture 1, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 1, Chimango Caracara 58, American Kestrel 1, Red-gartered Coot 4, Southern Lapwing 131, Greater Yellowlegs 4, Lesser Yellowlegs 1, Kelp Gull 110, Rock Pigeon 48, Long-tailed Meadowlark 14, Austral Blackbird 10.

Lago Peñuelas

Though the area doubled as a picnic area it proved quite productive with birds.

California Quail 8, Great Grebe 10, Neotropic Cormorant 52, Great Egret 10, Snowy Egret 2, Cooi Heron 10, Yellow-billed Pintail 12, Black Vulture 82, Turkey Vulture 10, Variable Hawk 1, Chimango Caracara 100, Southern Lapwing 210, Kelp Gull 200, Black Skimmer 3, Correndera Pipit 10.

Puente Santa Julia, Concón

Harris's Hawk 1.

Río Aconcagua, Concón

8.30 – 10.00

From the bridge we walked out to the seaside and the lagoon.

Snowy Egret 1, Cocoli Heron 3, Chiloe Wigeon 4, Harris's Hawk 1, White-backed Stilt 26, Burrowing Owl 2 (close to the beach).

Sunday Mar 3rd

Río Aconcagua, Concón

7.00 – 10.00

Pied-billed Grebe 1, White-tufted Grebe 1, Great Grebe 12, Neotropic Cormorant 39, Cocoli Heron 3, Great Egret 3, Snowy Egret 1, Cattle Egret 3, Black-crowned Night-Heron 1, Chimango Caracara 25, Red-gartered Coot 10, American Oystercatcher 38, White-backed Stilt 1, Southern Lapwing 10, Hudsonian Whimbrel 3, Sanderling 2, Kelp Gull 100, Rock Pigeon 10, Picui Ground Dove 12, Green-backed Firecrown 1, Chilean Swallow 12, **Chilean Mockingbird** 6, Austral Thrush 1, House Sparrow 20, Black-chinned Siskin 3, Rufous-collared Sparrow 20, Yellow-winged Blackbird 15, Long-tailed Meadowlark 10, Shiny Cowbird 1100, Austral Blackbird 1,

Puente Concón

Spot-flanked Gallinule 3, Wren-like Rushbird 1.

Puente Las Gaviotas

Wren-like Rushbird 3, **Dusky-tailed Canastero** 1.

Concón – La Campana – Lampa - Santiago

Towards our last night in the country we visited a few localities on our way. Of course it was not prime time to visit La Campana in the middle of the day, but so be it. We succeeded in getting some nice species anyhow.

California Quail 1, Neotropic Cormorant 20, Snowy Egret 1, Cattle Egret 1, Chimango Caracara 31, American Kestrel 5, Southern Lapwing 3, Rock Pigeon 20, Picui Ground Dove 10, Monk Parakeet 2, **Chilean Mockingbird** 8, Rufous-collared Sparrow 16, Long-tailed Meadowlark 2.

La Campana

12.15-16.00

Black-chested Buzzard Eagle 2, Chilean Pigeon 1(at the sign: “Segundo Puente – Sendero los Plumos”), Green-backed Firecrown 1, Striped Woodpecker 2 (right before the sign: “Sendero Andinista”), Thorn-tailed Rayadito 12, White-throated Treerunner 5, **White-throated Tapaculo** 1 (it took a while to get sight of this bird after we heard it - at the sign: “Segundo Puente – Sendero los Plumos”), Tufted Tit-Tyrant 16, House Wren 2, **Chilean Mockingbird** 2, Patagonian Sierra-Finch 2.

Estero Lampa

17 30-18 30

We had some trouble finding this place – which proved to be a dump with some (greenish) water, and a few bushes on one side.

Cinereous Harrier 2, Chimango Caracara 4, Southern Lapwing 4, Picui Ground Dove 12, Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail 2, Rufous-tailed Plantcutter 1, Fire-eyed Diucon 4, House Wren 11, Yellow-winged Blackbird 40, Long-tailed Meadowlark 3.



Systematic List of Birds Recorded

It should be noted that date, time and other specifications do not occur on this list as they are supposedly easy to find in the itinerary once you know the place of observation. Observations are mentioned chronologically. In the case of a site being visited more than once numbers are mentioned by means of “/” if the visits cover the same itinerary. Otherwise “+” is used. Endemics are written in **CAPITALS**. The list follows Alvaro Jaramillo, Birds of Chile, London 2010.

CHILEAN TINAMOU *Nothoprocta perdicaria*

1 Santiago – Farellones.

California Quail *Callipepla californica*

8 Farellones, 8 Lago Peñuelas, 1 Concón – Santiago.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

1/1 Río Aconcagua.

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland*

57 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 10 Torres del Paine, 1 Lauca NP, 1 Río Aconcagua.

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis*

occipitalis: 6 Torres del Paine

juninensis: 404 Lauca NP.

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

1 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 3 Torres del Paine, 2 Angostura Primera, 3 El Peral, 10 Lago Peñuelas, 12 Río Aconcagua.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

30 Puerto Chabunco, 22 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 20 Pingüino Rey, 6 Angostura Primera, 59 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

5 Puerto Chabunco, 1 Seno Ottway, 10 Porvenir - Punta Arenas, 2 Pingüino Rey, 93 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Southern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialoides*

3 Punta Arenas - Fuerte Bulnes.

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

696 Punta Liles.

Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus*

32 Punta Liles.

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

3 Pingüino Rey.

White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis*

4 Pingüino Rey, 5 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Grey Petrel *Procellaria cinerea*

2 Pingüino Rey.

Magellanic Diving-Petrel *Pelecanoides magellani*

14 Angostura Primera, **25** Punta Arenas-Fuerte Bulnes.

Common Diving-Petrel *Pelecanoides garnoti*

2 Angostura Primera.

Magellanic Penguin *Spheniscus magellanicus*

28 Seno Ottway, **2** Puerto natales – Porvenir, **50** Angostura Primera, **140** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

King Penguin *Aptenodytes patagonica*

21 AD with **6** pull Pingüino Rey.

Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata*

72/5/40 Arica, **42** Caleta Vitor, **50** Concón, **350** Punta Liles.

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus*

740/600/1200 Arica, **95** Caleta Vitor, **70** Concón, **150** Punta Liles.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Widespread, most **200** Arica, **52** Lago Peñuelas.

Rock Cormorant *Phalacrocorax magellanicus*

5 Puerto Chabunco, **2** Porvenir, **30** Angostura Primera, **25** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Imperial Cormorant *Phalacrocorax atriceps*

Widespread in the south, most **150** Puerto Natales, **500** Porvenir – Punta Arenas, **1670** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.



Guanay Cormorant *Phalacrocorax bougainvillii*
5000/1000/800 Arica, **17** Caleta Vitor.

Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi*
16/40 Arica, **17** Caleta Vitor.

Darwin's Rhea *Pterocnemia pennata*
24 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **8** Seno Ottway, **24** Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine, **48** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **48** Pali Aike, **74** Porvenir – Punta Arenas.

Puna Rhea *Pterocnemia tarapacensis*
8 Lauca NP.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*
2 Valle de Azapa, **10** Lago Peñuelas, **3** Río Aconcagua.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*
2 Lago Peñuelas, **1/1** Río Aconcagua, **1** Concón – Santiago.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

10 Lago Peñuelas, 3/3 Río Aconcagua.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

2 Valle de Azapa, 32 Santiago – Concón, 3 Río Aconcagua, 1 Concón – Santiago, 1 Arica .

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

1/3 Arica.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax obscurus*

2 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 5 Puerto Natales, 1 Porvenir, 2 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 2/11/4 Arica, 2 Valle de Chaca, 1 Río Aconcagua.

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopsis melanopsis*

25 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 20 Seno Ottway, 70 Puerto Natales, 9 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 62 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 6 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 1 Valle de Lluta (which is way out of range! The large black wattle proved it to be *melanopsis*, not *branickii*).

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis*

53 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales , 1 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 201 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 1 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 56 Lauca NP.

Andean Flamingo *Phoenicoparrus andinus*

23 Lauca NP.

Puna Flamingo *Phoenicoparrus jamesi*

3 Lauca NP.

Coscoroba Swan *Coscoroba coscoroba*

22 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 6 Torres del Paine, 4 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 10 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 10 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Black-necked Swan *Cygnus melancoryphus*

17 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 18 Puerto Natales, 10 Torres del Paine, 8 Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera*

971/3 Lauca NP.

Upland Goose *Chloephaga picta*

Very common in the south, most **2000** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **150** Torres del Paine, **830** Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Kelp Goose *Chloephaga hybrida*

3 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Ashy-headed Goose *Chloephaga poliocephala*

20 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **20** Torres del Paine.

Ruddy-headed Goose *Chloephaga rubidiceps*

4 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales.

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularoides*

Most **20** Puerto Chabunco, **15** Seno Ottway, **20** Torres del Paine, **318** Porvenir – Punta Arenas, **135** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **55** Lauca NP.

Flying Steamer-Duck *Tachyeres patachonicus*

6 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales.

Flightless Steamer-Duck *Tachyeres pteneres*

2 Puerto Chabunco, **4** Punta Arenas-Fuerte Bulnes.

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata*

A much sought-after-bird – we succeeded in a most unexpected place: **2** chasing males Lauca NP.

Spectacled Duck *Speculanas specularis*

7 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **11** Torres del Paine, **14** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **2** Porvenir – Punta Arenas, **2** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Speckled Teal *Anas flavirostris*

Flavirostris **2** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **50** Torres del Paine, **10** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **2** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Oxyptera **337/20** Lauca NP.

Chiloe Wigeon *Anas sibilatrix*

16 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **4** Río Aconcagua.

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica*

40 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **50** Torres del Paine, **12** Lago Peñuelas, **4** El Peral.

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

4 Lago Parinacota.

Puna Teal *Anas puna*

150 Lauca NP.

Silver Teal *Anas versicolor*

10 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales , **20** Torres del Paine.

Red Shoveler *Anas platalea*

1 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **104** Torres del Paine, **12** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **1** El Peral.

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*

2 El Peral.

Andean Ruddy Duck *Oxyura ferruginea*

1 Parinacota, **30** Lago Parinacota.

Lake Duck *Oxyura vittata*

3 Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine, **20** El Peral.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

3 Santiago –Concón, **4** Quintero – Villa Alemana, **82** Lago Peñuelas.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Most **147** Arica, **437** Arica – Putre, **110** Valle de Lluta, **110** Valle de Azapa, **117** Valle de Chaca.

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus*

7 Santiago – Farellones, **4** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **5** Embalse el Yeso, **3** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **7** Torres del Paine, **1** Arica – Putre, **4** Putre, **1** Lauca NP.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

10 Santiago – Farellones, **2** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **3** Embalse el Yeso, **3** Torres del Paine, **1** Arica – Putre, **2** Putre, **2** Valle de Lluta, **1** Quintero – Villa Alemana, **2** La Campana.

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

1 El Peral.

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*

1 Seno Ottway, 1 Torres del Paine, 2 Angostura Primera, 1 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 2 Estero Lampa.

Variable Hawk *Buteo polyosoma*

1 Farellones, 2 Embalse el Yeso, 1 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 1 Lago Peñuelas.



Puna Hawk *Buteo poecilochrous*

3/1 Putre, 5/1 Lauca NP.

Chilean Hawk *Accipiter chilensis*

1 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 1 Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine.

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*

2 Concón.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

2 Farellones, 2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 2 Embalse el Yeso, 3/1 Putre, 4 Putre – Lauca NP.

Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Most 50 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 20 Torres del Paine, 21 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 16 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 10 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Chimango Caracara *Milvago chimango*

Common, most 30 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 39 Torres del Paine, 28 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 53 Santiago – Concón, 58 Quintero – Villa Alemana, 100 Lago Peñuelas, 25 Río Aconcagua, 31 Concón – Santiago.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Many observations of single birds. Higher counts 4 Torres del Paine, 9 Arica – Putre, 9 Valle de Lluta, 4 Valle de Azapa, 4 Santiago – Concón, 5 Concón – Santiago.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

1 Farellones, 1 Lauca NP.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*

1 Farellones.

Austral Rail *Rallus antarticus*

1 glimpsed, Puente Weber and 1 heard from the bog at the Sarmiento entrance – both Torres del Paine.

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*

1 Puerto Natales, 2 El Peral.

Spot-flanked Gallinule *Gallinula melanops*

1 El Peral, 3 Río Aconcagua.

Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armilata*

3 Torres del Paine, 10 El Peral, 4 Quintero – Villa Alemana, 10 Río Aconcagua.

White-winged Coot *Fulica leucoptera*

62 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 20 Torres del Paine, 2 Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*
1275 Lauca NP.

Red-fronted Coot *Fulica rufifrons*
75 El Peral.

Giant Coot *Fulica gigantea*
95 Lauca NP.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*
13/33/43 Arica, 38 Río Aconcagua.

Magellanic Oystercatcher *Haematopus leucopodus*
180 Bahía Oazy, 18 W Angostura Primera, 19 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 1 Punta Liles.

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater*
1 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 14/11 Arica, 1 Valle de Chaca.

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus*
26/1 Río Aconcagua.

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover *Chorlito cordillerano*
1 AD with 2 pull. Lauca. After quite some searching we finally succeeded at exactly km 141.900!

Andean Avocet *Recurvirostra andina*
28 Lauca.

Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris*
3 Valle de Azapa.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*
Most 20 Embalse el Yeso, 20 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 35 Torres del Paine, 84 Santiago – Concón, 131 Quintero – Villa Alemana, 210 Lago Peñuelas.

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*

1 Lauca.

Two-banded Plover *Charadrius falklandicus*

10 Puerto Chabunco, 3 Seno Ottway, 26 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 6 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 6 Pingüino Rey – Angostura Primera.

Puna Plover *Charadrius alticola*

1 Lauca.

Rufous-chested Dotterel *Charadrius modestus*

2 Torres del Paine, 1 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 2 Pali Aike, 1 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Tawny-throated Dotterel *Oreopholus ruficollis*

48 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 30 Pali Aike.

Magellanic Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiae magellanica*

1 Embalse el Yeso, 2 Seno Ottway, 2 Torres del Paine.

Hudsonian Whimbrel *Numenius hudsonicus*

3/75 Arica, 1 Lauca, 3 Río Aconcagua.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

1 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 1 Lauca, 1 El Peral, 4 Quintero – Villa Alemana.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

1 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 2 Lauca, 3 Valle de Azapa, 1 Quintero – Villa Alemana.

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

20 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 6 Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

1 Valle de Chaca, 70 Arica.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

70/143 Arica.

Surfbird *Aphriza virgata*

200/450 Arica.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Playero pectoral*

2 Lauca, 7 Valle de Azapa.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

2 Río Aconcagua.

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*

1 Embalse el Yeso, 22 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 7 Seno Ottway, 40 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 1 Pingüino Rey.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*

15 Torres del Paine, 12 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 8 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 14 Putre.

Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus*

4 Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Least Seedsnipe



Grey-breasted Seedsnipe *Thinocorus orbignyianus*
7 Embalse el Yeso, 4 Lauca.

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe *Perdicita cordillerana*
1/1 Lauca.

Chilean Skua *Stercorarius chilensis*
28 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 5 Puerto Natales, 25 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 84 Porvenir, 7 Pingüino Rey, 70 W Angostura Primera, 166 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki*
10+ Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes. Frankly, once identified we did not spend much time on identifying further individuals of this species.

Dolphin Gull *Larus scoresbii*
3 Puerto Natales, 46 Porvenir, 1 Angostura Primera.

Band-tailed Gull *Larus belcherii*
90/20/40 Arica.

Grey Gull *Larus modestus*
1500/300/1500 Arica.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*
Most 4500 Porvenir, 570 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 1810 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 150 Punta Liles, 200 Lago Peñuelas.

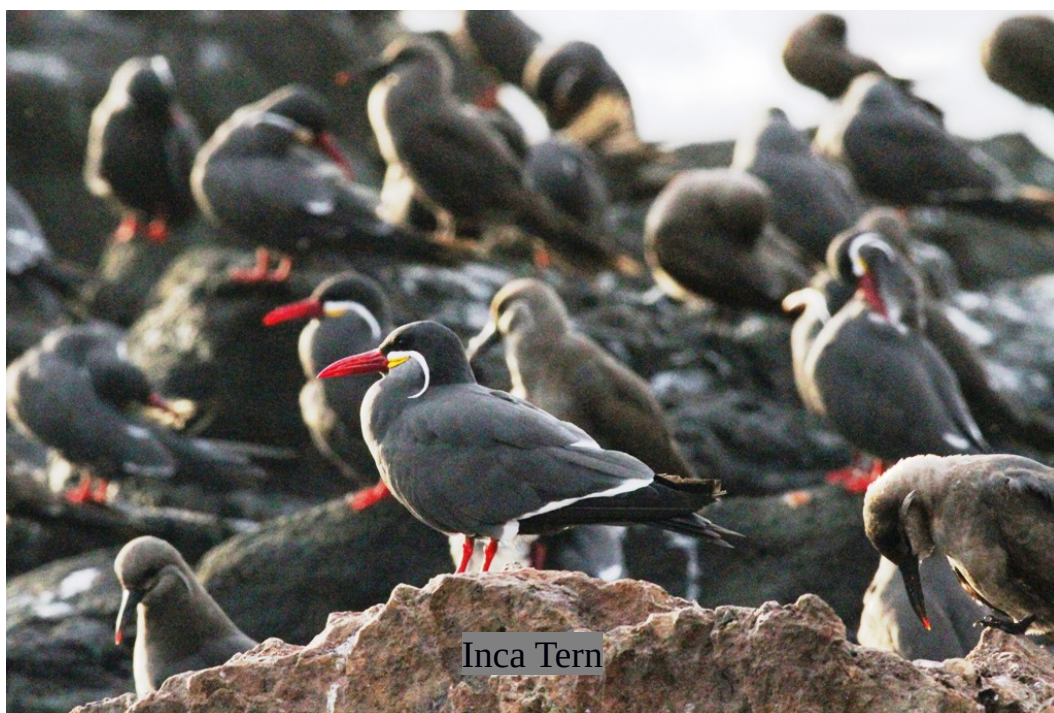
Brown-hooded Gull *Larus maculipennis*
Most 98 Porvenir, 150 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 2000 Santiago – Concón, 430 Punta Liles.

Andean Gull *Larus serranus*
100/6 Lauca,

Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*
25,000/15,000/25,000 Arica. Quite impressive view at the mouth of the Río San José!

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea*
2 Seno Ottway, 30 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 8000 W Angostura Primera, 500 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 8 Punta Liles.

Elegant Tern *Sterna elegans*
2000/200/50 Arica.



Inca Tern

Inca Tern *Larosterna inca*
550/10/900 Arica, 30 Concón.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*
17 Concón, 3 Lago Peñuelas.

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
Most 70 Santiago –Embalse el Yeso, 110 Arica, 100 Valle de Azapa.

Chilean Pigeon *Patagioenas araucana*

1 La Campana (at the sign: “Segundo Puente – Sendero los Plumos”).

Spot-winged Dove *Patagioenas maculosa*

An interesting find in Putre, not mentioned in Jaramillo: **50/21/27** Putre, **5** Putre – Lauca.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

12 Santiago – Farellones, **30** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **40** Embalse el Yeso.

Pacific Dove *Zenaida meloda*

40/58/20 Arica, **18** Arica – Putre, **8** Valle de Lluta, **25** Valle de Azapa, **16** Valle de Chaca, **10** Punta Liles.

Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana*

34 Arica, **22** Arica – Putre, **17** Valle de Azapa, **8** Valle de Chaca.

Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui*

5 Santiago – Concón, **4** Punta Liles, **12** Río Acancagua, **10** Concón – Santiago, **12** Estero Lampa.

Bare-faced Ground-Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*

4/33/8 Putre, **2** Putre-Lauca.

Black-winged Ground-Dove *Metriopelia malenoptera*

30 Farellones, **20** Embalse el Yeso, **41** Arica – Putre, **18** Putre, **31** Valle de Lluta.

Monk Parakeet *Myopsitta monachus*

11/2 Santiago.

Austral Parakeet *Enicognathus ferrugineus*

6 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **20** Torres del Paine.

Mountain Parakeet *Psilopsiagon aurifrons*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **7/1** Putre.

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

2/1 Valle de Lluta.

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

3 Valle de Azapa at the museum, 2 Río Acancagua in the dunes.

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri corruscans*

3 Putre at the main square.

Andean Hillstar *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*

4/8/4 Putre, 3/5 Putre – Lauca.

White-sided Hillstar *Oreotrochilus estella*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 1 Embalse el Yeso.

Giant Hummingbird *Patagonas gigas*

3 Putre.

Green-backed Firecrown *Sephanoides sephanoides*

2 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 1 Río Aconcagua, 1 La Campana.

Oasis Hummingbird *Rhodopsis vesper*

13 Valle de Azapa.

Peruvian Sheartail *Thaumastura cora*

14 Valle de Azapa.

CHILEAN WOODSTAR *Eulidia yarrellii*

6 Valle de Azapa.

Chilean Flicker *Colaptes pitius*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 1 Embalse el Yeso

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola*

8 Putre – Lauca.

Striped Woodpecker *Picoides lignarius*

1 El Peral, 2 La Campana (right before the sign: “Sendero Andinista”).

Puna Miner *Geositta punensis*

9/1 Putre – Lauca.

Rufous-banded Miner *Geositta rufipennis*

12 Farellones, 25 Embalse el Yeso.

Creamy-rumped Miner *Geositta isabellina*

1 Farellones.

Common Miner *Geositta cunicularia*

Cunicularia: 2 Torres del Paine, 1 Puerto Natales – Porvenir.

Titicaca: 1 Putre – Lauca.

Short-billed Miner *Geositta antarctica*

6 Pingüino Rey – Angostura Primera at km 113 from PR on road 267.

Greyish Miner *Geositta maritima*

2 Pukará de Copaquilla (Arica – Putre).

Scale-throated Earthcreeper *Upucerthia dumetaria*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 2 Embalse el Yeso.

White-throated Earthcreeper *Upucerthia albigula*

2 Putre.

Plain-breasted Earthcreeper *Upucerthia jelskii*

2 Putre.

CRAG CHILIA *Chilia melanura*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso at km 3.1; 4 at km 6 at a small waterfall at a bend in the road, 6 Embalse el Yeso.



Crag Chilia

CHILEAN SEASIDE CINCLODES *Cinclodes nigrofumosus*

4 Punta Liles.

Grey-flanked Cinclodes *Cinclodes oustaleti*

10 Farellones, **4** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **15** Embalse el Yeso.

Dark-bellied Cinclodes *Cinclodes patagonicus*

1 Farellones, **20** Puerto Chabunco, **1** Seno Ottway, **10** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **11** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Bar-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

Buff-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus fuscus*: **1** Farellones, **30** Torres del Paine, **4** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **5** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus albiventris*: **1/4/2** Putre, **15/2** Putre – Lauca.

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis*

2 Putre, **2/3** Putre – Lauca.

Thorn-tailed Rayadito *Aphrastura spinicauda*

20 Torres del Paine, **4** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **12** La Campana.

Streaked Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura striata*

3 Putre.

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 1 Embalse el Yeso, 2 Estero Lampa.

White-throated Treerunner *Pygarrhichas albogularis*

5 La Campana.

Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops*

1/3 Puente Concón.

Canyon Canastero *Asthenes pudibunda*

1 Putre.

DUSKY-TAILED CANASTERO *Asthenes humilis*

1 Puente Concón.

Dark-winged Canastero *Asthenes arequipae*

2 Arica – Putre, 8 Putre.

Cordilleran Canastero *Asthenes modesta*

1 Farellones, 5 Putre – Lauca.

MOUSTACHED TURCA *Pteroptochos megapodius*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso (at km 6 at a small waterfall and a bend), 3 (at km 20),
1 Embalse el Yeso.

WHITE-THROATED TAPACULO *Scelorchilus albicollis*

1 La Campana (it took a while to get sight of this bird after we heard it - at the sign:
“Segundo Puente – Sendero los Plumos”).

DUSKY TAPACULO *Scytalopus fuscus*

1 El Peral.

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris*

2 Putre.

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 3 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 16 La Campana.

Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant *Tachuris rubigaster*

1 El Peral.

Vermillion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

6/11 Valle de Lluta, 4 Valle de Chaca.

Fire-eyed Diucon *Xolmis pyrope*

1 Santiago – Farellones, 1 Torres del Paine, 10 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 4 Estero Lampa.

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montana*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 1 Embalse el Yeso.

Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola capistrata*

2 Pali Aike.

Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*

2 Farellones, 4 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 2 Embalse el Yeso.

White-browed Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albilora*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, 16 Embalse el Yeso.

Puna Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola juninensis*

25 Lauca.

White-fronted Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albifrons*

2 Lago Parinacota.

Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*

7 Putre – Lauca.

Austral Negrito *Lessonia oreas*

4 Seno Ottway, 1 Puerto Natales, 8 Torres del Paine, 20 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 3 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 2 El Peral.

Andean Negrito *Lessonia rufa*

22 Lauca.

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys*

1/4 Putre.

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps*

Chilensis: 4 Santiago – Farellones, 3 Farellones, 10 Torres del Paine, 10 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes.

Modesta: **12** Valle de Chaca.

Chilean Swallow *Tachycineta meyeni*

Most **20** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **20** Torres del Paine.

Blue-and-White Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

2 Santiago – Farellones, **50** Embalse el Yeso.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Most **61** Valle de Lluta.

Andean Swallow *Haplochelidon andecola*

40 Arica – Putre, **6** Putre – Lauca.

Southern House Wren *Troglodytes musculus*

1 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **2** Torres del Paine, **4** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **1** Putre, **3** Valle de Lluta, **10** El Peral, **2** La Campana, **11** Estero Lampa.

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter *Phytotoma rara*

1 El Peral, **1** Punta Liles, **1** Estero Lampa.

CHILEAN MOCKINGBIRD *Mimus tenca*

10 Santiago – Farellones, **20** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **6** Embalse el Yeso, **3** Santiago – Concón, **2** El Peral, **6** Río Aconcagua, **10** Concón – Santiago.

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*

5/28/10 Putre.

Austral Thrush *Turdus falcklandii*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **10** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **5** Torres del Paine, **2** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **5** Santiago – Concón, **10** Punta Liles, **1** Río Aconcagua, **6** Río Aconcagua.

Correndera Pipit *Anthus correndera*

1 Torres del Paine, **3** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **2** Porvenir – Punta Arenas, **5** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **10** Lago Peñuelas.

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*

2 Arica, **3** Valle de Lluta, **4** Putre- Lauca, **2** Putre.

Tamarugo Conebill *Conirostrum tamarugense*

1 Puente Chaca (Valle de Chaca) at the parking lot.

Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*

2 Arica – Putre, 2 Putre- Lauca.

Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis*

1 Arica – Putre, 8/3 Putre.

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris*

2/7 Putre.

Blue-and-Yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis*

1/2 Putre.

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropygialis*

6 Putre- Lauca.

Greater Yellow-Finch *Sicalis auriventris*

2 Farellones, 50 Embalse el Yeso.

Greenish Yellow-Finch *Sicalis olivacens*

14 Arica – Putre, 16 Putre, 2 Putre- Lauca.

Patagonian Yellow-Finch *Sicalis lebruni*

1 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 1 Angostura Primera.

Austral Blackbird *Curaeus curaeus*

30 Santiago – Farellones, 50 Embalse el Yeso, 50 Torres del Paine, 32 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 6 El Peral, 10 Concón – Villa Alemana, 1 Río Aconcagua.

Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelaius thilius*

7 Torres del Paine, 15 Río Aconcagua, 40 Estero Lampa.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

1100 Río Aconcagua.

Long-tailed Meadowlark *Sturnella loyca*

1 Santiago – Farellones, 6 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 2 Puerto Natales – Porvenir, 9 Porvenir – Punta Arenas, 23 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 1 Santiago – Concón, 20 El Peral, 14 Concón – Villa Alemana, 10 Río Aconcagua, 2 Concón – Santiago, 3 Estero Lampa.

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*

1 Valle de Lluta.

Patagonian Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus patagonicus*

2 Torres del Paine, 3 Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, 2 La Campana.

Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus gayi*

10 Santiago – Farellones, 70 Farellones, 20 Embalse el Yeso, 8 Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, 2 Torres del Paine.

Black-hooded Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus atriceps*

2 Arica – Putre, 13/11 Putre.

Mourning Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus fruticeti*

1 Santiago – Farellones, 10 Arica – Putre, 7/38/15 Putre, 5/7 Putre- Lauca.

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus alaudinus*

2 Embalse el Yeso.

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

15/9 Putre- Lauca.

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus plebejus*

4 Arica – Putre, 6 Putre, 3 Putre- Lauca.

White-throated Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus erythronotus*

8 Putre- Lauca.

White-winged Diuca-Finch *Diuca speculifera*

6 Putre- Lauca.

Common Diuca-Finch *Diuca diuca*

8 Farellones.

Common Diuca-Finch



Slender-billed Finch *Xenospingus concolor*

1 Valle de Lluta (km 7 at Puente Santa Lucía).

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonothrichia capensis*

Most **50** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales, **50** Torres del Paine, **300** Puerto Natales – Porvenir, **52** Putre.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Most **20** Santiago – Farellones, **30** Santiago – Embalse el Yeso.

Thick-billed Siskin *Carduelis crassirostris*

2 Putre.

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

4/58/12 Putre.

Black-chinned Siskin *Carduelis barbatus*

60 Farellones, **2** Torres del Paine, **6** Punta Arenas – Fuerte Bulnes, **3** Río Aconcagua.

Black Siskin *Carduelis atrata*

26 Putre- Lauca.

Yellow-rumped Siskin *Carduelis uropygialis*

2 Santiago – Embalse el Yeso, **2** Embalse el Yeso.

