

TRIP REPORT

Pampas, Patagonia &

Tierra del Fuego

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Introduction

The legendary vast lands of the Pampas and Patagonia need no introduction. The combination of these two destinations provides an overview of some of the most amazing landscapes, stretching out from the Atlantic coast down to the southern tip of the fabled Andes range. Not only will you be spoilt by the scenery visiting these areas, remarkable birds are also to be seen. Sought-after endemics (or nearly so!) such as Pampas Meadowlark, Yellow Cardinal, Hudson's Black Tyrant, Rusty-backed Monjita, Austral Rail, Hooded Grebe, Magellanic Plover and Patagonian Tinamou, to name a few, are some of the delights we came across on our 2007 trip.

Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires welcomed us with the bright weather of austral spring. Driving away from this lively metropolis we entered the pampas: a mosaic of grasslands, marshes and woods. Shortly after leaving the urban setting, we found a good habitat and jumped out of the vehicle to stake out our first birds. Black-necked and Coscoroba Swans, Maguari Storks, Roseate Spoonbills, Southern Screamers and White-faced Ibises were plainly seen while we searched the reedbeds and tall pampas grass stands looking for passerines. We spent the morning driving and birding until we reached the coastal Atlantic area, to the quiet village of San Clemente. From here we explored the sea coast, mudflats and brackish grasslands, where we found several specialties. Olog's Gulls and Snowy-crowned Terns were easily found amongst thousands of other waders in the Punta Rasa reserve. Driving inland, we visited some private estancias to find Greater Rheas, Black-headed Duck and other specialties.

As we headed south, we left behind the pampas flatland to enter those large open natural spaces, so much renowned worldwide, that still today remain largely untouched, almost identical to what explorers found hundreds of years ago. Patagonia still retains that wild edge only remote places have, and the first few days were only a tiny example of what was to come. Heading into the southern part of the trip, the Strobel Plateau was the goal of the expedition and the search there did not prove fruitless, the Hooded 'Holy' Grebes (yes, plural!) were shining in perfect sunlight (albeit a bit windy perhaps...) for us. Hoping the future of this species may be a bit brighter than it is today, as the population is declining badly due to drought and the introduction of exotic species. In any case, we crowned that incredible day with a couple of well displayed Austral Rails, the tantalizing smell of roasting lamb leading us back to the Estancia we were staying at.

Having concluded our exploration of mountains, steppes and sea coasts of southern Patagonia, we left the continent, crossed the Magellan Strait, landing in Tierra del Fuego. The picturesque city of Ushuaia, at latitude 54 south, was our gateway to the World's End. We spent our time exploring the harbour and Darwin's unspoiled Cordillera. Once in the National Park, we came across even more specialties typical of the Sub Antarctic woods. Climbing up above the timberline we went looking for Yellow-bridled Finch and the much sought-after White-bellied Seedsnipe, which were also added to our list. A pelagic trip along the mighty Beagle Channel concluded our tour, where we found Gentoo Penguin and Magellanic Diving-Petrel.

Despite some foul weather on the southern part of the trip (remember, Patagonia equals four seasons in one day!), we did manage to see almost all the targeted species. Added to this, the top quality of the food and wines offered even at the most remote sites we stayed at, made this trip complete!

REFERENCES

Global threat categories by BirdLife International

CR = CRITICAL

EN = ENDANGERED

VU = VULNERABLE

NT = NEAR THREATENED

E = ENDEMIC SPECIES

EB = ENDEMIC BREEDER

NE = NEAR ENDEMIC (90% or more of their distribution is in Argentina)

I = INTRODUCED

* This report includes the birds seen on the tour "Birding Patagonia and the Pampas" or the accumulated list of the "Southern Argentina" tours (Parts I and II).

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NUM	REF	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	
Family Rheidae (Rheas)				
1	NT	Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	Several around General Lavalle & Punta Rasa
2	NT	Lesser Rhea	<i>Pterocnemia pennata</i>	Common in the southern part
Family Tinamidae (Tinamous)				
3		Spotted Nothura	<i>Nothura maculosa</i>	Several around General Lavalle & Punta Rasa
4	NE	Elegant Crested-Tinamou	<i>Eudromia elegans</i>	Common in the southern part
5	NE	Patagonian Tinamou	<i>Tinamotis ingoufi</i>	5 birds near Piedra Buena, great views!
Family Anhimidae (Screamers)				
6		Southern Screamer	<i>Chauna torquata</i>	Several near General Lavalle, San Clemente
Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, Swans)				
7		White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Several around General Lavalle & Punta Rasa
8		Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	6 near Bahia Blanca
9		Black-necked Swan	<i>Cygnus melanocoryphus</i>	Common throughout
10		Coscoroba Swan	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	Common throughout
11		Upland Goose	<i>Chloephaga picta</i>	Very abundant in the south, a flock of 1500 at La Angostura
12		Kelp Goose	<i>Chloephaga hybrida</i>	Several pairs on Ushuaia harbor
13		Ashy-headed Goose	<i>Chloephaga poliocephala</i>	1 at La angostura
14		Ruddy-headed Goose	<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i>	1 (of the very few left!) near Rio Gallegos
15		Flying Steamer-Duck	<i>Tachyeres patachonicus</i>	3 at Strobel Plateaux
16		Flightless Steamer-Duck	<i>Tachyeres pteneres</i>	A group in front of the hotel and at the national park
17	E-NT	White-headed Steamer-Duck	<i>Tachyeres leucocephalus</i>	3 at a beach near P. Tombo
18		Crested Duck	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>	Very abundant in the south 10-30 every day
19	NT	Spectacled Duck	<i>Specularias specularis</i>	2 in Los Glaciares NP
20		Red Shoveler	<i>Anas platatea</i>	Common throughout
21		Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	1 at the sewage ponds in Trelew
22		Silver Teal	<i>Anas versicolor</i>	Several individuals every day mostly on the northern part
23		Chiloé Wigeon	<i>Anas sibilatrix</i>	Common throughout
24		Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>	Common throughout
25		White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	A few at Gral Lavalle
26		Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas spinicauda</i>	Common throughout
27		Rosy-billed Pochard	<i>Netta peposaca</i>	Several individuals every day mostly on the northern part
28		Black-headed Duck	<i>Heteronetta atricapilla</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
29		Lake Duck	<i>Oxyura vittata</i>	Several locations, biggest concentration at the sewage ponds in Trelew
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)				
30		White-tufted Grebe	<i>Rollandia rolland</i>	Groups in several lagoons through the trip
31		Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	5 Costanera Sur
32		Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	A few on every coastal site
33		Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	Groups in several lagoons through the trip, more abundant at Strobel
34	EB-NE-NT	Hooded Grebe	<i>Podiceps gallardoi</i>	13 at Strobel Plateaux some doing courtship
Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)				
35	NT	Chilean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	Common throughout
Family Spheniscidae (Penguins)				
36	NT	Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	A nesting group in beagle channel
37	NT	Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Several thousands at Tombo and Valdes Peninsula
Family Diomedeidae (Albatrosses)				
38	EN	Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>	2 at Monte Leon NP
Family Procellariidae (Petrels, Shearwaters)				
39	NT	Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Several at all coastal sites on the south part
40	NT	Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	1 at Monte Leon NP
41		Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	After a windstorm up to 10.000 birds near San Antonio Oeste the largest number ever recorded on argentinean waters!!
Family Pelecanoididae (Diving-Petrels)				

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42		Magellanic Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>	Several seen from the boat at Beagle Channel
Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants, Cormorants)				
43		Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Common throughout
44		Magellan Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax magellanicus</i>	Several at most coastal sites
45		Imperial Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	Over 3000 at Monte Leon NP, several at other coastal sites
Family Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, Bitterns)				
46		Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	2 at Punta Rasa
47		Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa
48		Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa, a few further south
49		Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa
50		Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa, a few further south at Bahia Blanca
51		Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa
52		Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa, a few further south
Family Threskiornithidae (Ibises, Spoonbills)				
53		White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Several hundreds at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa, a few further south up to Bahia Blanca
54		Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	A few individuals everywhere in the southern part
55		Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	Several at Gral. Lavalle & Punta Rasa
Family Ciconiidae (Storks)				
56		Maguari Stork	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>	A few individuals in Gral. Lavalle, Punta Rasa and Bahia Blanca
Family Cathartidae (Vultures)				
57		Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Common throughout
58	NT	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	Magnificent display in Los Glaciares, up to 7 birds at the same time
Family Accipitridae (Hawks, Kites, Eagles)				
59		White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	A few individuals a day south to San Antonio Oeste
60		Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	Several around General Lavalle & Punta Rasa
61		Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	A few individuals a day south to San Antonio Oeste
62		Cinereous Harrier	<i>Circus cinereus</i>	A few individuals a day in the southern part
63		Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>	2 at the Strobel Plateaux
64		Harri's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	1 at San Antonio Oeste
65		Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	Punta Rasa
66		Red-backed Hawk	<i>Buteo polyosoma</i>	1-2 per day in the southern part
Family Falconidae (Caracaras, Falcons)				
67		Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	Common throughout
68		White-throated Caracara	<i>Phalcoeboenus albogularis</i>	Small numbers at the rubbish dump
69		Chimango Caracara	<i>Milvago chimango</i>	Common throughout
70		American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	1-2 per day
71		Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	individuals at Viedma & Strobel Plateaux
Family Aramidae (Limpkin)				
72		Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	Several at Gral Lavalle
Family Rallidae (Crakes, Rails, Coots)				
73	NE-VU	Austral Rail	<i>Rallus antarticus</i>	3 superbly seen plus several heard at La Angosura
74		Plumbeous Rail	<i>Pardirallus sanguinolentus</i>	2 at Punta Rasa & Bahia Blanca
75		White-winged Coot	<i>Fulica leucoptera</i>	Common throughout
76		Red-gartered Coot	<i>Fulica armillata</i>	Common throughout
77		Red-fronted Coot	<i>Fulica rufifrons</i>	Common throughout in the north
Family Charadriidae (Plovers, Lapwings)				
78		Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	Common throughout
79		American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
80		Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
81		Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
82		Two-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius falklandicus</i>	Abundant breeder in the steppes of the south

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83		Tawny-throated Dotterel	<i>Oreopholus ruficollis</i>	Small groups around Piedra Buena & Rio Gallegos, the occasional flock up to 30
Family Haematopodidae (Oystercatchers)				
84		American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Common in the northern part
85		Blackish Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ater</i>	A few scattered along the coast in the southern part
86		Magellanic Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus leucopodus</i>	Abundant breeder in the steppes of the south
Family Recurvirostridae (Stilts, Avocets)				
87		Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Common in the northern part
Family Chionididae (Sheathbills)				
88		Snowy Sheathbill	<i>Chionis albus</i>	10 at Monte Leon NP
Family Pluvianellidae (Magellanic Plover)				
89	NT	Magellanic Plover	<i>Pluvianellus socialis</i>	2 at La Angostura, a great sight!
Family Scolopacidae (Snipe, Sandpipers)				
90		Magellanic Snipe	<i>Gallinago magellanica</i>	1 around Rio Gallegos
91		Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	Several flocks at different sites at the coast
92		Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
93		Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	A few at Punta Rasa & Gral. Lavalle
94		Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
95		Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	A flock at Punta Rasa
96		White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Common throughout
97		Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	Common throughout
98		Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	A flock of 400 near Bahia Blanca, a few scattered individuals further south
Family Thinocoridae (Seedsnipe)				
99		White-bellied Seedsnipe	<i>Attagis malouinus</i>	A pair near Paso Garibaldi was one of the highlights of the trip.
100		Grey-breasted Seedsnipe	<i>Thinocorus orbignyianus</i>	A breeding pair at Strobel Plateaux
101		Least Seedsnipe	<i>Thinocorus rumicivorus</i>	Common throughout the southern part
Family Jacanidae (Jacanas)				
102		Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	2 near Bahia Blanca
Family Stercorariidae (Skuas)				
103		Chilean Skua	<i>Stercorarius chilensis</i>	Seen at the beagle channel and ushuaia harbor
104		Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>	2 at the penguin rookery in Punta Tombo
Family Laridae (Skuas, Gulls, Terns, Skimmer)				
105		Grey-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrhocephalus</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
106		Brown-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus maculipennis</i>	Common throughout
107		Dolphin Gull	<i>Leucophaeus scoresbii</i>	5 at Monte Leon NP
108	EB-NE-VU	Olrog's Gull	<i>Larus atlanticus</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
109		Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Very common throughout
110		Cayenne Tern	<i>Sterna eurygnatha</i>	Punta Rasa
111		South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	Several at the sites along the patagonian coast
112		Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Punta Rasa
113		Snowy-crowned Tern	<i>Sterna trudeaui</i>	Up to 10 a day south to Bahia Blanca
114		Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	10 at Peninsula Valdes
115		Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Several south to Punta Tombo
Family Rhynchopidae (Skimmers)				
116		Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle
Family Columbidae (Pigeons, Doves)				
117	I	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common throughout
118		Picazuro Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>	Common south to Bahia Blanca
119		Spot-winged Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas maculosa</i>	2-3 a day south to San Antonio Oeste
120		Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	Common throughout
Family Psittacidae (Parrots)				
121		Nanday Parakeet	<i>Nandayus nenday</i>	2 Costanera Sur
122	NE	Burrowing Parrot	<i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i>	Several hundreds at the colonies in Bahia Blanca & San Antonio Oeste
123		Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	Abundant south to Bahia Blanca
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos, Anis)				
124		Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>	Punta Rasa and Costanera Sur
Family Strigidae (Owls)				

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125		Lesser Horned Owl	<i>Bubo magellanicus</i>	1 near San Antonio Oeste and 2 at La Angostura
126		Austral Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium nanum</i>	3 at Los Glaciares NP
127		Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cucularia</i>	1 at Punta Rasa and at San Antonio Oeste
Family Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)				
128		Glittering-bellied Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon aureoventris</i>	2 near Bahia Blanca
Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)				
129		Green-barred Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	Several at Punta Rasa and Gral Lavalle
130		Chilean Flicker	<i>Colaptes pitius</i>	2 at Los Glaciares NP
131		Campo Flicker	<i>Colaptes campestris</i>	Several at Punta Rasa and Gral Lavalle
132		Magellanic Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus magellanicus</i>	Found at Tierra del Fuego National Park
Family Furnariidae (Ovenbirds)				
133		Short-billed Miner	<i>Geositta antarctica</i>	3 at the Strobel Plateaux
134		Common Miner	<i>Geositta cucularia</i>	Very common throughout the southern part
135	NE	Band-tailed Earthcreeper	<i>Ochetorhynchus phoenicurus</i>	Finally 1 at the windy steppes near Rio Gallegos!!
136		Scale-throated Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia dumetaria</i>	Common in the southern part, very vocal
137		Bar-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>	2 at Los Glaciares NP
138		Grey-flanked Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes oustaleti</i>	Seen at Le Martial Glacier
139		Dark-bellied Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes patagonicus</i>	Found in Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
140		Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Very common throughout the northern part to San Antonio Oeste
141		Wren-like Rushbird	<i>Phleocryptes melanops</i>	Common wherever there were some reedbeds, south to La Angostura
142		Thorn-tailed Rayadito	<i>Aphrastura spinicauda</i>	Seen in the sub antarctic woods of Tierra del Fuego
143		Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura aegithaloides</i>	A few near San Antonio Oeste and some more at La Angostura
144		Sulphur-throated Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca sulphurifera</i>	Punta Rasa, Gral Lavalle and Costanera Sur
145		Sharp-billed Canastero	<i>Asthenes pyrrholeuca</i>	Very common in the southern part, always vocal
146		Short-billed Canastero	<i>Asthenes baeri</i>	Uncommon in San Antonio Oeste
147	E	Patagonian Canastero	<i>Asthenes patagonica</i>	Individuals at Pla Valdes, Punta Tombo and perhaps one at San Antonio Oeste?
148		Austral Canastero	<i>Asthenes anthoides</i>	1 near Gallegos, despite the increasing winds
149	EB-NE	Hudson's Canastero	<i>Asthenes hudsoni</i>	a couple of this sought after bird at General Lavalle
150		Freckle-breasted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus striaticollis</i>	General Lavalle & Costanera Sur
151		Firewood-gatherer	<i>Anumbius annumbi</i>	Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle
152		Brown Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura lophotes</i>	2 near San Antonio Oeste
153	E	White-throated Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura gutturalis</i>	2 near San Antonio Oeste, very vocal, nesting
154		White-throated Treerunner	<i>Pygarrhichas albogularis</i>	4 very playful birds at Los Glaciares NP
Family Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)				
155		Magellanic Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus magellanicus</i>	2 birds finally decided to come out of cover at Los Glaciares NP. Also in Tierra del Fuego National Park
Family Tyrannidae (Tyrant-Flycatchers)				
156		White-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps</i>	20 of this often very abundant species at Los Glaciares NP
157		Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes flavirostris</i>	2 near San Antonio Oeste
158		Sooty Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga nigricans</i>	Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle
159		White-crested Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga subcristata</i>	Several at Gral Lavalle
160	EB	Grey-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga sp nov</i>	2-8 a day in Bahia Blanca & San Antonio Oeste
161		Warbling Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx flaviventris</i>	A few at Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle
162		Many-colored Rush-Tyrant	<i>Tachuris rubrigastra</i>	2-5 birds wherever there were some reedbeds, south to La Angostura, plus a lost one with the penguins at Punta Tombo!
163		Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	Always in numbers in Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle, a few south to San Antonio Oeste
164		Austral Negrito	<i>Lessonia rufa</i>	Up to 50 a day in the southern part of the trip

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165	EB	Hudson's Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus hudsoni</i>	10 plus displaying males of this sometimes hard to find breeding endemic near San Antonio Oeste
166		White-winged Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus aterrimus</i>	3-5 every day near San Antonio Oeste
167		Spectacled Tyrant	<i>Hymenops perspicillatus</i>	up to 15 birds wherever there were some reedbeds, south to La Angostura
168		Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>	a few at Punta Rasa
169		Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola maculirostris</i>	2 near Gobernador Gregores
170		Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola maclovianus</i>	3 in Los Glaciares NP
171		Cinnamon-bellied Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola capistratus</i>	2 at the Strobel Plateaux and 6 more at Monte Leon NP
172		Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola flavinucha</i>	Small numbers at Le Matrial Glacier
173		Grey-bellied Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis micropterus</i>	2 at Peninsula Valdes & 1 near La Angostura
174	EB	Lesser Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis murinus</i>	3 near Punta Tombo
175		Fire-eyed Diucon	<i>Xolmis pyrope</i>	At least 20 near Los Glaciares NP
176	EB	Black-crowned Monjita	<i>Xolmis coronatus</i>	1 of this very handsome tyrants near San Antonio Oeste
177		White Monjita	<i>Xolmis irupero</i>	Another handsome bird, 2-3 individuals near San Antonio Oeste
178	E	Rusty-backed Monjita	<i>Xolmis rubetra</i>	4 displaying birds at Peninsula Valdes
179	NE	Chocolate-vented Tyrant	<i>Neoxolmis rufiventris</i>	Up to 30 a day in the southern part of the trip
180		Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	A few at Punta Rasa, Gral Lavalle & Costanera Sur
181		Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	An abundant and conspicuous bird in the northern part of the trip
182		Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	Another abundant and conspicuous bird in the northern part of the trip
183		Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	A few at Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle
Family Cotingidae (Plantcutters, Cotingas)				
184		White-tipped Plantcutter	<i>Phytotoma rutila</i>	8 displaying & calling males near San Antonio Oeste
185		Rufous-tailed Plantcutter	<i>Phytotoma rara</i>	2 in Los Glaciares NP and 2 more at Monte Leon NP (migrating?)
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows)				
186		Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	A few individuals every day south from San Antonio Oeste
187		Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	Abundant south to San Antonio Oeste
188		Southern Martin	<i>Progne elegans</i>	10-20 a day around Pla Valdes & Punta Tombo
189		White-rumped Swallow	<i>Tachycineta leucorrhoa</i>	Up to 60 a day in the northern part of the trip south to Trelew
190		Chilean Swallow	<i>Tachycineta meyeni</i>	Replaces the previous one in the south, up to 50 a day
191		Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	At least one in Gral Lavalle
Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)				
192		House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Common throughout
193		Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	1 at either Costanera Sur and La Angostura
Family Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)				
194		Masked Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila dumicola</i>	3 at Costanera Sur
Family Turdidae (Thrushes)				
195		Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	6 at Costanera Sur
196		Austral Thrush	<i>Turdus falcklandii</i>	2-10 birds a day in the southern part of the trip, remarkably, also 2 at San Antonio Oeste
Family Mimidae (Mockingbirds)				
197		Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>	Common throughout Punta Rasa, Gral Lavalle & Costanera Sur
198	NE	Patagonian Mockingbird	<i>Mimus patagonicus</i>	Up to 20 birds a day in the San Antonio Oeste area, a few individuals further south
199	EB	White-banded Mockingbird	<i>Mimus triurus</i>	Up to 20 birds a day in the San Antonio Oeste area
Family Sturnidae (Starlings, Mynas)				
200	I	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	A few in Buenos Aires
Family Motacillidae (Pipits)				
201		Correndera Pipit	<i>Anthus correndera</i>	Common throughout

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202		Hellmayr's Pipit	<i>Anthus hellmayri</i>	A few at Punta Rasa
Family Thraupidae (Tanagers)				
203		Yellow-billed Cardinal	<i>Paroaria capitata</i>	2 at Costanera Sur
204		Red-crested Cardinal	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	1 of this gorgeous birds at Costanera Sur
205		Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>	A few at Punta Rasa & Gral Lavalle, 4 at San Antonio Oeste
Incertae sedis (Bush tanagers, Grassquits, etc)				
206		Golden-billed Saltator	<i>Saltator aurantirostris</i>	2-4 individuals every day near San Antonio Oeste
Family Emberizidae (Emberizid Finches)				
207		Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	Did we see any? Up to 1000 a day!!!
208		Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus gayi</i>	A few at Los Glaciares NP and some more at strobrel plateau
209		Patagonian Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus patagonicus</i>	5 at least near Los Glaciares N
210		Mourning Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>	Common throughout the southern part
211	E	Carbonated Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus carbonarius</i>	2 individuals of this endemic were displaying near San Antonio Oeste
212		Common Diuca-Finch	<i>Diuca diuca</i>	Common throughout
213		White-bridled Finch	<i>Melanodera melanodera</i>	After much search due to the strong winds 3 gorgeous males showed near Rio Gallegos
214		Yellow-bridled Finch	<i>Melanodera xanthogramma</i>	Found at Le Martial Glacier, Ushuaia
215		Long-tailed Reed-Finch	<i>Donacospiza albifrons</i>	Punta Rasa
216		Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza nigrorufa</i>	Some at Punta Rasa and 6 at Costanera Sur
217		Ringed Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza torquata</i>	Up to 10 a day near San Antonio Oeste
218		Greater Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis auriventris</i>	1 approaching Los Glaciares NP
219	NE	Patagonian Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis lebruni</i>	Common throughout the southern part, flocks up to 30 birds
220		Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	Common in buenos aires
221		Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	Very abundant in the north, up to 500 birds a day south to Puerto Madryn
222		Great Pampa-Finch	<i>Embernagra platensis</i>	A few a day in Punta Rasa, Gral Lavalle & Costanera Sur
223		Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caerulescens</i>	A few in Costanera Sur
224	NE-EN	Yellow Cardinal	<i>Gubernatrix cristata</i>	One fantastic bird showed near San Antonio Oeste after much search under the sun!
Family Parulidae (New World Warblers)				
225		Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	4 at Costanera Sur
Family Icteridae (Orioles, Blackbirds)				
226		Scarlet-headed Blackbird	<i>Amblyramphus holosericeus</i>	a few in Punta Rasa area
227		Yellow-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelasticus thilius</i>	Up to 50 birds wherever there were some reedbeds, south to La Angostura
228		Brown-and-yellow Marshbird	<i>Pseudoleistes virescens</i>	Up to 100 a day in Punta Rasa, Gral Lavalle & Costanera Sur
229		Bay-wing Cowbird	<i>Agelaioides badius</i>	1 at Costanera Sur
230		Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	Abundant south to Trelew
231		White-browed Blackbird	<i>Sturnella supercilialis</i>	Groups in agricultural land in the pampas
232	NE-VU	Pampas Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella defilippii</i>	3 individual near Bahia Blanca, 2 of them displaying males!
233		Long-tailed Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella loyca</i>	Very common at most sites
Family Fringilidae (Cardueline Finches)				
234		Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis magellanica</i>	A few aound Gral Lavalle
235		Black-chinned Siskin	<i>Carduelis barbata</i>	A few near Los Glaciares NP and some more at Strobrel plateau
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)				
236	I	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common throughout

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	MAMMALS		
1		Argentine Grey Fox	<i>Lycalopex griseus</i>
2		Culpeo Fox	<i>Lycalopex culpaeus</i>
3		Molina's Hog-nosed Skunk	<i>Conepatus chinga</i>
4		South American Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>
5		South American Sea Lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>
6		Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonina</i>
7		Guanaco	<i>Lama guanicoe</i>
8		Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>
9		Seven-banded Armadillo	<i>Dasybus septemcinctus</i>
10		European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>
11		Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>
12		Talas Tuco-Tuco	<i>Ctenomys talarum talarum</i>
13		Patagonian Mara	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>
14		Southern Mountain Cavy	<i>Microcavia australis</i>



Clockwise from top left: White Throated Treerunner, Magellanic Woodpecker, Searching for seabirds (Valdes Peninsula), Tawny-throated Dotterel - © Santiago Imberti / Seriema Nature Tours





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