

Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica* | Species List

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*includes pre-embarkation days at the Ezeze Airport in Buenos Aires, Puerto Madryn and Punto Tombo, and post-embarkation visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park.

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Bird List

Nothurnae: Tinamous

Elegant Crested Tinamou (*Eudromia elegans*) Several individuals observed on the way to Punto Tombo.

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans

Black-necked Swan (*Cygnus melanocoryphus*) A few at the Trelew wetlands.

Coscoroba Swan (*Coscoroba coscoroba*) Observed a few at the Trelew wetlands.

Upland Goose (*Chloephaga picta*) Seen at many locations in Argentina and the Falklands.

Kelp Goose (*Chloephaga hybrida*) Observed many on Carcass Island and a couple other locations in the Falkland Islands.

Ashy-headed Goose (*Chloephaga poliocephalia*) Observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park in mixed flocks of geese.

Ruddy-headed Goose (*Chloephaga rubidiceps*) Observed on Carcass Island with many Upland Geese.

Flying Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres patachonicus*) Observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Flightless Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres pteneres*) A few along the coast in Tierra del Fuego National Park. Our observations of these steamer-ducks completed our steamer-duck slam – all of the world's steamer-duck species were observed on our trip!

White-headed Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres leucocephalus*) A few individuals observed along the coast south of Trelew Argentina.

Falkland Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres brachypterus*) Seen on several days in the Falkland Islands.

Crested Duck (*Lophonetta specularioides*) Observed at many locations in Argentina.

Cinnimon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*) A few were at the Trelew wetlands.

Red Shoveler (*Spatula plataiea*) Observed at Trelew wetlands where it is relatively common.

Chiloe Wigeon (*Mareca sibilatrix*) A few observed along the coast at Puerto Madryn.

Yellow-billed Pintail (*Anas georgica*) A few individuals were found at the Trelew wetlands.

South Georgia Pintail (*Anas georgica georgica*) Seen on each day on South Georgia Island.

Yellow-billed Teal (*Anas flavirostris*) Several in Trelew wetlands.

Rosy-billed Pochard (*Netta peposaca*) A few individuals observed in wetlands near Trelew.

Black-headed Duck (*Heteronetta atricapilla*) A few individuals observed in wetlands near Trelew.

Lake Duck (*Oxyura vittata*) A few individuals observed in wetlands near Trelew.

Phoenicopteridae: Flamingos

Chilean Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*) Numerous at wetlands near Trelew.

Podicipedidae: Grebes

Great Grebe (*Podiceps major*) One individual near Punto Tombo and more in Tierra del Fuego National Park, including a nesting pair.

White-tufted Grebe (*Rollandia rolland*) A few individuals at wetlands near Trelew.

Rallidea: Rails and Coots

Red-fronted Coot (*Fulica rufifrons*) Seen at Trelew wetlands.

Red-garted Coot (*Fulca armillata*) Also observed at Trelew wetlands. Brief views.

White-winged Coot (*Fulica leucopterea*) Observed at Trelew wetlands and in Puerto Madryn.

Cionidae: Sheathbills

Snowy Sheathbill (*Cionis albus*) Commonly observed at and around penguin colonies at most locations visited by ship.

Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers

American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*) A few observed at Puerto Madryn.

Blackish Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ater*) A few observed on the rocky shores in the Falkland Islands.

Magellanic Oystercatcher (*Haematopus leucopodus*) Many observed on mainland and the Falkland Islands.

Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) Observed on a few occasions in Argentina in and around Puerto Madryn and Ushuaia.

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies

Magellanic Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) One on Carcass Island, Falklands.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) A few individuals observed in Puerto Madryn.

Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastca*) One small flock at Trelew wetlands.

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) At Trelew wetlands.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) Scattered individuals at Trelew wetlands and Puerto Madryn.

Stercorariidae: Skuas and Jaegers

Chilean Skua (*Stercorarius chilensis*) A few observed while transiting the Straits of Magellan and around Ushuaia.

South Polar Skua (*Stercorarius maccormicki*) Mostly observed at sea around the Antarctic Peninsula.

Brown Skua (*Stercorarius antarcticus*) Common on Falklands and on S. Georgia Island and associated with penguin colonies on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Laridae: Gulls and Terns

Brown-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus maculipennis*) Found along the coast at Puerto Madryn.

Dolphin Gull (*Leucophaeus scoresbii*) Seen at most ports and at landings in the Falkland Islands.

Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) Most common gull observed throughout the voyage except during sea crossings.

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) One individual photographed at sea between Punto Tombo and the Falklands.

South American Tern (*Sterna hirundinacea*) Many along the Argentine coast.

Antarctic Tern (*Sterna vittata*) Abundant along Antarctic Peninsula.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) A few found at sea and along the coast of South Georgia.

Spheniscidae: Penguins

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

Adelie Penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*) A few observed along the Antarctic Peninsula, including one cooperative individual at Danco Island.

Gentoo Penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) Abundant and found at more locations on our trip than any other penguin.

Chinstrap Penguin (*Pygoscelis antarcticus*) Many observed at at distance on Laurie Island in the South Orkneys, and a few spots on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) Many observed at Punto Tombo, and a few more on Carcass Island in the Falklands.

Macaroni Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysolophus*) Several observed at the water's edge and in upslope colonies at Rookery Point near Godthul on South Georgia.

Southern Rockhopper Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocome*) Nesting colony at The Neck on Saunders Island.

Diomedidae: Albatrosses

Gray-headed Albatross (*Thalassarche chrystostoma*) A few scattered sightings around the ship during open water crossings.

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

Light-mantled Albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*) Fairly frequent sightings, generally in open ocean.

Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora*) The most abundant large albatross we observed.

Wandering Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*) Largest flying bird in world was an infrequent boat-follower. Surprisingly few observed during the trip.

Oceanitidae: Southern Storm-Petrels

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*) Seen most days on the journey, usually at sea.

Gray-backed Storm-Petrel (*Garrodia nereis*) A couple of birds observed near the Falklands.

Black-bellied Storm-Petrel (*Fregetta tropica*) Occasionally common during major ocean crossings.

Procellariidae: Petrels and Shearwaters

Southern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) Seen on all but one day, the most commonly observed seabird on the trip.

Northern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes halli*) Seen often in groups of giant petrels.

Southern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) Common on days near the Antarctic Peninsula.

Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*) Striking ship-follower was observed on most days of the trip.

Snow Petrel (*Pagodroma nivea*) Rather common on this trip once we got into cold water.

White-headed Petrel (*Pterodroma lessonii*) One observed on the water over a deep-water canyon between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

Antlantic Petrel (*Pterodroma incerta*) Quite a few observed around the ship over a deep-water canyon between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

Blue Petrel (*Halobaena caerulea*) Relatively common during the latter part of the trip mixed in with prions on the open ocean.

Fairy Prion (*Pachyptila turtur*) Identified on one day of the trip -- this group of birds was a challenge to identify.

Antarctic Prion (*Pachyptila desolata*) Most common of the prions we observed and were able to identify.

Slender-billed Prion (*Pachyptila belcheri*) More common on the early portion of the voyage.

White-chinned Petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*) Common on most days of journey when at sea.

Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*) A few seen around the Falklands and on our way to South Georgia.

Sooty Shearwater (*Arcenna grisea*) Observed off the mainland coast and around the Falkland Islands.

Common Diving-Petrel (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*) A few were observed during a short period one day before getting into the fog near the Falklands.

South Georgia Diving-Petrel (*Pelecanoides georgicus*) Observed one day off the coast of South Georgia.

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

Magellanic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Common close to shore along the coast of Argentina and on the Falklands.

Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Observed along the coast near Puerto Madryn.

South Georgia Shag (*Phalacrocorax georgianus*) Appropriately seen daily on South Georgia Island and at Shag Rocks.

Imperial Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Large groups near Punta Arenas and around the Falkland Islands.

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

Threskiornithidae: Ibis

Black-faced Ibis (*Theristicus melanopis*) A pair located in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) A few observed near Punto Tombo.

Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) A couple were seen at Steeple Jason Island in the Falklands

Cathartidae: New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Seen both days over Falklands at all landings.

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites and Eagles

Variable Hawk (*Geranoaetus polysoma*) Seen on our first day south of Puerto Madryn.

Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras

Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) A few birds observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Chimango Caracara (*Milvago chimango*) The most common urban raptor in Argentina.

Striated Caracara (*Phalcoboenus australis*) Abundant on Steeple Jason Island and also observed at Carcass and Saunders Islands.

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) One located near Trelew.

Strigidae: Owls

Austral Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium nana*) One found calling in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Lesser Horned Owl (*Bubo magellanicus*) Observed in a cavity at the base of a cliff south of Puerto Madryn.

Picidae: Woodpeckers

Green-barred Woodpecker (*Colaptes melanochloros*) One observed at Ezeiza Airport.

Magellanic Woodpecker (*Campephilus magellanicus*) A pair observed at Tierra del Fuego National Park. Great observation and we were fortunate to hear them perform their characteristic double-knock call.

Psittaciformes: Parrots and Parakeets

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) Many observed on nests in a tree at Ezeiza Airport.

Austral Parakeet (*Enicognathus ferrugineus*) One seen in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Burrowing Parakeet (*Cyanoliseus patagonus*) A few observed in Puerto Madryn.

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Many found in urban areas of Buenos Aires and Puerto Madryn.
Picazaro Pigeon (*Patagioenas picazuro*) A few at Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires.
Spot-winged Pigeon (*Patagioenas maculosa*) A couple found at Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires.
Picui Ground Dove (*Columbina picui*) A few seen in and around Puerto Madryn, including one individual gathering nesting material.
Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) Many observed in Buenos Aires and Puerto Madryn.

Furnariidae: Ovenbirds

Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*) Common at Ezeiza Airport and around Puerto Madryn.
Plain-mantled Tit-Spintail (*Leptasthenura aegithaloides*) Good looks at one nesting in a open-ended post marking the trail at Punto Tombo.
Scale-throated Earthcreeper (*Upucdrthia dumetaria*) Seen during our trip south from Trelew at a couple of locations along the road.
White-throated Treerunner (*Pygarrhichas albogularis*) Found along the trail in the beach forest in Tierra del Fuego National Park.
Thorn-tailed Rayodito (*Aphrasura spinicauda*) Found along the trail in the beach forest in Tierra del Fuego National Park.
Blackish Cincolides (*Cinclodes antarcticus*) Also known locally at the tussock bird, we found them on Steeple Jason and Carcass Islands.
Sharp-billed Canestero (*Asthenes pyrrholeuca*) One found along the road south of Trelew.

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) A few were seen in Puerto Madryn and the Trelew wetlands.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannu savana*) There were a few found in Puerto Madryn, and one bird was seen onboard the ship the morning after we left Puerto Madryn.
Spectacled Tyrant (*Hymenops perpicillatus*) Found south of Puerto Madryn.
Rusty-backed Monjita (*Neoxolmis rubetra*) One perched on a fence south of Puerto Madryn.
Austral Negrito (*Lessonia rufa*) A few were observed south of Puerto Madryn.
Lesser Shrike-Tyrant (*Agriornis murinus*) One located south of Trelew on our way to Punto Tombo.
Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosa*) Relatively common at Ezeiza Airport.
Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola maclovianus*) Found on Steeple Jason Island.
White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*) We observed them at multiple locations in Tierra del Fuego National Park.
Tufted Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes parulus*) One at the Trelew wetlands and another in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) Common around Ezeiza Airport.
Southern Martin (*Progne elegans*) Relatively common at Punto Tombo.
Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) Seen at Ezeiza Airport and in Puerto Madryn.
Chilean Swallow (*Golondrina chileana*) Many were observed around Puerto Madryn and in Tierra del Fuego National Park.
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) A few were found near Trelew, and one was observed flying past the ship at Godthul on South Georgia.

Troglodytidae: Wrens

Cobb's Wren (*Troglodytes cobbi*) A few observed along the landing beach on Carcass Island.
(Southern) House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Found singing around Puerto Madryn and in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Grass Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) A few were found on Steeple Jason and Carcass Islands in the Falklands.

Sturnidae: Starlings

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Only found at Ezeiza Airport during the trip.

Mimidae: Mockingbirds

Patagonia Mockingbird (*Mimus paagonicus*) Observed at a couple of locations south of Puerto Madryn.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird (*Mimus saturninus*) Most common mockingbird. Found in Buenos Aires and in areas around Puerto Madryn.

White-banded Mockingbird (*Mimus triurus*) One unexpectedly seen onboard the ship on our first day at sea.

Turdidae: Thrushes

Rufous-bellied Thrush (*Turdus rufiventris*) One located at Ezeiza Airport.

Austral Thrush (*Turdus falcklandii*) Seen in the Falklands at Port Stanley at on Saunders Island.

Chiguanco Thrush (*Turdus chiguanco*) Boldly colored thrush found in and around Puerto Madryn. Apparently a relatively recent arrival from further north.

Motacillidae: Pipits and Wagtails

South Georgia Pipit (*Anthus antarcticus*) Seen all four days on on S. Georgia Island with at least one relatively recently fledged young.

Passerellidae: New World Sparrows

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Common sparrow at all locations in Argentina.

Thraupidae: Tanagers and allies

Gray-hooded Sierra Finch (*Phrygilus patagonicus*) A few were found at Punto Tombo.

Patagonian Sierra Finch (*Phrygilus patagonicus*) Seen at Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Diuca Finch (*Diuca diuca*) A few were found south of Puerto Madryn.

White-bridled Finch (*Melanodera melanodera*) A few were observed at Steeple Jason and Carcass Islands in the Falklands.

Mourning Sierra Finch (*Phrygilus gayi*) A few relatively tame birds found south of Puerto Madryn.

Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) One observed at Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires.

Fringillidae: Finches and Euphonias

Black-chinned Siskin (*Spinus barbatus*) Seen at all landings in the Falklands except at Port Stanley.

Icteridae: New World Blackbirds

Long-tailed Meadowlark (*Leistes loyca*) Observed around Puerto Madryn and also on Steeple Jason Island in the Falklands.

Grayish Baywing (*Agelaioides badius*) A few were seen in Puerto Madryn.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) Scattered observations in and around Puerto Madryn and Trelew.

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Found in Buenos Aires, Puerto Madryn, Trelew and Port Stanley, Falklands.

MAMMALS

Antarctic Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) Abundant on South Georgia. Many males on beaches, but few females had arrived yet. We encountered them daily on beaches, islands and in tussock grass on South Georgia.

South American Sea Lion (*Otaria byronia*) A couple birds provided good looks on Steeple Jason Island in the Falkands, and also observed along the coast of Argentina.

Southern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga leonina*) Common on South Georgia Island, especially at Gold Harbor. We also observed them on the Argentine coast south of Trelew.

Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) At least two, possibly three observed at Gold Harbor. Also seen on the Antarctic Peninsula.

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

Crabeater Seal (*Lobodon carcinophaga*) Surprisingly scarce. Only one was seen briefly in Antarctica.

Southern Right Whale (*Eubalaena australis*) Quite a few observed when we left Puerto Madryn.

Antarctic Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*) Only one distant observation along the Antarctic Peninsula.

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) One of most common whales, especially on major crossings. We also observed many off the coast of King George Island on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Blue Whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) A great observation for the trip! Seen near the mouth of Admiralty Bay on King George Islands in the Antarctic Peninsula.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) Quite a few observed in South Georgia and along the Antarctic Peninsula.

Commerson's Dolphin (*Cephalorhynchus mommersonii*) Observed at a few locations around the Falkland Islands.

Peale's Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus australis*) Seen on the first half of the trip as they came to the ship to bow ride.

Orca (*Orcinus orca*) A few observed between Argentina and the Falkland Islands.