

Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica Species List | January 4 – 22, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



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This trip consisted of a morning spent birding in and around Ushuaia, Argentina, including Tierra del Fuego National Park. The rest of the trip was based off of *The Hondius*, a ship operated by Oceanwide Expeditions. While onboard the ship we sailed to the Falkland Islands (Isla Malvinas), South Georgia Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. We even ventured south past the Antarctic Circle before turning north and returning to Ushuaia.

The eBird link below details the 82 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the birds and mammals we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

BIRDS (82): Only once species was introduced. Details are included below.

Ducks, Geese and Swans: Anatidae (8):

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 on the Falkland Islands and well as at the mouth of Rio Pipo in Ushuaia.

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.

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

Crested Duck (*Lophonetta specularioides*) Observed in and around Ushuaia and on the Falkland Islands.

Yellow-billed (South Georgia) Pintail (*Anas georgica georgica*) Seen all days on South Georgia Island.

Yellow-billed Teal (*Anas flavirostris*) A few observed in Tierra del Fuego and in the Falklands.

Grebes Podicipedidae (1)

Great Grebe (*Podiceps major*) A few observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park including a family group.

Cionidae: Sheathbills (1)

Snowy Sheathbill (*Cionis albus*) Observed at and around penguin colonies on South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula.

Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers (2)

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

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

Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (1)

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

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies (2)

White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) One flock observed at the mouth of Rio Pipo in Ushuaia.

Magellanic Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) A few were observed on Carcass Island. Falklands.

Stercorariidae: Skuas and Jaegers (3)

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 (5)

Brown-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus maculipennis*) Found along the coast in Ushuaia.

Dolphin Gull (*Leucophaeus scoresbii*) Seen at most ports and at landings in the Falkland Island and also observed around Ushuaia.

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

South American Tern (*Sterna hirundinacea*) Common tern along the Argentine coast near Ushuaia and in the Falkland Islands.

Antarctic Tern (*Sterna vittata*) Abundant along Antarctic Peninsula and on South Georgia.

Spheniscidae: Penguins (7)

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

Adelie Penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*) Wonderful observations of many on icebergs and at colonies around Cape Tuxen on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Gentoo Penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) The penguin we observed at the most locations of the trip. Abundant.

Chinstrap Penguin (*Pygoscelis antarcticus*) Many observed breeding at Bird Island near King George Island on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) Many observed on Carcass Island and in the waters around the Falklands.

Macaroni Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysolophus*) Observed a number of individuals at the water's edge and more in upslope colonies in Hercules Bay on South Georgia.

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

Diomedeidae: Albatrosses (5)

Gray-headed Albatross (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*) A few scattered individuals around the ship during open water crossings near South Georgia.

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

Light-mantled Albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*) A few observations, mostly around South Georgia.

Southern Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora*) The most abundant large albatross we observed. Mostly near the South American continent.

Snowy (Wandering) Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*) Largest flying bird in world was an infrequent boat-follower. One notable observation south of the Antarctic Circle.

Oceanitidae: Southern Storm Petrels (3)

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

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

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

Procellariidae: Petrels and Shearwaters (15)

Southern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) Seen nearly every day. The most commonly observed seabird on the trip.

Northern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes halli*) Seen often in groups of giant petrels, particularly on South Georgia.

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*) A few were observed around South Georgia and they were very common once we crossed the Antarctic Circle and at our last excursion in the ice on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Soft-plumaged Petrel (*Pterodroma mollis*) Observed a few days while at sea, most common between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

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

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 heading 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 near South Georgia.

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

Magellanic Diving Petrel (*Pelecanoides magellani*) A few individuals observed off the mainland coast.

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (4)

Magellanic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Common at inshore waters along the coast of Argentina and on the Falklands.

South Georgia Shag (*Phalacrocorax georgianus*) Seen daily on South Georgia Island.

Imperial Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Large groups in Argentina waters and around the Falkland Islands.

Antarctic Shag (*Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis*) Observed throughout the Antarctic Peninsula.

Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (1)

Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) A couple were seen at Carcass Island and at Stanley in the Falklands.

Cathartidae: New World Vultures (2)

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

Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) Had two soar over the group in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras (3)

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

Chimango Caracara (*Milvago chimango*) The most common urban raptor in Argentina. Observed in and around Ushuaia.

Striated Caracara (*Phalco boenus australis*) Observed a few individuals at Carcass Island.

Strigidae: Owls (1)

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

Picidae: Woodpeckers (1)

Magellanic Woodpecker (*Campephilus magellanicus*) A few individuals observed at Tierra del Fuego National Park. Great observations of two males across the valley and one female very close to us.

Psittaciformes: Parrots and Parakeets (1)

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

Furnariidae: Ovenbirds (3)

Thorn-tailed Rayodito (*Aphrasura spinicauda*) Found along the trail in the beach forest in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Blackish Cinclodes (*Cinclodes antarcticus*) Also known locally at the tussock bird, we found them on Carcass Island.

Dark-bellied Cinclodes (*Cinclodes patagonicus*) One observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (4)

Austral Negrigo (*Lessonia rufa*) A couple of individuals observed near the beach in Ushuaia at the mouth of Rio Pipo.

Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola maclovianus*) Found on Carcass and Saunders Islands.

White-crested Elania (*Elaenia albiceps*) We observed them at a couple of locations in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Tufted Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes parulus*) A few individuals observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins (1)

Chilean Swallow (*Golondrina chileana*) Many were observed in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Troglodytidae: Wrens (3)

Cobb's Wren (*Troglodytes cobbi*) A few observed along the landing beach and along the path on Carcass Island.

Southern House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Found singing in Tierra del Fuego National Park

Grass Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) A few individuals on Carcass Islands in the Falklands.

Turdidae: Thrushes (1)

Austral Thrush (*Turdus falcklandii*) Seen in Tierra del Fuego National Park and on the Falklands at Port Stanley at on Carcass Island.

Passerellidae: New World Sparrows (1)

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Common sparrow in and around Ushuaia.

Thraupidae: Tanagers and allies (2)

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

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

Fringillidae: Finches and Euphonias (1)

Black-chinned Siskin (*Spinus barbatus*) Seen in Tierra del Fuego National Park and on Carcass Island in the Falklands.

Icteridae: New World Blackbirds (1)

Long-tailed Meadowlark (*Leistes loyca*) Observed on Carcass Island in the Falklands.

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows (1)

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

MAMMALS (14):

Antarctic Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) Abundant on South Georgia. We encountered them daily on beaches, islands and in Tussock Grass on South Georgia.

South American Sea Lion (*Otaria byronia*) Observed a couple of times off the South American coast.

Southern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga leonina*) Common on South Georgia Island and also observed on Carcass Island in the Falklands.

Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) Observed on ice and in the water at a few locations on the Antarctic Peninsula.

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

Crabeater Seal (*Lobodon carcinophaga*) Common and particularly abundant south of the Antarctic Circle

Antarctic Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*) Only a couple of brief observations.

Sei Whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*) Only observed on the first day near the South American mainland.

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) A few observations of individuals in Antarctica and while crossing the Drake Passage.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) Many observed along the Antarctic Peninsula.

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

Dusky Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obscurus*). One pod observed early in the trip while en route to the Falklands.

Peale's Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus australis*) A few individuals observed near the South American mainland and the Falklands.

Orca (*Orcinus orca*) A few scattered observations throughout the trip, with the best encounter south of the Antarctic Circle with a group of Type B1 orcas.