



ANTARCTICA

November 19 - December 6, 2016

Birding and Wildlife Tour Species List

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BIRDS

Upland Goose *Chloephaga picta* – Seen on Sea Lion Island, Falklands
Kelp Goose *Chloephaga hybrid* – Three pairs were seen on Sea Lion Island
Ruddy-headed Goose *Chloephaga poliocephala* – Almost as common as the Upland Goose on Sea Lion Island
Falklands Steamer Duck *Tachyeres patachonicus* – A number of pairs were scattered on Sea Lion Island
Crested Duck *Lophoneta speculariodes* – Only two were seen on Sea Lion Island
South Georgia Pintail *Anas georgica georgica* – As the name implies, only on South Georgia Island
Speckled Teal *Anas flavirostris* – On Sea Lion Island in the Falklands
King Penguin *Aptenodytes patagonicus* – Huge colonies on South Georgia
Emperor Penguin *Aptenodytes forsteri* – Two were seen, on Half Moon Island & the other near Anver
Gentoo Penguin *Pygoscelis papua* – Common on the two big islands and the Peninsula
Adelie Penguin *Pygoscelis adeliae* – Only on the peninsula
Chinstrap Penguin *Pygoscelis antarcticus* – The south end of South Georgia and on the Peninsula
Macaroni Penguin *Eudyptes chrysolophu* – On South Georgia, the most common penguin in the world
Magellanic Penguin *Spheniscus magellanicus* – Only on Sea Lion Island
Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* – The most common storm-petrel in the world
Black-bellied Storm-petrel *Fregetta tropica* – Only seen off of South Georgia
Southern Royal Albatross *Diomedea epomophora* – Seen around the waters offshore of South Georgia
Northern Royal Albatross *Diomedea sanfordi* – Seen around the offshore waters of South Georgia
Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* – Seen Between the Falklands and South Georgia
Light-mantled Sooty Albatross *Phoebastria fusca* – Seen on their nests at Gold Harbour
Grey-headed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris* – Seen between South Georgia and the Peninsula
Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche chrysostoma* – Common around the Falklands and South Georgia
Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli* – Only seen between the Falklands and South Georgia
Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus* – Mostly around South Georgia
Southern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialisoides* – Sporadic around the Peninsula
Antarctic Petrel *Thalassoica Antarctica* – Only a couple were seen & they were down along the Peninsula
Cape Petrel *Daption capense* – The most common petrel on the trip
Snow Petrel *Pagodroma nivea* – Not common, but seen most every day along the Peninsula
Blue Petrel *Halobaena caerulea* – Only between the Falklands and South Georgia
Antarctic Prion *Pachyptila desolata* – The most common prion in the world, around South Georgia
Slender-billed Prion *Pachyptila belcheri* – Seen near the Falkland Islands
White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis* – Regular around South Georgia
Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea* – Just a few between the Falklands and South Georgia

Common Diving-Petrel *Pelacanooides urinatrix* – Only seen between the Falklands and South Georgia
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Only one and that was on Sea Lion Island
Antarctic Shag *Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis* – Only down on the Peninsula
Imperial Shag *Phalacrocorax atriceps* – Seen around the Falkland Islands
South Georgia Shag *Phalacrocorax georgianus* – Only on South Georgia, mostly on nests
Rock Shag *Phalacrocorax megellanicus* – Only on Sea Lion Island
Snowy Sheathbill *Chionus albus* – Most locations with nesting penguins
Magellanic Oystercatcher *Haematopus leucopodus* – Only on Sea Lion Island
Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* – Again, only on Sea Lion Island
Two-banded Plover *Charadrius falklandicus* – Quite common on Sea Lion Island
White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* – Two were an unexpected surprise on Sea Lion Island
Magellanic Snipe *Gallinago magellanica* – These two were completely unexpected on Sea Lion Island
South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccomicki* – Further south on the Peninsula, they became more common
Brown Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus* – Common on Falklands, South Georgia & the northern Peninsula
Chilean Skua *Stercorarius chilensis* – The Falklands, a few on South Georgia & almost 0 on the Peninsula
Dolphin Gull *Leucophaeus scoresbii* – A few were on Sea Lion Island
Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* – Everywhere we landed
South American Tern *Sterna vittata* – Only on Sea Lion Island
Antarctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* – Common on South Georgia and the Peninsula
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – A number were feeding on the killer whale carcass on Sea Lion Island
Southern Caracara *Phalco benus plancus* – Just a couple on Sea Lion Island
Striated Caracara *Phalco benus australis* – We had up to twenty on the killer whale carcass
Blackish Cinclodes *Cinclodes antarcticus* – Everywhere on Sea Lion Island, and very tame
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – A few around the Sea Lion Island residence
South Georgia Pipit *Anthus antarcticus* – Making a comeback on the island after eradicating the rats
White-bridled Finch *Melanodera melanodera* – Common and docile on Sea Lion Island
Long-tailed Meadowlark *Leistes loyca* – A few were seen on the interior part of Sea Lion Island
Cobb's Wren *Troglodytes cobbi* – Three were seen near the residence on Sea Lion Island
Austral Thrush *Turdus falklandii* – Out and about on different parts of Sea Lion Island

MAMMALS

Commerson's Dolphin *Cephalorhynchus commersonii* – Seen a few times, near the islands & on Drake
Peale's Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus australis* – Seen almost daily north of the Peninsula
Hourglass Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus cruciger* – Seen just east of the Falklands
Killer Whale *Orcinus orca* – A moderate-sized pod was seen halfway between the islands
Antarctic Minke Whale *Balaenoptera bonaerensis* – Seen every other day along the Peninsula
Blue Whale *Balaenoptera musculus* – A huge animal kept surfacing in front of us heading to the Peninsula
Fin Whale *Balaenoptera physalus* – Seen three or four times on the trip, all in open ocean
Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaengliae* – We saw a half dozen with most down along the peninsula
Antarctic Fur Seal *Arctocephalus gazelle* – In the Antarctic and on South Georgia
Leopard Seal *Hydrurga leptonyx* – Seen on ice floes on the Peninsula & taking a King Penguin at St. Andrew Bay
Weddell Seal *Leptonychotes weddellii* – Best looks were at Mikkelson Harbour
Crabeater Seal *Lobodon carcinophaga* – Pretty common around Spert Island
Southern Elephant Seal *Mirounga leonine* – Very common on South Georgia