

# Torres del Paine Extension | Species List

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## **Bird List**

### Rheidae: Rheas

Lesser Rhea (*Rhea pennata*) Seen daily in Patagonian steppe outside of cities and towns

### Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans

Black-necked Swan (*Cygnus melanocoryphus*) Seen daily in larger bodies of water, including with cygnets on salt water bay at Puerto Natales

Coscoroba Swan (*Coscoroba coscoroba*) Another daily bird seen in large bodies of water

Upland Goose (*Chloephaga picta*) Also seen daily in wetlands and near bodies of water

Ashy-headed Goose (*Chloephaga poliocephala*) Mixed in with Upland Goose at wetlands/ponds just east of Punta Arenas

Flying Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres patachonicus*) Several at wetlands east of Punta Arenas

Flightless Steamer-Duck (*Tachyeres pteneres*) Found in same area as above

Crested Duck (*Lophonetta specularioides*) Also spotted in this rich wetland habitat

Spectacled Duck (*Speculanas specularis*) Found in lakes in Torres del Paine NP

Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*) Found in fast-flowing waters of Grey River and at Paine Waterfall at Torres del Paine NP

Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*) Several in ponds just east of Punta Arenas

Red Shoveler (*Spatula platalea*) Seen on first three days of trip in ponds and lakes, esp. Laguna Azul

Chiloe Wigeon (*Mareca sibilatrix*) Seen daily in ponds, lakes and in salt water bays

Yellow-billed Pintail (*Anas georgica*) Found on first three days in ponds and lakes

Yellow-billed Teal (*Anas flavirostris*) A few in lakes and ponds on first and third days

### Phoenicopteridae: Flamingos

Chilean Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*) A daily treat in ponds, lakes and wetlands – often with towering peaks behind.

### Podicipedidae: Grebes

White-tufted Grebe (*Rollandia rolland*) Seen from bridge at Torres del Paine park entrance

Great Grebe (*Podiceps major*) Three of these impressive, colorful grebes were close to shore at Laguna Azul, Torres del Paine NP

Silvery Grebe (*Podiceps occipitalis*) Seen three out of four days on various ponds and lakes

### Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Seen in Punta Arenas

Eared Dove (*Aenaida auriculata*) Seen at working ranch/lodge east of Torres del Paine NP

#### Rallidae: Rails Coots and Allies

Plumbeous Rail (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*) Seen in wetlands near Torres del Paine park entrance

Red-gartered Coot (*Fulica armillata*) Found daily on ponds and lakes

White-winged Coot (*Fulica leucoptera*) In salt water harbor of Puerto Natales

#### Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings

Tawny-throated Dotterel (*Oreopholus ruficollis*) Lovely roadside bird seen at dusk near Puerto Natales

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) Common daily bird, even on Puerto Natales hotel grounds

Two-banded Plover (*Charadrius falklandicus*) A few seen in wetlands east of Punta Arenas

#### Thinocoridae: Seedsnipes

Least Seedsnipe (*Thinocorus rumicivorus*) Several large roadside flocks seen on first and last day

#### Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) A few in wetlands east of Punta Arenas

South American Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) Close looks at Grey Lake trailhead, Torres del Paine

White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) Fairly common on ponds and wetlands east of Punta Arenas and in Torres del Paine NP

Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*) This charismatic long-distance migrant was seen spinning around on lakes and ponds in Torres del Paine NP

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) One found in wetlands east of Punta Arenas

#### Stercorariidae: Skuas and Jaegers

Chilean Skua (*Stercorarius chilensis*) Two seen on first day in Straits of Magellan, Punta Arenas

#### Laridae: Gulls and Terns

Brown-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus maculipennis*) Seen every day near large bodies of water

Dolphin Gull (*Leucophaeus scoresbii*) Seen on first and last days near salt water

Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) Same as above (Dolphin Gull)

#### Diomedidae: Albatrosses

Black-browed Albatross (*Thalassarche melanophris*) One in flight along Straits of Magellan near Dreams hotel, our first birding stop

#### Procellariidae: Petrels and Shearwaters

Southern Giant-Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) Four in flight and/or resting along Straits of Magellan, Punta Arenas

#### Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Seen both days in Puerto Natales harbor

Magellanic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Seen on first day along Straits of Magellan

Imperial Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) Hundreds on Straits of Magellan near Punta Arenas

#### Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets

Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Four just northeast of Puerto Natales

#### Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills

Black-faced Ibis (*Theristicus melanopus*) This strikingly handsome Ibis was a daily sight, including 60 gathered along the Grey River valley in Torres del Paine NP

#### Cathartidae: New World Vultures

Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) – Seen daily in Torres del Paine NP including one that landed and then perched on a bluff just above us at Grey Lake.

#### Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites and Eagles

Cinereous Harrier (*Circus cinereus*) A daily denizen of the Patagonian steppe

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) Seen all three days we were in Torres del Paine NP

#### Strigidae: Owls

Magellanic Great Horned Owl (*Vuvo virginianus*) A family of four seen close up near ranch/lodge east of Torres del Paine NP

Austral Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium nana*) One seen in trees behind main ranch/lodge buildings

#### Picidae: Woodpeckers

Striped Woodpecker (*Dryobates lignarius*) Nice look at one on trail leading to Milodon Cave

Chilean Flicker (*Colaptes pitius*) Encountered on all three days in Torres del Paine NP

#### Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras

Southern Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) Seen every day of this extension tour

Chimango Caracara (*Milvago chimango*) A few seen on first two days including at wetlands east of Punta Arenas

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) Seen daily in the Patagonian steppe

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) A roadside bird on first day; also seen along Grey River on day 2

#### Psittacidae: Parrots

Austral Parakeet (*Enicognathus ferrugineus*) Seen all four days, best at Grey Lake trailhead, Torres del Paine NP

#### Turdidae: Thrushes

Austral Thrush (*Turdus falcklandii*) Seen on Grey Lake trail

#### Furnariidae: Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers

Common Miner (*Geositta cunicularia*) Roadside bird on day one

White-throated Treerunner (*Pygarrhichas albogularis*) Nice look at two of these birds in action on tree limbs along the Grey Lake trail. They are aptly named!

Buff-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes fuscus*) Seen well in Laguna los Palos

Dark-bellied Cinclodes (*Cinclodes patagonicus*) Seen on second day in Torres del Paine wetland

#### Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

Tufted Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes parulus*) Saw these flashy, hyper-active birds on Grey Lake Hike and at Laguna Azul

White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*) Best looks at several along trail to the Milodon Cave

Austral Negrito (*Lessonia rufa*) Saw this distinctive black and rufous bird on three consecutive days in varied habitats

Dark-faced Ground Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola maclovianus*) Seen on forest hike to Grey Lake

White-browed Ground Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola albilora*) Seen in same place as above Dark-eyed GT

Fire-eyed Diucon (*Xolmis pyrope*) Great looks at this bold bird with blazing eyes along the trail to the Milodon Cave.

Cotingidae: Cotingas

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter (*Phytotoma rara*) Seen flitting between and perching on tree tops at Milodon Cave trailhead

Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins

Blue-and-White Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) Seven seen at Paine Waterfall

Chilean Swallow (*Golondrina chileana*) Seen on first three days, including some nesting in eaves of hotel where we stopped for lunch

Troglodytidae: Wrens

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Familiar wren of the Americas seen and heard on three days

Turdidae: Thrushes

Austral Thrush (*Turdus falcklandii*) Nice looks at this thrush on last three days – particularly on Grey Lake hike

Fringillidae: Finches and Euphonias

Black-chinned Siskin (*Spinus barbatus*) Good looks at close, perching birds on Milodon cave trail

Zonotrichia capensis: New World Sparrows

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Seen daily in varied habitats

Icteridae: Blackbirds

Long-tailed Meadowlark (*Leistes loyca*) This showy red-breasted blackbird lit up grasslands on the first three days of the tour

Austral Blackbird (*Curaeus curaeus*) Seen 3 days in Torres del Paine NP; best at Grey Lake trailhead

Thraupidae: Tanagers and Allies

Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus gayi*) Seen especially well at Laguna Los Palos

Patagonian Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus patagonicus*) Pretty views of several on Milodon cave and Grey Lake trails

Mourning Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus fruticeti*) Nice look at female feeding chick on fence top in Torres del Paine NP

White-bridled Finch (*Melanodera melanodera*) Road bird seen on first day along with numerous Seedsnipes between Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Only seen on day two in Puerto Natales

## **MAMMALS**

**Large Hairy Armadillo** (*Chaetophractus villosus*) Two seen on trip; both roadside sightings

**Guanaco** (*Lama guanicoe*) Hundreds in Patagonian Steppe and throughout Torres del Paine NP

**South Andean Huemul** (*Hippocamelus bisulcus*) We had a fortunate close roadside view of this rare deer near Grey Lake

**Humboldt's Hog-nosed Skunk** (*Conepatus humboldtii*) One emerged from underneath our ranch/lodge one morning and played briefly with the ranch dog! No spray was rendered!!

**Culpeo** (*Lycalopex culpaeus*) Excellent roadside sighting of adult with kit

**South American Gray Fox** (*Lycalopex griseus*) Seen near ranch/lodge east of Torres del Paine NP

**European Hare** (*Lepus europaeus*) Common introduced species seen all four days