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OVERVIEW

Debbie and Joseph arrived on their overnight flight from Canada and Tony had already spent a few days in Chile with his family so Fernando collected him from his son's home, picked Debbie and Joseph up at the airport and from there we started our 10-day trip through Central Chile.

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

Day 1 After meeting at the airport, we headed straight to the nearby wetlands of Lampa. The area was full of birds with a very noisy colony of Brown-Hooded Gulls and a large number of different species of ducks, among them Chiloe Wigeon, Cinnamon Teal and Red Shoveler.

Fernando had done a scouting trip a few days before and found a pair of the very rare South American Painted Snipe so we went to that sector and after some time wading through the long grass one bird shot up almost under our feet but the second bird went off in a more leisurely fashion giving us excellent views.

This is one of the most difficult of species in central Chile to find so we all thought this was a good omen for the rest of the trip.

After this we made the short trip into the centre of Santiago and checked into our hotel in Providencia.



South American Painted-Snipe, Lampa marches. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 2 Early in the morning we went to climb up the route to the ski areas of Farellones and Valle Nevado to find some of the endemic birds and other higher altitude specialties.

This route starts at 1300 meters and rises to 3000 meters and offers a variety of stops at different elevations.

We started looking for the endemic Dusky-tailed Canastero which we found bouncing around in the thorn bushes .

We found 2 other endemics, the splendidly lively Moustached Turca and then the tiny but very vocal Dusky Tapaculo and finally the Chilean Mockingbird.

Last winter was very tough in the high mountains so even in November there was snow in places that usually are full of birds.

After the 2000 metre mark we saw more than 25 giant Andean Condor and 2 Mountain Caracara. Then we came across the high altitude hummingbird the White-sided Hillstar and an unexpected sighting of a Thick-billed Siskin, a bird normally very localized in another valley in central Chile.

After that it was a slow move down the winding road back to our comfortable hotel in Santiago.



Andean Condor, Valle Nevado. Photo Fernando Díaz

Day 3 This morning we drove the 90 minutes to reach the coast. Our day started with birding in the wetland at the mouth of the Rio Maipo.

This is probably the number one birding site on the coast in of Central Chile. When we arrived a large group of Peruvian Pelican and various Gulls were resting on the beach. We also found some Waders here, among them Hudsonian Godwit, Whimbrel, Willet, Ruddy Turnstone and Sanderling.

Then we went through the sand dunes to the marshy area to look for some birds among the reeds. We were entertained by the wonderful Many-colored Rush Tyrants who were very active bouncing around in the reeds.

Also after a long search we found a Ticking Doradito. This small lemon and brown flycatcher is a migrant who needs to cross the Andes so we were surprised to find it here after seeing so much snow on the mountains the previous day.

We then moved north up the coast and took our lunch in a quiet seaside restaurant close to the ocean and from there we saw another endemic the Chilean Seaside Cinclodes.

Scanning a large raft of seabirds we were surprised to find a Blue-footed Booby. This is a warmer water specie so it's only found in central Chile in El Niño years.

This afternoon we made our last stop in a small reserve in the fishing village of Algarrobo where we found a pair of the normally secretive Stripe-backed Bittern actively fishing among the reeds.

After this magnificent sighting we drove north past Valparaiso to the peaceful port of Quintero where we stayed in an oceanside hotel near the harbour ready for our pelagic trip the next morning.



Ticking Doradito, Maipo River. Photo: Fernando Diaz

Day 4 Dawn saw us down at the quay ready to board the boat for our 6 hours of seabirds.

Our first sight was a huge group of Sooty Shearwater crossing not far from the coast. After a short while of sailing we saw the first Salvin's Albatross and Black-browed Albatross with both species being numerous throughout the trip.

We also had a visit from a pair of Northern Royal Albatross who followed the boat for a few minutes along with a good number of Masatierra Petrel ... one of the endemic breeding seabirds of Chile.

Other good birds were Northern Giant Petrel, Peruvian Diving-Petrel plus Pink-footed and White-chinned Petrels.

After the pelagic we had our lunch then moved north up the coast to the Humboldt Penguin colony at Cacahagua where we saw Humboldt and Magellanic Penguins and then on to our final stop on the coast at Zapallar where the highlight was the Great Shrike-Tyrant, a bird very localized throughout its range and very territorial. It gave us excellent views as it rested on a flowering Puyas bush. After that we drove to the peaceful Hotel in Quintero where we spent the night.



Northern Royal Albatross, Quinteros. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 5 We started the day at the Salinas de Pillally and here we had excellent views of a noisy endemic White-throated Tapaculo which is normally difficult to get in plain view.

Then we went to the La Campana National Park. Here our main target was the elusive endemic Chilean Tinamou and we got a fabulous view with the birds only a few feet from us which is a rare treat from this normally very shy and reclusive specie.

After that we drove to Laguna Batuco which is an excellent waterfowl destination where we found large groups of diferent species of ducks and some Black-necked Swans, Coscoroba Swans and 3 beautiful Andean Geese.

Then it was short drive back to our hotel in Santiago.



Chilean Tinamou, La Campana NP. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 6 An early start saw us heading south and then east from the city and into the Maipo valley past the small capital San José de Maipo en route for our destination of the day the Yeso Valley.

We made our first stop to look for the endemic Crag Chilia who were nesting on the rocky cliff and showed well for us.

We continue our ascent into this colourful valley to a wetland where we found two Thick-billed Siskin along with some Yellow-rumped Siskin which enabled us to do some species comparison of 2 quite similar birds.

Moving a little higher we found Andean and Upland Geese and then it was time for the hunt for our main target of the day the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover.

Here in a large bog at 2500 metres we found a nesting pair which gave us excellent views. This was probably the only couple nesting in the wetland. Also on this site we found at least 10 Gray-breasted Seedsnipe and number of different Ground Tyrant species...Spot-billed, Ochre-naped, White-browed and Black-fronted.

After a most successful day we set off back down the rocky valley amid spectacular mountain scenery and on to Santiago to overnight.



Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, Yeso Valley. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 7 Today started with a long drive down the Panamericana and we were rewarded with a sighting of 4 Screaming Cowbird a specie not on the Chile list and whose range is not yet known.

We then made short stop at the edge of Lake Colbún where we had good views at the colony of the large colourful and very noisy Burrowing Parakeets and a pair of delightful Spectacled Duck.

Then it was on to Vilches Alto and a quick and very productive visit to the Altos de Lircay National Park.

In this early evening visit we found no less than 3 magnificent Magellanic Woodpeckers, one of the great tapaculo species the Chestnut-throated Huet-huet who came to us right at the entrance of the park. After walking a while we found a pair of beautiful little Patagonian Tyrants who were feeding in the bushes.

Then it was back to our nearby comfortable rural lodge to dine and sleep.



Burrowing Parakeet, Colbún Lake. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 8 This morning we started with a nice walk in the wooded Altos de Lircay National Park. This is old Nothofagus forest with massive ancient trees and beautiful mountain views.

We found a wonderful "Tapaculo stream," with one Chestnut-throated Huet-huet running past us carrying food back to his nest then 2 noisy little 2 Chucao Tapaculo and one Magellanic Tapaculo all showed themselves...all in the same place !!

The forest was filled with birds , Thorn-tailed Rayadito, White-throated Treerunner, White-crested Elaenia and Patagonian Sierra-Finch.

We had a whole day in the forest and then returned to our lodge for dinner.

After our dinner, we ventured to do a night walk in the park and on a beautiful starry night we found Rufous-legged Owl and Band-winged Nightjar which are 2 of the key birding goals in this park.



Chestnut-throated Huet-huet, Altos de Lircay NP. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 9 We started with a long drive down to Temuco which was our last stop on the tour.

Our main goal for the day was to look for the rare Rufous-tailed Hawk. We sat and waited for one of the adults to pass through its territory.

After a while the male flew in carrying prey it had caught to give to the female! We had a beautiful view of both birds through the telescope.

Other good birds for this day were more specialist forest species such as Des Murs's Wiretail, Chilean Pigeon and Tufted Tit-Tyrant among others.

Then it was back for a relaxing hotel and dinner.



Chucao Tapaculo, Cerro Nielol MN. Photo: Fernando Díaz

Day 10 We started our last day with a very early morning session on the National Monument Cerro Ñielol to find the last 2 of the Tapaculos of Chile that we had on our list.

We walked very stealthily along the trail saw a Black-throated Huet-huet who crossed the path in front of us.

Then we saw in the dense bamboo an Ochre-flanked Tapaculo singing very actively. A full set of Chile's tapaculos..excellent result !!

Also on this site we saw a group of 30 Slender-billed Parakeet.

After this very successful session we wound our way up to the mountainous volcanic Conguillio National Park.

The park has fascinating and dramatic scenery with great views of the volcano Mount Llaima and the Araucania (Monkey Puzzle tree) forest.

Here we found a couple of Flying Steamer-Duck cruising on the beautiful tranquil waters of Lake Conguillio. Journey's End!!

Not quite but then it was back to Temuco's new airport and back to Santiago airport where the trip ended.



Ashy-headed Goose, Conguillio Lake. Photo: Fernando Díaz

BIRD LIST

TINAMOUS

Chilean Tinamou *Nothoprocta perdicaria*

Two of them seen in the La Campana National Park, came very close to us. An excellent view of these timid Tinamou.

DUCKS

Black-necked Swan *Cygnus melancoryphus*

Many on the coast and in Laguna de Batuco

Coscoroba Swan *Coscoroba coscoroba*

Many on the coast and in Laguna de Batuco

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera*

3 of them in the wintering grounds in Laguna de Batuco and 8 of them in Valle del Yeso

Upland Goose *Chloephaga picta*

3 of them in Valle del Yeso

Ashy-headed Goose *Chloephaga poliocephala*

5 of them on the shores of lake Conguillio

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata*

A couple on the way to Valle del Yeso

Flying Steamer-Duck *Tachyeres patachonicus*

A couple on Lake Conguillio

Spectacled Duck *Specularnas specularis*

Several in lake Colbún, this is the northern boundary known for this species.

Chiloe Wigeon *Anas sibilatrix*

Seen in all wetlands we visited

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris*

Several of the ssp *flavirostris* common in Central Chile and 7 of the *oxyptera* ssp in Valle del Yeso

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica*

Very numerous in all wetlands we visited

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

5 of them in lake Batuco

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*

Seen in all wetlands we visited

Red Shoveler *Anas platalea*

Common in Central Chile.

Rosy-billed Pochard *Netta peposaca*

3 in Laguna de Batuco, this duck is a regular in Central Chile, but always in low numbers

Lake Duck *Oxyura vittata*

Seen on Laguna Cartagena and Laguna de Batuco

NEW WORLD QUAIL

California Quail *Callipepla californica*

Seen and heard in all fields and shrubby areas we visited, very common

GREBES

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland*

Only 2 of them in Laguna Cartagena and 4 in Laguna de Batuco

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Few in number on the wetlands we visit

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

1 en Rio Maipo y 3 en Laguna de Batuco

1 in Maipo river and 3 in Laguna de Batuco

PENGUINS

Humboldt Penguin *Spheniscus humboldti*

11 of them in Colonia de Algarrobo and numerous in Cachagua.

Magellanic Penguin *Spheniscus magellanicus*

2 of them lie in the colony of Zapallar.

ALBATROSSES

Royal Albatross (Northern) *Diomedea epomophora sanfordi*

2 of them followed the boat for a few moments, we had a good view of them.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophrys*

20 of them in the Pelagic , most of them were juveniles, just a couple of adults

Salvin's Albatross *Thalassarche salvini*

Very numerous, the most common Albatross in Central Chile.

SHEARWATERS

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

Two of them seen well

Masatierra Petrel *Pterodroma defilippiana*

11 of them. A good number for this small petrel. Masatierra Petrel is one of Chile's endemic breeders.

White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis*

At least 30 of them during the pelagic trip.

Westland Petrel *Procellaria westlandica*

Numerous in the pelagic trip, some of them waded a short distance from the boat

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

Huge groups at the beginning of the pelagic trip

Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus*

Numerous, another of Chile's endemic breeders. Much of the population breeds in Mocha Island 600 kilometers south of Valparaiso

STORM-PETRELS

Wilson's Storm-Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

Only one individual who approached the boat.

DIVING-PETRELS

Peruvian Diving-Petrel *Pelecanoides garnotii*

Six of them near the coast, during the pelagic trip.

PELICANS

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus*

Large groups seen during our days on the coast.

BOOBIES

Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata*

Very numerous during the pelagic trip and on the Algarrobo Islet

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii*

A lone individual in the Peña Blanca colony in Algarrobo. In 2015 there were numerous records of this Booby in Central Chile, something very unusual, attributed to the incursion of warmer waters as a result of El Niño.

CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Seen in all wetlands we visited.

Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi*

Only one of these beautiful cormorant in Algarrobo

Guanay Cormorant *Phalacrocorax bougainvillii*

One of them during the pelagic trip.

HERONS

Stripe-backed Bittern *Ixobrychus involucris*

Two of them seen very well fishing in the San Jeronimo estuary, Algarrobo

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

One in Maipo estuary

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Numerous feeding in fields close to the wetlands

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

5 are in Laguna de Batuco

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

2 of them in Batuco y Lago Colbun

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Some of them in the wetlands we visited

IBISES

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*

Some of them in the wetlands of Lampa

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopis*

Very numbers around Temuco

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura jota*

Seen almost daily

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Seen almost daily, largest in the South Central area

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus*

We saw at least 25 of these giant winged of los Andes on our trip to Farellones and Valle Nevado.

HAWKS

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

We saw some of them during our trip to Lircay.

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*

Two in Laguna de Batuco and one in Colbún

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

Seen every day we visited the mountains.

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*

Seen repeatedly in areas with trees.

Variable Hawk *Buteo polyosoma*

Very numerous in Farellones and Valle Nevado

Rufous-tailed Hawk *Buteo ventralis*

A couple in Cerro Ñielol. This is one of the few sectors where you can see this specialist raptor of the forest of the Southern Cone.

FALCONS

Southern Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Uno de ellos pasó volando justo sobre nuestra mesa de pic nic en Lircay.

One of them flew right over our picnic table in Lircay.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

Only two of them in Farellones

Chimango Caracara *Milvago chimango*

Very common and in several different habitats, including inside the dense forest in Lircay.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Several of them in the places we visited and on poles along the route

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*

2 of them in the high Andes in Farellones area

RAILS

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*

Heard in Lago Colbún

Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armillata*

Plenty of them in the wetlands visited

Red-fronted Coot *Fulica rufifrons*

1 of them on Wetlands of Lampa

White-winged Coot *Fulica leucoptera*

Some of the on Wetlands of Lampa

PLOVERS

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

Muy común, visto en casi todos los ambientes que visitamos.

Very common, seen in almost every habitat we visited.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

One of them in Laguna de Batuco

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover *Phegornis mitchellii*

Un individuo de este hermoso ave que habita en los Altos Andes en el Valle del Rio Yeso, sin duda una de las aves más por todo el grupo

An individual of this beautiful bird that lives in the high Andes in the Yeso Valley, undoubtedly one of the most expected bird for group

OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

Common, seen several times on the coast

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater*

Some of them in the rocky areas on the coast.

AVOCETS and STILTS

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*

Abundant in wetlands inland and on the coast

SANDPIPERS

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiae*

6 of them flew frightened by us in the wetlands of Lampa

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

3 of them in the estuary of the Rio Maipo. The entire population wintering on the island of Chiloé and in some sectors of Patagonia so we were surprised to find these birds as far north of his wintering area

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Very numbers, a large flock of at least 750 individuals, resting in the dunes at the estuary of the Maipo river

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

5 of them in the Salinas de Pullay

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

One of the most common shorebirds migrating south at this time, saw large (+200) numbers in Laguna Batuco

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

Some of them in the estuary of the Maipo river

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

3 of them we saw from the boat in Quinteros, were feeding in algae on the shores

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

25 of them seen from the boat Quintero, they rested on the rocks

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*

Only 4 of them in Estuary Maipo river

SEEDSNIPES

Gray-breasted Seedsnipe *Thinocorus orbignyianus*

2 in Farellones and at least 10 of them in Valle del Yeso

PAINTED-SNIPE

South American Painted-snipe *Nycticryphes semicollaris*

Sin duda, una de las mejores observaciones de este viaje. “nosotros corrimos” directamente desde el avión hasta esta ave, 2 de ellas en lo humedales de Lampa

Without doubt one of the best observations of this trip. "We ran" directly from the aircraft to the bird, including 2 in wetlands Lampa

SKUAS

Chilean Skua *Stercorarius chilensis*

Only one of them for pelagic from Quintero

GULLS

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*

A lone individual in our visit to the Valle del Yeso

Brown-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus maculipennis*

Large group at wetland of Lampa, where it reproduces within the reed

Gray Gull *Leucophaeus modestus*

5 of them (juveniles) in the estuary of the Maipo river. This species breeds in the Atacama Desert, some colonies are located 50 kilometers away from the coast. However, some juvenile and non-breeding birds spend the entire year on the coast of central Chile

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

November is just the beginning of the migration of this Gull from the center of North America. We saw a flock of at least 500 individuals in the estuary of Rio Maipo

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Very numerous in the wetlands visited

Inca Tern *Larosterna inca*

4 of these cute tern from our pelagic

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea*

15 of them in the estuary of the Maipo river

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans*

Another migration from the northern hemisphere, 70 of them in the estuary of the Maipo river

SKIMMERS

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*

80 de ellos descansaban luego desde su migración desde amazonia en estuario del Rio Maipo

80 of them then rest from their migration from Amazon in Estuary Rio Maipo

PIGEONS

Picui Ground-Dove *Columbina picui*

Seen in the various fields and bush areas we visited

Black-winged Ground-Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera*

2 of them in the area of Farellones, in the past this bird was larger in November, but this year it seems the migration is delayed by heavy snowstorms in the mountains

Chilean Pigeon *Patagioenas araucana*

Very abundant this forest Pigeon from southern Santiago

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda*

Three individuals seen on different days in Quintero and Pullay. This is a new colonization of this pigeon before it was adjusted in the far north of Chile and today has already colonized the fields south of Santiago

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Seen almost every day of our trip

PARROTS

Burrowing Parakeet *Cyanoliseus patagonus*

We visited a noisy colony of this colorful Parakeet on the shore of Lake Colbun

Austral Parakeet *Enicognathus ferrugineus*

Some of them in Lircay and around Temuco

Slender-billed Parakeet *Enicognathus leptorhynchus*

30 de este casi endémico Parakeet en cerro Ñielol en Temuco

30 of this almost endemic Parakeet on the Cerro Ñielol NM in Temuco

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*

Seen every day that we were in Santiago.

OWLS

Rufous-legged Owl *Strix rufipes*

An excellent view of one of this forest Owl in Lircay

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

3 of them in the fields in Laguna de Batuco

NIGHTJARS

Band-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longirostris*

In our night walk an individual came to playback

HUMMINGBIRDS

Green-backed Firecrown *Sephanoides sephaniodes*

Common in the forest to the southern Santiago

White-sided Hillstar *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*

An individual in the area of Farellones

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*

We saw this huge Hummingbird, every day we were around Santiago

WOODPECKERS

Striped Woodpecker *Veniliornis lignarius*

We saw several times this little Woodpecker in the woods south of Santiago

Chilean Flicker *Colaptes pitius*

We saw some; 2 of them in the park Yerba Loca and 3 of them in route to the Yeso Valley

Magellanic Woodpecker *Campephilus magellanicus*

We saw two families of 3 individuals of this amazing Woodpecker in Lircay National Park

OVENBIRDS

Rufous-banded Miner *Geositta rufipennis*

The miner, more common in the high Andes of central Chile, we saw large groups in migration

Crag Chilia *Ochetorhynchus melanurus*

3 of this endemic on a high cliff in the Yeso Valley

Scale-throated Earthcreeper *Upucerthia dumetaria*

Seen in both times we visited the high Andes

Buff-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

Seen every time we visit the mountains, this is a "recent" separation of Bar-winged Cinclodes

Gray-flanked Cinclodes *Cinclodes oustaleti*

Seen side by side with Buff-winged Cinclodes, which made their identification very funny

Dark-bellied Cinclodes *Cinclodes patagonicus*

Two of them around Temuco

Seaside Cinclodes *Cinclodes nigrofumosus*

2 of them right next to our table in Las Cruces restaurant and another of this endemic in the rocks after pelagic

Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops*

Several of them in the visited wetlands

Thorn-tailed Rayadito *Aphrastura spinicauda*

Very common in the forest of Lircay and Cerro Ñielol.

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*

Seen almost daily

Des Murs's Wiretail *Sylviorthorhynchus desmursii*

We saw very well one of this elusive bird in a small patch of bambu in Lircay. Then another heard in the Cerro Ñielol

Cordilleran Canastero *Asthenes modesta*

Two of them in the área of Farellones

Sharp-billed Canastero *Asthenes pyrrholeuca*

Seen among the bushes on both visits to the high mountains

Dusky-tailed Canastero *Asthenes humicola*

One of the endemic in the bushes in the area of Farellones

White-throated Treerunner *Pygarrhichas albogularis*

We saw this "Treerunner" in Lircay and the Cerro Ñielol

TAPACULOS

Chestnut-throated Huet-huet *Pterotochos castaneus*

We saw two of this "almost endemic" in the Lircay National Park, one it was carrying food in a hollow off the ground stride, crossed a couple times the trail

Black-throated Huet-huet *Pterotochos tarnii*

We saw one of this elusive Tapaculo on the path in the Cerro Ñielol, heard his loud chanting often

Moustached Turca *Pterotochos megapodius*

We saw this "charismatic endemic" in our visits to the mountains and in the National Park La Campana.

White-throated Tapaculo *Scelorchilus albicollis*

We saw this endemic elusive singing outside the bushes, a great view.

Chuca Tapaculo *Scelorchilus rubecula*

We saw two of them in the "tapaculos stream" in the Lircay Park, they crossed the trail several times and had a very good view of this colorful Tapaculo

Ochre-flanked Tapaculo *Eugralla paradoxa*

One of them in the dense bamboo in Cerro Ñielol, he always remained in the shadows and it was hard to see a piece of this shy bird

Magellanic Tapaculo *Scytalopus magellanicus*

We saw one of them approached unused playback in "tapaculos stream" in the Lircay Park. This bird had the bright spot on the head. Others were seen in Cerro Ñielol

Dusky Tapaculo *Scytalopus fuscus*

We saw one of this endemic in the Yerba Loca park

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

White-crested Elaenia (chilensis) *Elaenia albiceps chilensis*

This migratory extremely common in almost all environments we visit

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

Several couples in areas with bushes visit

Ticking Doradito *Pseudocolopteryx citreola*

After waiting a long time one of them came up to us in Estuary of Maipo river. The whole group could see and hold this little immigration.

Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra*

2 of this tiny, colorful Tyrant in the wetlands of Lampa and another in the Maipo River Estuary

Austral Negrito *Lessonia rufa*

We saw this "notorious" Tyrant in several wetland areas we visited on our trip

Spectacled Tyrant *Hymenops perspicillatus*

Two in Lago Colbún and fields near Temuco. We were surprised not to find this Tyrant in wetlands around Santiago probably was delayed migration product of heavy snowstorms in the high mountains

Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*

Two of them in plain area with low bushes at 2000m in the valley of Yeso

Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*

Two of them seen in wet and pasty areas Valle del Yeso River

White-browed Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albilora*

The Ground-Tyrant more common in visits to Farellones and Yeso Valley

Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola frontalis*

4 of them in low shrubs above 2500 meters in the Yeso Valley

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus*

We saw this bird in two visits to the high Andes

Great Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis lividus*

Very local throughout its range, we saw this bird in the coast in the area of Zapallar where foraged by flowering Puya shrubs

Fire-eyed Diucon *Xolmis pyrope*

Common in spring time in the central area. We saw this elegant bird almost daily.

Patagonian Tyrant *Colorhamphus parvirostris*

There were 2 of them in a dark undergrowth sector Lircay National Park. This is a new location for this species, far from the known range

COTINGAS

Rufous-tailed Plantcutter *Phytotoma rara*

The only "Cotinga" living in Chile, saw a bird on the coast and in the road to Yeso Valley

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Seen almost daily, very common in migration in Central Chile

Chilean Swallow *Tachycineta meyeni*

Common in central Chile, we saw this white-black Swallow at several sites

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Regular but always in low numbers in central Chile, we saw an individual of this migration in the estuary of Maipo River

WRENS

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Seen almost daily in almost every Wetlands

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

One in the estuary of Maipo river

THRUSHES

Austral Thrush *Turdus falcklandii*

Common in Central Chile, also in Santiago

MOCKINGBIRDS

Chilean Mockingbird *Mimus thenca*

We saw this "almost endemic" daily, common in Central Chile

PIPITS

Correndera Pipit *Anthus correndera*

Common, the most widespread Pipit in Central Chile

Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri*

We saw an individual singing on a post closet o Melipeuco, Temuco

SPARROWS

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Seen daily

Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus gayi*

Seen in the high Andes and also on the coast that which corresponds to the ssp *minor* ssp different from the extended forms in the central Andes and the Patagonian steppes

Patagonian Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus patagonicus*

We saw this colored *Phrygilus* in the forest of Parque Lircay

Mourning Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus fruticeti*

One of them in the Farellones area

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

Three of them on our visit to Yeso Valley, we Heard this “uniform” *Phrygilus* sing a few times.

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus alaudinus*

One of them was seen in Colbun lake, it was rare not to see this bird in the outskirts of Santiago, possibly another delay in its migration

Common Diuca-Finch *Diuca diuca*

Seen EVERY day on our trip

Greater Yellow-Finch *Sicalis auriventris*

We saw groups of these in Valle Nevado and only two in Yeso Valley

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

This Finch has “recently” colonized other sectors around Temuco, we saw this bird nesting in Melipeuco, Temuco

Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola*

Commonly found in the pastures of Central Chile, we saw this singing Finch several times

BLACKBIRDS

Austral Blackbird *Curaeus curaeus*

Seen almost daily, always in small groups

Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelasticus thilius*

Commonly found in wetlands in Central Chile, we saw this blackbird in all of the wetlands we visited

Screaming Cowbird *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*

This species was recently discovered in Chile, it reproduces parasiting Austral Blackbird, behavior that is new for this species. We looked for this species for a while unsuccessfully, later when we were getting gas four of them passed by vocalizing sounds. Only some members of the group saw them.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Seen a couple of times in fields

Long-tailed Meadowlark *Sturnella loyca*

Very common in fields and mountains. We saw this colorful bird in various environments that we visited

FINCHES

Thick-billed Siskin *Carduelis crassirostris*

This Siskin is very localized in Central Chile, being that there are only two known sectors. We were very lucky to see this colored bird on two occasions, once in Farellones and again in Yeso Valley

Yellow-rumped Siskin *Carduelis uropygialis*

Only two of them in the Yeso Valley

Black-chinned Siskin *Carduelis barbata*

This bird is very common in Central Chile, we saw this little Siskin on various occasions

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Common in villages and cities

MAMMALS

RODENTS

Andean Field Mouse *Abrothrix andinus*

We saw this tiny Mouse in Farellones, one of them was exposed for a moment outside of its burrow on a rockface "Pirca"

Coypu *Myocastor coypus*

One of these gigantic rodents in Laguna el Cartagena

RABBITS

European Hare *Lepus europaeus*

One of these on the outskirts of Temuco

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

One of these seen on the coast

FOXES

Culpeo Fox *Pseudalopex culpaeus*

Two of these seen on the way to the Yeso Valley

WEASELS

Southern Sea-otter *Lontra felina*

We saw three of these “carismatic” otters in Algarrobo

EARED SEALS

South American Sea-lion *Otaria flavescens*

Seen on two occasions on the coast

REPTILES

Black-and-green Tree Iguana *Liolaemus nigroviridis*

One of them in Farellones

Blue-tailed Tree Iguana *Liolaemus tenuis*

We saw this colored reptile at Lircay park