Leader: Eduardo Navarro
Participants: Shelly Jardine
The highlands around Santiago, at Central Chile, are especially cold during autumn and winter seasons. In the company of Shelly Jardine, we spent a whole day around Farellones and Valle Nevado, looking for some interesting birds. Despite this cold day, we got the chance to spot a good number of species and have a look to the Andes heart landscapes.

We left the hotel at 7:00 a.m. and drove to our first birding stop where we rapidly found some good species including Moustached Turca and Dusky-tailed Canastero, both Chilean endemic.

We stopped several times along the way, where we found a good selection of finches like, Mourning Sierra-Finch, Band-tailed Sierra-Finch, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch and Rufous-collared Sparrow. We try to visit the Yerba Loca reserve but, unlucky for us, the road was closed because a big storm the week before.

We continued driving to the higher lands, with strong winds and even some snow, but we could find a couple of Magellanic Horned Owl resting on a tree branch. Around Farellones town we saw some highlands species like Rufous-banded Miner, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant and Black-winged Ground Dove. We also had some great views of several Andean Condors and mountain caracaras and two species of falcons: aplomado and peregrine falcons.

We came back to the hotel at 6:30 p.m. after having seen 30 species of birds, nothing bad for a winter day at the Andes.

Dusky-tailed Canastero (*Pseudasthenes humicola*).
BIRDLIST

RR = Restricted-range species (total range < 50,000 km²)
Conservation Status follows Birdlife International
Taxonomic order and notes follows South American Classification Committee
http://www.museum.lsu.edu/~Remsen/SACCBaseline.html

NEW WORLD QUAILS
California Quail – *Callipepla californica*

NEW WORLD VULTURES
Andean Condor – *Vultur gryphus* Monotypic NEAR-THREATENED

HAWKS
Variable Hawk – *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Monotypic

FALCONS
Mountain Caracara – *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*
Chimango Caracara – *Milvago chimango*
Peregrine Falcon – *Falco peregrinus*
Aplomado Falcon – *Falco femoralis*

PLOVERS
Southern Lapwing - *Vanellus chilensis*

PIGEONS
Black-winged Ground-Dove – *Metriopelia melanoptera melanoptera*
Eared Dove – *Zenaida auriculata*

OWLS
Great Horned Owl - *Bubo virginianus magellanicus*

HUMMINGBIRDS
Green-backed fire crown- *Sephanoides sephanoides*

OVEBIRD
Rufous-banded Miner – *Geositta rufipennis*
Buff-winged Cinclodes – *Cinclodes fuscus* Monotypic
Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail – *Leptasthenura aegithaloides*.
**RR** Dusky-tailed Canastero – *Pseudasthenes hunicola* CHILEAN ENDEMIC

TAPACULOS
**RR** Moustached Turca – *Pteroptochos megalopus* CHILEAN ENDEMIC

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
Tufted Tit-Tyrant – *Anairetes parulussparulus*
Black---billed Shrike-Tyrant - *Agriornis montanus*
Fire-eyed Diucon - *Xolmis pyrope*

**WRENES**
House Wren - *Troglodyte (aedon) musculus*

**THRUSHES**
Austral Thrush – *Turdus falcklandii magellanicus*

**MOCKINGBIRDS**
RR Chilean Mockingbird – *Mimus thenca* Monotypic NEAR TO CHILEAN ENDEMIC

**SPARROWS**
Rufous-collared Sparrow – *Zonotrichia capensis*
Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch – *Phrygilus gayi*
Mourning Sierra-Finch – *Phrygilus fruticeti*
Common Diuca-Finch – *Diuca diuca*

**BLACKBIRDS**
Austral Blackbird – *Curaeus curaeus*
Long-tailed Meadowlark – *Sturnella loyca*

**FINCHES**
Black-chinned Siskin - *Sporagra barbata* Monotypic

**MAMMAL LIST**

**CANIDAE**
Culpeo Fox – *Pseudalopex culpaeus*

**Octodontidae**
Cururo - *Spalacopus cyanus* Monotypic CHILEAN ENDEMIC