



Diademed Sandpiper-Plover

Chile

With Tucson Bird Alliance

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October 16 – Batuco Lake

We started the tour in the afternoon with a visit to Batuco Lake. Most of the group had seen a few species around the grounds of the airport hotel, but the tour really kicked off once we arrived at the lake. As soon as we were out of the bus, we had good looks at Tufted Tit-Tyrant perched on the fence, a singing Long-tailed Meadowlark showing off his brilliant red belly, and a couple of Chilean Mockingbirds. A short walk brought us to the shore of the lake and hundreds of birds of more than 25 species! Over the course of half an hour, everyone had good looks at Black-headed Ducks (our only sighting of the trip), Red Shovelers, Chiloe Wigeon, Coscoroba Swan, Andean Goose, and three species of coots: Red-fronted, Red-gartered, and White-winged! After walking to another viewpoint, we added many newly arrived from the Arctic Baird's Sandpipers. We'd been enjoying the flight displays of Correndera Pipits, or as they became known to our group, Coriander Pipits, and eventually enjoyed views of one on the ground. A Burrowing Owl also showed very nicely for our group as we started heading back to the bus. Once we were almost back to the bus, an Aplomado Falcon made an appearance too! It was a great first afternoon of birding in Chile.



Burrowing Owl

October 17 – Valle Nevado and Farellones

After driving across Santiago and up into the Andes Mountains, we arrived at our first stop in Valle Nevado (Snowy Valley) at the Plaza de los Pumas. It was a chilly start to the day, but as soon as the sun came over the nearby cliff sides, it warmed up quickly. The birds didn't seem to mind at all and within a couple minutes we were looking at one of our targets, a Scale-throated Earthcreeper. Soon, Rufous-banded Miners announced their presence with their loud song and flight displays. Sharp-billed Canastero also popped up nearby and allowed for some photos. A short walk up a rushing,

rocky creek produced our first White-sided Hillstar, but better views were definitely desired.



Rufous-banded Miner



Mountain Caracara

Afterwards, we headed further up the mountains to the Valle Nevado ski area, where our main target, the Mountain Caracara provided great views while it was perched on one of the resorts. While we were watching, it flew right towards us and over our heads! We were able to enjoy watching a couple of individuals throughout our time in this area. Eventually, we had good views of several Andean Condors, Black-fronted Ground-Tyrants, and plenty of Greater Yellow-Finches. After lunch,

we headed down the mountain but made a couple of birding stops along the way. 11 Andean Condors, a close Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, and good looks at Buff-winged Cinclodes were among the highlights! From there we drove to our next lodge and after getting stuck in Santiago traffic, finally made it much later than hoped.

October 18 – Yeso Valley

After an early departure, we headed up into the Yeso Valley in a smaller van so we would be able to make the drive all the way up. However, our first stop was much lower down. As we skirted around the edge of some rocky cliffs, one of our main targets, the Crag Chilia, popped out into the open. We had several looks at this Chilean endemic in this area, but this was our only sighting of the trip. We also had some luck with looks at two Moustached Turcas and several Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetails. Afterwards, we headed up higher into the mountains. Along the road up into the valley, we enjoyed many good sightings. We were ready to see a Gray-breasted Seedsnipe, but we weren't prepared for the 48 that we counted along the way! One even posed nicely for our group to snap some nice photos. Although not overly flashy, one of the rarest birds we saw throughout our trip, the Creamy-rumped Miner allowed for good views.



Gray-breasted Seedsnipe

Once we reached the hot springs at the end of the road, it was time to get serious. We were here to see the rare Diademed Sandpiper-Plover. As we started searching, it didn't take long until Scott said "I've got it!" We all enjoyed spectacular views of this peculiar shorebird over the next hour or so. There were a few other birds around too, but our attention mostly stayed on this special bird! Af-

terwards, we had a long drive out of the valley, through southern Santiago, and to the coast. After arriving in San Antonio, we enjoyed a great dinner at a local seafood restaurant. With Pisco Sours, the drink of choice on this tour, all around and Luke unknowingly enjoying his eel for dinner, we all had a relaxing evening after a long day.



Creamy-rumped Miner

October 19 – Río Maipo, Estero Mantagua

We started our morning by birding along the edge of the Río Maipo Wetlands. As soon as we parked, we had our first views of Chilean Pigeons and on our walk out towards the wetlands, we had good looks at a small flock of Picui Ground Doves. Once we reached the wetlands and pastures, the birding really picked up. We had our first Spot-flanked Gallinule, Yellow-winged Blackbirds, Spectacled Tyrants, Grassland Yellow-Finches, and heard a Black Rail! While we were watching for the rail, a small dark bird popped out, not the rail, but a Dusky Tapaculo came into focus! As we got near the end of the road, we tried for the Ticking Doradito, our main target at this location. After a little wait, one eventually came in and we all had views of this rare bird. Once we reached the Maipo River we added good looks at Peruvian Boobies, Silvery Grebes, and a flyover White-tailed Kite. An Aplomado Falcon provided good looks on our way back too!

Our next stop was the Río Maipo Wetlands Park, just a few minutes away. We spent most of our time birding along their boardwalk which takes you through marshy and tidal habitats which hold a whole lot of birds. At the start, we had excellent looks at Fire-eyed Diucons and Black-chinned Siskins. At one of the marshes, we had good looks at a couple of Many-colored Rush Tyrants. Once we reached the tidal flats, we added many new species. Snowy-crowned and South American Terns,

Black Skimmers, Gray Gulls, our only Collared Plover of the trip, and many shorebirds including Hudsonian Whimbrels and American Oystercatchers.

Afterwards, we continued north towards Quintero but made a stop at Estero Mantagua. This reserve protects some great wetland and marsh habitat. As we were pulling in, we saw our first Giant Hummingbirds. Once we reached the wetlands, we had good looks at many Cinnamon Teal, Red Shovelers, Chiloe Wigeon, Lake Ducks, Black-necked Stilts, and much more. Eventually we made it to a nice patch of reeds where, after some effort, we had great looks at Many-colored Rush Tyrants and Wren-like Rushbirds! After birding, we had a short drive up to Quintero where we would be spending the next couple of nights.



Many-colored Rush Tyrant

October 20 – Quintero Pelagic, Catapilco Estuary, Cachagua

We started our morning with a few minutes drive to catch a boat for some pelagic birding. Once we arrived and walked down to the boat, we had our first Blackish Oystercatcher. As we were heading out on the water, we started adding our first birds, Inca Terns, Humboldt Penguins, and Peruvian Boobies. As we got into the open water, we started seeing many Peruvian Diving-Petrels. Getting a good look at these birds is difficult, but occasionally one would fly close by or pop up close to the boat. Not long after, our first Black-browed Albatross and Northern Giant-Petrel were seen. Once we reached our chumming location, birds started to appear and we started seeing many pelagic species. We ended up with four species of albatrosses, Northern and Southern Royal, Salvin's, and Black-browed. Other highlights included Red Phalaropes, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, White-chinned and Westland Petrels, and Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwaters. On our way back into the harbor, we had distant looks at a Seaside Cinclodes, a Chilean endemic.



Black-browed Albatross



Northern Royal Albatross

Afterwards, we spent some time birding at the Catapilco Estuary where we had our first Thorn-tailed Rayaditos, great looks at Lake Ducks, a Great Grebe with a grebelet riding on its back, nesting Coscoroba Swans, and plenty of other waterbirds. After lunch in town, we headed north to visit a Humboldt Penguin colony. The birding along the beach and the scope views of the nesting seabirds was great. We had amazing looks at a pair of Blackish Oystercatchers, plenty of Humboldt Penguins, many close flyby Peruvian Boobies, and after some time, great looks at a Seaside Cinclodes! After-

wards, it was time to head back to Quintero where we had a delicious dinner and got ready to move on to a new region the next day.



Seaside Cinclodes

October 21 – La Campana National Park

After a short morning drive and a stop for coffee, we arrived at La Campana National Park slightly before they were to open. Luckily, within a few minutes a park employee let us in and we were able to start birding in the park. When we reached the parking area, it didn't take long until we heard some Moustached Turcas nearby. Within a few seconds, one hopped out into the open and was followed by a second. Our whole group had great looks at this Chilean endemic. This tapaculo seems curious at times and unlike many of its super secretive relatives will occasionally spend time in the open. Afterwards, we started our walk up a park road and before long we started hearing our first Austral Pygmy-Owl of the trip. We hiked up the hillside a little further and it wasn't long before Luke spotted this tiny owl! Again, we all had great looks at this limited-range species. It was shaping up to be a good day.

Our next target was the White-throated Tapaculo. These are a bit more difficult to see, but we'd been having luck thus far, so why not? On the way we had our first good looks at Striped Woodpeckers and plenty of Chilean Mockingbirds. Eventually we heard a White-throated Tapaculo and after a long time looking and using a little playback, one bird eventually showed itself. Over the next 10 or 15 minutes we were able to hear the beautiful song of this bird and occasionally it would give us quick looks. It was getting late in the morning and we still had several hours to drive south to our next lodge in Vilches. The birding wasn't over however since we kept eBird lists for each region of the country that we traveled through. It's a good way to pass time on a long road trip!



Moustached Turca

October 22 – Altos de Licray, Vilches Inn

We started our morning early with a short drive to Altos de Licray. It was a chilly start to the morning, but we were here early to look for the difficult-to-see Chestnut-throated Huet-huet. As we waited for one at our first spot along a beautiful forested creek, one started to respond. It didn't take too long until one perched on an exposed rock! Not everyone had the right angle though, so it was much appreciated when the bird spent some more time in the area and gave us several other views. A little further down the trail, we heard another huet-huet and this one gave quick, but great views as it perched along the road and even stopped while it was in the middle of the trail! After enjoying our huet-huet show, we saw our only Patagonian Tyrant of the trip and enjoyed great views of Austral Parakeets. As we were walking back down the trail, a Magellanic Tapaculo showed itself extremely well after it was investigating a tree cavity. Next up was a Chucao Tapaculo which behaved as most tapaculos do, so we only had brief glimpses of a shadow moving through the undergrowth. As we continued on, we had great looks at two Chilean Flickers, but were still missing its bigger cousin, the Magellanic Woodpecker. Once we returned to the van, we walked up a park road and added great looks at White-throated Treerunners and on our return, Luke spotted the rare Chilean Hawk as it was soaring overhead!

After lunch back at our hotel, we headed back to the park for a hike up to a nice overlook of the mountains. The hike was uphill and took some time, but the pair of Magellanic Woodpeckers at the top of the hike made it all worth it! Lisa spotted them near what we later learned was one of their drumming trees and we had spectacular views over the next 20-30 minutes. Afterwards, we went and enjoyed the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and a couple of folks in the group

were able to see a White-throated Hawk. Afterwards, we headed back down the road and back to our inn. After dinner, we headed out for some owling. There was one species we needed to look for here, the Rufous-legged Owl. We walked a short distance down a side road and all of a sudden one started vocalizing right next to us. Eventually good views were had by all!



Magellanic Woodpecker



Rufous-legged Owl

October 23 – Route K25, Río Maule, Vilches Inn, Ñuble Region, Biobío Region

After a delicious breakfast at our inn, we headed down the road to our first stop of the morning. We were looking for Chilean Tinamous in some roadside agricultural fields. After we got out, we had to sort through many Southern Lapwings, but it didn't take long to find a few. Next up we headed to the nearby Maule River. As we were driving to our main stopping point, we saw our first Spectacled Ducks and then we realized they had 9 ducklings! We also saw our first Dark-bellied Cinclodes and a flyover flock of Burrowing Parakeets.



Burrowing Parakeets

Once we reached a good spot to scan the river, we added many more Burrowing Parakeets. These parakeets are really stunning birds, so it was nice to have good views. We hoped to find a Torrent Duck in this area, but it was not to be on this day. As we headed back down the road we saw our only Andean Gulls of the trip. And, a little further down, we came across a roadside flock of Burrowing Parakeets that gave us stunning views! When we arrived back at our inn, we packed up and then got distracted by birds. A large flock of Austral Parakeets was feeding low in the trees allowing for incredible looks. Several Green-backed Firecrowns also buzzed around the feeders and allowed for photos if you were patient enough. After lunch, we had a long drive down to Temuco, so we spent more time adding birds for new regions to pass the time.

October 24 – Conguillío National Park

After an early departure, we had a long drive to make it to Conguillío National Park. Once we arrived, we started enjoying the beautiful views and saw our first Crested Caracara (Southern) of the trip. As we drove through the park, we had more magnificent views and eventually we arrived

at the first grove of Monkey-Puzzle Trees, the national tree of Chile. The Monkey-Puzzle Trees are wild-looking trees and a highlight for all of us on the tour. It got even better when we heard and then saw a Magellanic Woodpecker in this same grove of trees! On another walk later on, we added our first Ashy-headed Geese, more White-throated Treerunners, and lots of Thorn-tailed Rayaditos!



Magellanic Woodpecker in a Monkey-Puzzle Tree

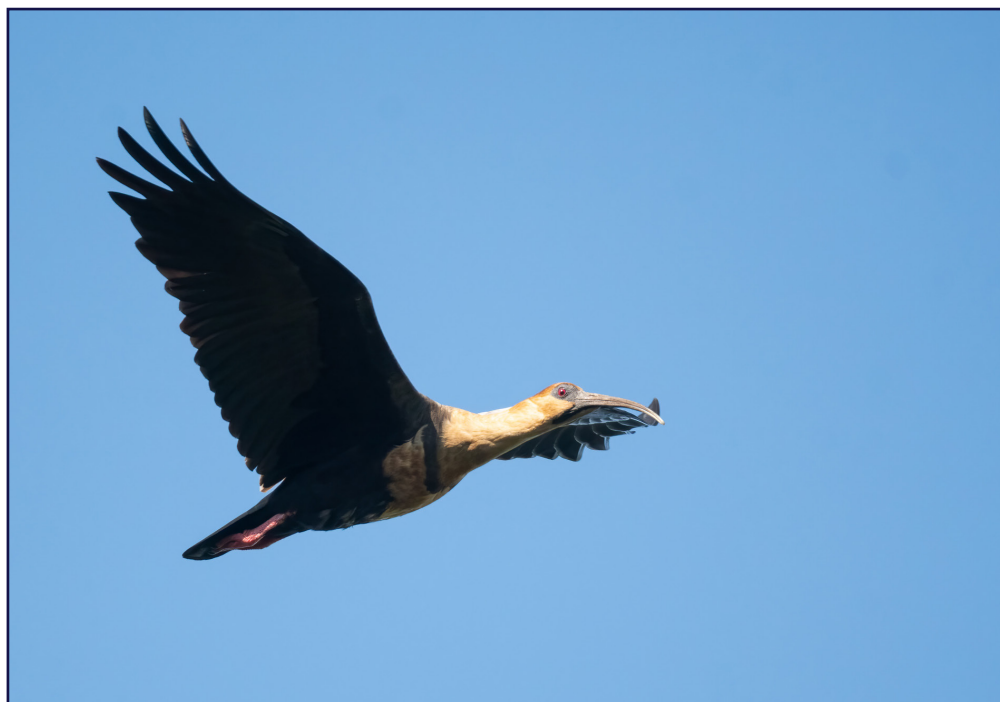
After a wonderful lunch at a nearby lodge, we spent some time scanning a rushing river on their property for Torrent Ducks. We again didn't have any luck, but we did have great looks at an Austral Negrito. After an attempt at Black-throated Huet-huet back at Conguillío it was time to head back to our hotel in Temuco. On our drive back, we saw many Black-faced Ibis feeding in the roadside pastures.

October 25 – Cerro Ñielol and Lahuen Ñadi

We had a little later start this morning since we had a short drive to Cerro Ñielol. The park doesn't open until 8:30 am, so we arrived a bit early and birded around the entrance gate until one of the park rangers arrived and let us in. We heard several Black-throated Huet-huets throughout the morning, but few people got eyes on any of them. These tapaculos can be so difficult to see at times! However, we did have great looks at Slender-billed Parakeets and Des Murs's Wiretail and heard and recorded the interesting songs of Chucao Tapaculo and Black-throated Huet-huets. While spending some time watching for Rufous-tailed Hawk, we had good looks at a flyover Black-faced Ibis. However, since we had a long drive ahead of us on this day as well, we left the park early to make it down to Lahuen Ñadi by the late afternoon.

The weather got worse as we drove south and we ended up having a misty, rainy rest of the day. We

didn't have long at Lahuen Ñadi, but we heard several Black-throated Huet-huets and saw one of the oldest trees in South America, a Fitzroya tree. Afterwards, we headed to our hotel in Puerto Montt, where we had a short break before a delicious dinner at a nearby restaurant.



Black-faced Ibis

October 26 – Chiloe Island Ferry, Puñihuil Islets, Guyunden River

This morning brought us to Chiloe Island. After a 45-minute drive, we drove onto a ferry and spent the 30-minute crossing by birding from the upper level. Sooty Shearwaters were specifically numerous during our crossing, but we also saw a couple of Black-browed Albatrosses, a Southern Giant-Petrel, a couple of Southern Fulmars, and our first Imperial Cormorants. As we drove off the ferry, we noticed some shorebirds. Our first Hudsonian Godwits of the trip! After driving a ways south along the coast, we reached our destination, the Puñihuil Islets. Once we arrived, the local boat operators pushed the boat out into the waves and then took us to the boat in a raised cart. I can't say I've ever gotten onto a boat this way! For the start of our ride, we explored the rocky islands just offshore. A pair of Kelp Geese showed off nicely and several Flightless Steamer-Ducks rested on some nearby rocks. It wasn't long until we had good views of both Humboldt and Magellanic Penguins! We also had good looks at Red-legged, Magellanic, and Imperial Cormorants. Next up, we boated across a bay to get to a couple of more nesting islands. The ride across was a bit wavy, but we had good looks at Black-browed Albatross, Southern Giant-Petrel, and Southern Fulmar. Once we crossed across the bay, we started enjoying more cormorants and a small colony of Dolphin Gulls before Jurgen called out a completely white bird on one of the rocks, a Snowy Sheathbill! This is a rare bird for the area and a totally unexpected bird for our trip. After some more birding around the islands, we arrived back at the beach hungry and ready for lunch.



Snowy Sheathbill



Kelp Goose

We had a delicious lunch at a nearby restaurant, Casa Piedra Bistro Restaurant, which served delicious meals and had an upper deck with magnificent views of the coast. Afterwards, it was time to head back north along the coast and after a quick roadside stop where we had our best views of Slender-billed Parakeets, we continued on to the Guyunden River mouth. The shorebirds here were incredible; we estimated almost 1,000 Hudsonian Godwits, over 250 Hudsonian Whimbrels, 12 Red Knots, and many other waterbirds. It was now time to head back across the ferry and back to Puerto

Montt.

October 27 – Reloncaví Sound, Flights to Punta Arenas

Early this morning, we headed down to a harbor for another boat ride, this time on a sailboat. Our main goal on this morning was getting out into the Reloncaví Sound to look for the rare Pincoya Storm-Petrel. As we left the sheltered water, we realized it might be a bit of a rough ride. We were heading straight into the waves for the entirety of our journey out. However, we didn't let that stop us from birding and we had good looks at Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Fulmar, and plenty of Sooty Shearwaters. Further out we added our only Parasitic Jaeger of the trip, a small group of Magellanic Penguins, and plenty of Chilean Swallows. Unfortunately, the chumming didn't attract much and the storm-petrel was a no show. On our way back in, we kept our eyes open, and eventually a Chilean Skua flew right over our boat!

Once we got back to land, it was time to head to the airport for our flight to head much further south. After we arrived in Punta Arenas and picked up our luggage, we met our new driver, Hector. As we drove to our hotel, we saw many Upland Geese, a sign of things to come. Once we checked into our hotel, we had great views of the Straits of Magellan. We were all looking forward to going out birding on the southern tip of South America the next morning!



Chilean Skua

October 28 – Los Palos Lake, Route Y-455, Punta Arenas-Porvenir Ferry

After a little later start, we met Claudio, our local guide for this portion of the trip and started on our way north out of Punta Arenas. Our first stop was at Los Palos Lake. As soon as we arrived,

Luke pointed out a Magellanic Oystercatcher. As we got out of the van, the oystercatchers started running around with their tails straight up in a mating display. It was a delight to be able to watch this breeding behavior! Before walking down to the lake, we also saw our first Two-banded Plovers - what a stunning bird. There were also some migrant shorebirds around. A mixed flock of Baird's and White-rumped Sandpipers fed along the shoreline and many Wilson's Phalaropes were spinning in circles on the water. It was time to look for our main target of the day, the Magellanic Plover, so we started walking along the lakeshore and scanning the rocky areas they like so much. During our scanning we found several Least Seedsnipes and a Common Miner fed nearby. After about a mile and no plover, we started walking back towards the vehicle. After spreading out a bit, one Magellanic Plover appeared along the lakeshore! Eventually we noticed two and everybody was able to have some great views of this unique species that is in its own family.



Two-banded Plover

After the lake, we continued onto some nearby steppe habitat (think of rolling, open grasslands with some shrubs in some areas) to look for Band-tailed Earthcreeper and Tawny-throated Dotterel among others. As we started driving on a back road, we stopped for excellent looks at Lesser Rheas, the ostriches of the new world. A pond along the way held our first Chilean Flamingos. And, once we got to a shrubbier section, we stopped to look for the earthcreeper, but before we even got out, there it was! Over the next 10 minutes we all had great views of this bird. After a delicious sack lunch along the road, we continued further and eventually found our first Tawny-throated Dotterel. It was a great bird to end on as it was time to drive back down to Punta Arenas to catch our ferry. Once we got on the ferry, we found a good spot to watch from and saw plenty of Black-browed Albatrosses, Southern Fulmars, and Chilean Skuas before we even got underway. Once we started on our way, we added many Magellanic Diving-Petrels, Magellanic Penguins, and a single Wilson's Storm-Petrel (Fuegian), a subspecies that may eventually be split. Once we arrived in Porvenir, it

was time for dinner and bed, so we'd be able to start the next day fresh and ready for King Penguins!

October 29 – Porvenir Area, Route Y-71, King Penguin Park, Blue Bay Ferry Crossing, Buque Quemado (Burnt Ship), Route 9 North

We started out on this morning birding a backroad north of town. Our main target, the Austral Canastero didn't take too long to find and we all had great looks. While we were looking for the canastero, we enjoyed hearing and watching the displays of the Magellanic Snipe high overhead. After this we had a bit of a drive down to the only King Penguin colony on mainland South America, but we of course kept our eyes open for birds along the way. We saw our first Ruddy-headed Geese, a pair, and our only Short-billed Miners of the trip. As we arrived at the penguin colony, a pair of Upland Geese posed nearby for photos, but it was time to go watch some penguins! We spent about an hour watching this colony and there was never a dull moment! From watching the adults vocalize to the large chicks being fed, our stop here was a highlight for all.



King Penguins

After the penguins, we enjoyed another great sack lunch before making the long drive to the north end of Tierra del Fuego to take the ferry across to the mainland. While waiting, we saw a bird fly into the end of an open pipe, when Lisa went to investigate, it came back out - our first Cin-

namon-bellied Ground-Tyrant! Once we reached the mainland, we spent some time looking for tinamous. After a lot of scanning the field, we had close views of several Elegant Crested-Tinamous. But, as it was getting late, we started our drive to the fjord-side town of Puerto Natales where we would be staying for the next two nights.



Elegant Crested-Tinamou

October 30 – Torres del Paine Area

After breakfast at the hotel, we started driving north to Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most scenic places in the world. But, first, we were heading to a back road north of the park. Along the start we saw our first Large Hairy Armadillo. Further up we added many Andean Condors, over 30! At our first stop along the road, we had good looks at Sharp-billed Canastero and a few Mourning Sierra Finches. Our main targets, Gray-bellied Shrike-Tyrant and Patagonian Mockingbird, took a little while, but we eventually ended up with good views. Now, it was time to head to the park and take in the spectacular scenery. The mixture of rugged, snow-capped mountains and vibrant, blue lakes is hard to imagine until you see it. This park really is one of the most beautiful places on earth! We did have a few nice birds too including a Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail (*pallida*), a subspecies that is sometimes considered a different species, a close Cinereous Harrier, and White-tufted and Silvery Grebes. After another delicious lunch at a restaurant in the park, we drove into another section in the park to bird along the Paine River to look for Torrent Ducks. On our second stop, Luke spotted them! Eventually, with improved scope views after walking down the road, we realized there was a chick under the female. We had a great time watching this family group. After checking out a nearby waterfall, it was time to head back to our hotel for a little break before another great Chilean dinner (and some Pisco Sours of course).



Torres del Paine

October 31 – Vega Castillo Ranch, Route Y-405

After breakfast, we drove north out of town and eventually to a back road to take us to the Vega Castillo Ranch. The backroad ended up being great birding and we had close looks at several Andean Condors. As we were driving along, a White-throated Caracara flew over our van and once everyone was out, we could see it circling around a distant cliffside. Luckily, it came back our way and joined a second bird. Some folks in our group even saw the pair copulating. It was a great experience with a rather rare species! Afterwards we continued on to the ranch. The wind was howling, but we did our best to find some birds. The marsh and adjacent woodland create some great habitat here and we had good looks at Ashy-headed Goose, White-tufted and Silvery Grebes, and many nesting Brown-hooded Gulls.

After heading back south and making a stop back by our hotel, we continued south to lunch and into more steppe habitat. We still had a few more species we were looking for in the higher elevation steppe. At one pond, we enjoyed our best looks Chilean Flamingos as five of them fed in the shallow water. Further along the road a Rufous-chested Dotterel flushed from the side of the road and landed nearby. This was one of our main targets here and we all enjoyed watching this beautiful shorebird! Next up were a small flock of Chocolate-vented Tyrants! These large flycatchers made us work for good views, but we all eventually saw them well. More Rufous-chested Dotterels were enjoyed and a Tawny-throated Dotterel posed right next to the road. The birding had been great along this road, but it was time to head back south to Punta Arenas. After another delicious dinner, it was time for a little rest, repacking for our flights the next day, and getting ready for one last morning of birding in southern Chile!



Tawny-throated Dotterel

November 1 – Route 9 South and Departure

After breakfast, most of our group headed south along the coast. We made a couple of stops along the Straits of Magellan and while we didn't add any new species, we had some great sightings. We had our best views of the rare Ruddy-headed Goose, two different individuals. Many Magellanic Oystercatchers were seen feeding along the shoreline. While watching over the water, we also saw Black-browed Albatrosses, Southern Giant-Petrels, and Southern Fulmars. We also had good looks at a pair of Kelp Geese, only our second sighting of this species on the trip. While watching the seabirds, we also noticed an Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant feeding along the shoreline. It was a nice last morning, but it was now time to head back to the hotel and to the airport for our flights back to Santiago and eventually homewards.

All in all, we recorded 212 species of birds and countless other wildlife such as Large Hairy Armadillo, many Guanaco, and Peale's Dolphin. We had a great, fun group which always makes tours all the better! The mixture of mountains, coasts, and fjords make Chile a must visit country for any birder or naturalist and we were all happy to have visited this majestic country. A big thanks to Tucson Bird Alliance (and Luke) for making this fundraising tour happen - we always love to work with organizations like TBA that are doing so much for the birds and other wildlife!

