



THE BIRDS OF PATAGONIA

From the Ocean, through the Andes, to the Patagonian Steppe

Abbreviated Field Guide

FAMILY	COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	HABITAT	Date/Time	Number	m/f	Notes
rheidae	Lesser Rhea	<i>pteroemia pennata</i>	steppes and puna				
tinamidae	Patagonian Tinamou	<i>tinamotis ingoufi</i>	steppes				
	Elegant Crested Tinamou	<i>eudromia elegans</i>	steppes, open woodlands, grasslands				
podicipedidae	Pied-Billed Grebe	<i>podilymbus podiceps</i>	lakes, marshes, ditches, streams				
	White Tufted Grebe	<i>podiceps major</i>	lakes, marshes, streams, waterholes				
	Silvery Grebe	<i>podiceps occipitalis</i>	open lagoons, near the sea coast				
	Great Grebe	<i>podiceps rolland</i>	lakes, rivers, marshes, sea				
diomedidae	Royal Albatross	<i>diomedea epomorphora</i>	open sea				
	Black Browned Albatross	<i>diomedea melanophrys</i>	open sea, channels				
	Grey Headed Albtross	<i>diomedea epomorphora</i>	open sea				
	Light Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>phoebetria palpebrata</i>	open sea				
procellariidae	Giant Petrel	<i>macronecetes giganteus</i>	coastal				
	Southern Fulmar	<i>fulmarus glacialoides</i>	coastal				
	Antarctic Petrel	<i>thalassoica antarctica</i>	coastal				
	Cape Petrel	<i>daption capense</i>	coastal				
	White Necked Petrel	<i>pterodroma externa</i>	coastal				
	Blue Petrel	<i>halobaena caerulea</i>	coastal				
	Antarctic Prion	<i>pachyptila desolata</i>	coastal				
	Slender Billed Prion	<i>pachyptila belcheri</i>	coastal				
	Grey Petrel	<i>procellaria cinerea</i>	coastal				
	White Chinned Petrel	<i>procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	coastal				
	Westland Petrel	<i>procellaria westlandica</i>	coastal				
	Pink Footed Shearwater	<i>puffinus creatopus</i>	coastal				
	Sooty Shearwater	<i>puffinus griseus</i>	coastal				

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procellariidae	Little Shearwater	puffinus assimilis	coastal				
hydrobatidae	Wilson's Storm Petrel	oceanites gracilis	coastal				
	Grey Backed Storm Petrel	garrodia nereis	coastal				
	Common Diving Petrel	pelecanoides urinatrix	coastal				
spheniscidae	Rock Hopper Penguin	eudyptes crestatus	coastal				
	Peruvian Penguin	spheniscus humboldti	coastal				
	Magellanic Penguin	spheniscus magellanicus	coastal				
phaetontidae	Peruvian Booby	sula variegata	coastal				
	Peruvian Pelican	pelecanus thagus	coastal				
phalacrocoracidae	Olivaceous Cormorant	phalacrocorax olivaceus	rivers, streams, lakes,marshes, coasts				
	Rock Cormorant	phalacrocorax magellenicus	coastal				
	Guanay Cormorant	phalacrocorax bougainvillii	coastal				
	Red Legged Cormorant	phalacrocorax gaimardi	coastal				
	King Cormorant	phalacrocorax albiventer	coastal				
ardeidae	Stripe Backed Bitern	ixobrychus involucris	shore, reedbeds				
	Great Egret	egretta alba	rivers, streams, lakes,marshes				
	Snowy Egret	egretta thula	marshes, lakes, streams				
	Cattle Egret	bubulcus ibis	islands, lakes, marshes				
	Black Crowned Night Heron	nycticorax nycticorax	marshes, gallery forests, rivers, shore				
threskiornithidae	Black Faced Ibis	theristicus melanopis	woods, lowland lakes, cliffs, reedbeds				
	Maguari Stork	ciconia maguari	open fields, marshes				
	Chilean Flamingo	phoenicopterus chilensis	saline lakes, sea				
anatidae	Coscoroba	Coscoroba coscoroba	open lakes, reedy marshes				

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anatidae	Black Necked Swan	cygnus melancorpus	lakes, marshes, clearings, reeds, shore				
	Ashy Headed Goose	chloephaga poliocephala	woods, water				
	Ruddy Headed Goose	chloephaga rubidiceps	open grasslands				
	Upland Goose	chloephaga picta	valley bottoms, lakes, rivers				
	Crested Duck	anas specularioides	lakes, river, shores				
	Flying Steamer Duck	tachyeres patachonicus	inland waters, coast				
	Flightless Steamer Duck	tachyeres pteneres	lakes, rivers, shores				
	Speckled Duck	anas specularis	high lakes, rivers, ponds				
	Speckled Teal	anas flavirostiris	lakes, marshes, streams, rivers				
	Southern Wigeon	anas sibilatrix	marshes, lakes, rivers				
	White Cheeked Pintail	anas bahamensis					
	Brown Pintail	anas georgica	lakes, streams, marshes				
	Silver Teal	anas versicolor					
	Cinnamon Teal	anas cyanoptera	lakes, marshes				
	Red Shoveler	anas platalea	lakes, marshes				
	Torrent Duck	mergametta armata	whitewater rivers and streams				
	Ruddy Duck	oxyura jamaicensis	open water, lakes, marshes				
Lake Duck	oxyura vittata	lakes, marshes					
cathartidae	Black Vulture	coragyps atratus					
	Turkey Vulture	cathartes aura	woodlands, mountain terrain				
	Andean Condor	vultur gyrphus	mountains				
accipitridae	Cinereous Harrier	circus cinereus	upland grass and scrub				
	Bicoloured Hawk	accipiter bicolor	woods, forests				
	Black Chested Buzzard Eagle	geranoaetus melanoleucus	mountains, steppes, woodlands				
	White Throated Hawk	buteo albigula	forests				
	Red Backed Hawk	buteo polyosoma	mountains, valleys, scrubby terrain				
	Rufous Tailed Hawk	buteo ventralis	temperate forests				

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falconidae	White Throated Caracara	phalcoboenus megalopterus	upland steppes				
	Chimango Caracara	milvago chimango	grasslands, steppes, farm lands,				
	American Kestrel	falco sparverius	open country, grasslands, farm lands				
	Aplomado Falcon	falco femoralis	open country, grasslands, farm lands				
phasianidae	California Quail	callipepla californica	foothills				
rallidae	Austral Rail	rallus antarcticus	marshes, lakes, bogs, wet grasslands				
	Plumbeous Rail	pardirallus sanguinolentus	marshes, swamps, lake edges				
	Red Fronted Coot	fulica rufifrons	lakes, marshes				
	Spot Flanked Gallinule	gallinula melanops	lakes, marshes				
	Red Gartered Coot	fulica armillata	lakes, marshes				
	White Winged Coot	fulica leucoptera	lakes, marshes				
charadriidae	Southern Lap Wing	vanellus chilensis	meadows				
	Two Banded Plover	charadrius falklandicus	lakes, coastal areas				
	Snowy Plover	charadrius alexandrinus	coastal areas				
	Rufous Chested Dotterel	charadrius modestus	costal areas, lakes, bogs				
	Tawny Throated Dotterel	oreopholus ruficollis	uplands, steppes				
haematopodidae	American Oyster Catcher	haematopus palliatus	shore				
	Magellanic Oyster Catcher	haematopus leucopodus	shores, ponds, sheep pens				
	Blackfish Oyster Catcher	haematopus ater	rocky shores				
scolopacidae	Greater Yellowlegs	tringa melanoleuca	marshes, lakes, coasts				
	Lesser Yellowlegs	tringa flavipes	marshes, lakes, coasts				
	Spotted Sandpiper	actitis macularia	riverbanks				
	Whimbrel	numenius phaeopus	coasts, estuaries, bogs				
	Hudsonian Godwit	limosa haemastica	coasts, lakes, rivers, marshes				
	Ruddy Turnstone	arenaria interpres	coasts, estuaries				

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	Surfbird	aphriza virgata	coasts				
	Sanderling	calidris alba	coasts, lakes, rivers, marshes				
	White Rumped Sandpiper	calidris fuscicollis	coasts, lakes, rivers, marshes				
	Baird's Sandpiper	calidris bairdii	coasts, lakes, rivers				
	Common Snipe	gallinago paraguaiae	marshes, bogs, wet grasslands				
	Cordillerian Snipe	gallinago stricklandii	bogs, marshes				
	Red Necked Phalarope	phalaropus lobatus					
	Wilson's Phalarope	phalaropus tricolor					
thinocoridae	Rufous Bellied Seed Snipe	attagis gayi	high steppes and bogs				
	Grey Breasted Seed Snipe	thinocorus orbignyianus	rolling steppes				
	Least Seed Snipe	thinocorus rumicivorus	flatlands				
laridae	Parasitic Jaegar	stercorarius parasiticus	costal migrant				
	Great Skua	catharacta skua	costal migrant				
	South Polar Skua	catharacta maccormicki	costal migrant				
rynchopinae	Black Skimmer	rynchops niger	rivers, lakes, estuaries				
larinae	Dolphin Gull	leucophaeus scoresbii	costal				
	Kelp Gull	larus dominicanus	costal				
	Andean Gull	larus sarranus	high Andes				
	Franklin's Gull	larus pipixcan	migratory from North America				
	Brown Hooded Gull	larus maculipennis	marshes, lakes, seashore, farm land				
sterninae	South American Tern	sterna hirundinacea	coastal				
	Common Tern	sterna hirundo	coastal				
	Arctic Tern	sterna paradisaea	at sea				
	Snowy Crowned Tern	sterna trudeaui	fresh water				

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columbidae	Rock Dove	columba livia	narrow canyons, cities				
	Eared Dove	zenaida auriculata	woods, fields, steppe, gardens				
	Black Winged Ground Dove	columbina talpacoti	savannahs, woods forest edges				
	Chilean Pigeon	paloma araucana	cool temperate forests				
psittacidae	Burrowing Parrot	cyanoliseus patagonus	brushland, steppe				
	Austral Parakeet	enicognathus ferrugineus	cool temperate woods and forests				
	Slender Billed Parakeet	enicognathus leptorhynchus	Araucaria stands, temperate forests				
tytonidae	Barn Owl	tyto alba	villages in open areas				
strigidae	Great Horned Owl	bubo virginianus	woods, steppes, mountains				
	Rufous Legged Owl	strix rufipes	woods savannahs				
	Austral Pygmy Owl	glucidium nanum	woods and forests				
	Short Eared Owl						
caprimulgidae	Band Winged Nightjar	caprimulgus longirostris	steppes, woods				
trochilidae	White Sided Hillstar	oreotrochilus estella	high bushy areas				
	Green Backed Firecrown	sephanoides sephanoides	open woods, thickets, gardens				
alcedinidae	Ringed Kingfisher	ceryle torquata	streams, rivers, lakes				
picidae	Striped Woodpecker	picoides lignarius	woods				
	Chilean Flicker	colaptes pitius	woodland edges				
	Magellanic Woodpecker	campephilus leucopogon	savannahs, woods, forests				
fyrnariidae	Rufous Banded Miner	geositta rufipennis	high steppe, rocky landscapes				
	Common Miner	geositta cunicularia	arid, semi arid areas				
	Short Billed Miner	geositta antarctica	open short grass				
	Scale Throated Earth Creeper	upucerthia dumetaria	scrubby steppe, mountains				

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furnariidae	Straight Billed Earth Creeper	upucerthia ruficada	uplands, and high steppe				
	Band Tailed Earth Creeper	eremobius phoenicurus	steppes, tall scrub				
furnariidae	Dark Bellied Cinclodes	cinclodes patagonicus	lakes, streams, rivers				
	Grey Flanked Cinclodes	cinclodes oustaleti	mountain streams, rivers				
	Bar Winged Cinclodes	cinclodes fuscus	rivers, streams, lakes				
	Des Mur's Wiretail	sylviorthorhynchus desmurs	understory of cool temperate forests				
	Thorn Tailed Rayadito	aphrastura spinicauda	woods, forests				
	Wren Like Rush Bird	phleocryptes melanops	reedbeds				
	Plain Mantled Tit Spinetail	leptasthenura aegithaloides	steppes, valleys				
	Lesser Canastero	asthenes pyrrholeuca	shrubby steppe				
	Patagonian Canastero	asthenes patagonica	shrubby steppe				
	Cordillerian Canastero	asthenes modesta	steppe, mountains, grasslands				
	Austral Canastero	asthenes anthoides	shrubby steppe				
	White Throated Cacholote	pseudoseisura gutturalis	shrubby steppe				
	White Throated Tree Runner	pygarrhichas albogularis	forests				
rhinocryptidae	Black Throated Huet Huet	pteroptochos castaneus	damp forests				
	Chuaco Tapaculo	scelorchilus albicollis	beech forests				
	Ochre Flanked Tapaculo	eugralla paradoxa	beech forests				
	Magellanic Tapaculo	scytalopus magellanicus	forests				
tyrannidae	White Crested Elaenia	elaenia albiceps	beech forests				
	Tufted Tit Tyrant	anairetes parulus	scrubby bush				
	Patagonian Tyrant	ochthoeca parvirostris	beech forests, undergrowth				
	Fire Eyed Diucon	xolmis pyrope	beech forests, steppes				
	Great Shrike Tyrant	agriornis lividia	valleys, scrub lands				
	Ochre Naped Ground Tyrant	muscisaxicola flavinucha	high mountain meadows				
	Grey Billed Shrike Tyrant	agriornis microptera	upland steppes				
	Spot Billed Ground Tyrant	muscisaxicola maculirostris	open bare areas, high mountain valleys				
Dark Faced Ground Tyrant	muscisaxicola macloviana	valleys by water					

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	Cinnamon Bellied Ground Tyr	muscisaxicola albilora	rock falls, cliff faces, steppes				
	White Browed Ground Tyrant	muscisaxicola capistrata	mountains, steppes				
	Austral Negrigo	lessonia rufa	lake shores, beaches				
	Spectacled Tyrant	hymenops perspicillata	marshes, wet grass areas				
phytotomidae	Rufous Tailed Plant Cutter	phytotoma rara	open bushy areas, woodland edges				
hirundinidae	Chilean Swallow	Tachycineta leucorrhoa	clearings, forests, steppes				
	Blue and White Swallow	notiochelidon cyanoleuca	open areas, grasslands				
	Barn Swallow	Riparia riparia	savannahs, fields, rivers, wetlands				
	Cliff Swallow	hirundo pyrrhonota	savannahs fields and marshes				
troglodytidae	Grass Wren	cistothorus platensis	tall grasses				
	House Wren	troglodytes aedon	ubiquitous				
muscapidae	Austral Thrush	turdus falcklandii	ubiquitous				
mimidae	Patagonian Mockingbird	mimus patagonicus	scrubby open areas				
motacillidae	Hellmayr's Pipit	anthus hellmayri	wet grassy areas				
	Correndera Pipit	anthus correndera	wet grassy areas				
motacillidae	Patagonian Yellowfinch	sicalis lebruni	small cliffs, steppes				
	Grassland Yellowfinch	sicalis luteola	open grasslands, fields, farms				
	Common Diuca Finch	diuca diuca	steppes, arid woods, scrub				
	Greater Yellow Finch	sicalis auriventris	high slopes				

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	Yellow Bridled Finch	melanodera xanthogramma	above tree line, steppes				
	Patagonian Sierra Finch	phrygilus patagonicus	edge of woods, forests				
emberizinae	Grey Hooded Sierra Finch	phrygilus gayi	shrubby steppes				
	Mourning Sierra Finch	phrygilus fruticetti	tall steppe vegetation				
	Plumbeous Sierra Finch	phrygilus unicolor	tall steppe vegetation				
	Carbonated Sierra Finch	phrygilus carbonarius	tall steppe vegetation				
	Rufous Collared Sparrow	zonotrichia capensis	ubiquitous				
iciterinae	Shiny Cowbird	molothrus bonariensis	woods, farmland, forest				
	Austral Blackbird	curaeus curaeus	woods, forest edges, steppes				
	Yellow Winged Blackbird	agelaius thilius	marshes, reed beds				
	Long Tailed Meadowlark	sturnella loyca	rough grassland				
carduelinae	Black Chinned Siskin	carduelis barbata	forest edges				
passerinae	House Sparrow	passer domesticus	towns, villages				