

## Tour Report Chile's Rare Mammals 14 - 26 February 2023

Fin whale



Green-backed firecrown



Puma



Southern pudu



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### **Day 1: Tuesday 14 February 2023**

Arrival in Puerto Montt.

### **Day 2: Wednesday 15 February 2023**

Today was clear, with little wind. We saw Peale's dolphin, South American sea lion, and birds such as Humboldt penguin and Peruvian pelican on the ferry to Chiloé Island. Inside Parque Tepuhueico, we saw pudú, flocks of slender-billed parakeet, solitary huet-huet, and a very fast green-backed firecrown. The clients decided not to search for kodkod this evening and instead had an early night.

### **Day 3: Thursday 16 February 2023**

During the day, we found Southern pudu and birds such as rufous-legged owl, ringed kingfisher, and chucac tapaculo. We searched for mammals towards the waterfall and the forest of Mañíos without success, sadly.

### **Day 4: Friday 17 February 2023**

This morning was clear, with very little wind. We left early for the Puñihuil pelagic and saw mammals such as the Peale's dolphin, two fin whales and a South American sea lion colony. Birdwatching was also successful, with pairs of kelp goose, flightless steamer duck, Magellanic penguin, black-browed albatross, white-chinned petrel, red-legged cormorant, sooty shearwater, pink-footed shearwater, common diving-petrel, and southern giant petrel among others.

### **Day 5: Saturday 18 February 2023**

Today was partly cloudy with no wind in the morning, turning cloudy in the afternoon with small gusts of wind and rain. We navigated from Quellón through the Yaldad Fjord and found marine otter, small colonies of South American sea lions, and several Peale's dolphins.

### **Day 6: Sunday 19 February 2023**

Today was sunny, and we spent it searching for a unique mammal - river otter. Sadly, luck wasn't on our side, however, we saw various birds, including green-backed firecrown, cocoi heron, peregrine falcon, ringed kingfisher, slender-billed parakeet, wren-like rushbird, spectacled tyrant, many-coloured rush-tyrant.

### **Day 7: Monday 20 February 2023**

The wind had picked up overnight, meaning we had to stay by the coast today. This provided us with plenty of bird activity, with Coscoroba swan, Chilean skua, Magellanic penguin, and black-browed albatross all noted.

### **Day 8: Tuesday 21 February 2023**

We left for Tierra del Fuego today, however, we were unable to go out on deck on the ferry due to the strong gusts of wind. Despite this, we were still able to see Peale's dolphin. On arrival on the island, we saw herds of guanacos and a beaver in the king penguin colony. Various birds made an appearance, such as Chilean flamingo, magellanic penguin, the Andean condor, short-billed miner, common miner, and the beautiful king penguin.

### **Day 9: Wednesday 22 February 2023**

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It was cloudy to begin with, however, this soon cleared in the afternoon. On the way to Torres del Paine we saw chilla fox, Chilean flamingo, Andean condor, southern caracara, and a pair of great-horned owls.

**Day 10: Thursday 23 February 2023**

We left at dawn to find pumas inside the park and were greeted by three individuals at 06:00. An alpha male named Dark was feeding on a guanaco along with two cubs of about a year old, who kept their distance from the male at all times. We also found a culpeo fox while having lunch in the western part of the park at noon.

**Day 11: Friday 24 February 2023**

Today was action-packed, and we ended the day with a herd of almost 300 guanacos! We heard their alarm, and it turned out that there were three pumas, a female with two young! We also saw dozens of Andean condors, black-chested buzzard-eagle, white-throated caracara, austral parakeet, long-tailed meadowlarks, and black-chinned siskin.

**Day 12: Saturday 25 February 2023**

On our last day we were able to tick more birds and mammals of our list, with rhea, Humboldt's hog-nosed skunk, large hairy armadillo and chilla fox making an appearance. We then transferred to Santiago for the group's flight home.

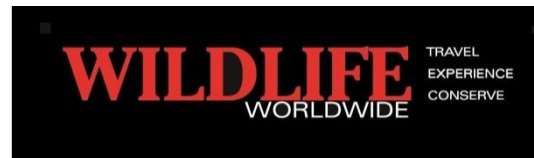
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# Checklist



	Common Name
	<b>BIRDS</b>
1	Lesser (Puna) Rhea
2	Coscoroba Swan
3	Black-necked Swan
4	Flying Steamer Duck
5	Flightless Steamer Duck
6	Upland Goose
7	Kelp Goose
8	Ashy-headed Goose
9	Ruddy-headed Goose
10	Crested Duck
11	Silver Teal
12	Red Shoveler
13	Cinnamon Teal
14	Chiloe Wigeon
15	Yellow-billed Pintail
16	Yellow-billed Teal
17	Andean Duck
18	Lake Duck
19	Green-backed Firecrown
20	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon
21	Chilean Pigeon
22	Eared Dove
23	Red-gartered Coot
24	White-tufted Grebe

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<b>25</b>	Great Grebe
<b>26</b>	Silvery Grebe
<b>27</b>	Chilean Flamingo
<b>28</b>	Magellanic Oystercatcher
<b>29</b>	Blackish Oystercatcher
<b>30</b>	American Oystercatcher
<b>31</b>	Southern Lapwing
<b>32</b>	Two-banded Plover
<b>33</b>	Rufous-chested Plover
<b>34</b>	Tawny-throated Dotterel
<b>35</b>	Least Seedsnipe
<b>36</b>	Hudsonian Whimbrel
<b>37</b>	Hudsonian Godwit
<b>38</b>	Baird's Sandpiper
<b>39</b>	Magellanic Snipe
<b>40</b>	Lesser Yellowlegs
<b>41</b>	Willet
<b>42</b>	Greater Yellowlegs
<b>43</b>	Brown-hooded Gull
<b>44</b>	Dolphin Gull
<b>45</b>	Franklin's Gull
<b>46</b>	Kelp Gull
<b>47</b>	Elegant Tern
<b>48</b>	South American Tern
<b>49</b>	Chilean Skua
<b>50</b>	King Penguin
<b>51</b>	Humboldt Penguin
<b>52</b>	Magellanic Penguin
<b>53</b>	Black-browed Albatross

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54	Southern Giant Petrel
55	Northern Giant Petrel
56	White-chinned Petrel
57	Sooty Shearwater
58	Pink-footed Shearwater
59	Common Diving Petrel
60	Red-legged Cormorant
61	Neotropic Cormorant
62	Rock Shag
63	Imperial Shag
64	Black-faced Ibis
65	Black-crowned Night Heron
66	Western Cattle Egret
67	Cocoi Heron
68	Great Egret
69	Snowy Egret
70	Peruvian Pelican
71	Andean Condor
72	Black Vulture
73	Turkey Vulture
74	Chilean Hawk
75	Cinereous Harrier
76	Variable Hawk
77	Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
78	Austral Pygmy Owl
79	Lesser Horned Owl
80	Rufous-legged Owl
81	Ringed Kingfisher
82	Chilean Flicker

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<b>83</b>	White-throated Caracara
<b>84</b>	Crested Caracara
<b>85</b>	Chimango Caracara
<b>86</b>	American Kestrel
<b>87</b>	Peregrine Falcon
<b>88</b>	Austral Parakeet
<b>89</b>	Slender-billed Parakeet
<b>90</b>	Common Miner
<b>91</b>	Short-billed Miner
<b>92</b>	White-throated Treerunner
<b>93</b>	Wren-like Rushbird
<b>94</b>	Dark-bellied Cinclodes
<b>95</b>	Thorn-tailed Rayadito
<b>96</b>	Plain-mantled Tit Spinetail
<b>97</b>	Black-throated Huet-huet
<b>98</b>	Chucazo Tapaculo
<b>99</b>	White-crested Elaenia
<b>100</b>	Tufted Tit Tyrant
<b>101</b>	Many-coloured Rush Tyrant
<b>102</b>	Austral Negrito
<b>103</b>	Spectacled Tyrant
<b>104</b>	Fire-eyed Diucon
<b>105</b>	Patagonian Tyrant
<b>106</b>	Rufous-tailed Plantcutter
<b>107</b>	Chilean Swallow
<b>108</b>	Blue-and-white Swallow
<b>109</b>	Grass Wren
<b>110</b>	House Wren
<b>111</b>	Austral Thrush

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<b>112</b>	House Sparrow
<b>113</b>	Correndera Pipit
<b>114</b>	Black-chinned Siskin
<b>115</b>	Rufous-collared Sparrow
<b>116</b>	Long-tailed Meadowlark
<b>117</b>	Austral Blackbird
<b>118</b>	Mourning Sierra Finch
<b>119</b>	Patagonian Yellow Finch
<b>120</b>	Grey-hooded Sierra Finch
<b>121</b>	Patagonian Sierra Finch
<b>122</b>	Plumbeous Sierra Finch
	<b>MAMMALS</b>
<b>1</b>	Large Hairy Armadillo
<b>2</b>	European Rabbit
<b>3</b>	European Hare
<b>4</b>	American Beaver
<b>5</b>	Humpback Whale
<b>6</b>	Fin Whale
<b>7</b>	Peale's Dolphin
<b>8</b>	Commerson's Dolphin
<b>9</b>	Southern Pudu
<b>10</b>	Guanaco
<b>11</b>	Vicuna
<b>12</b>	Puma
<b>13</b>	Culpeo
<b>14</b>	South American Grey Fox
<b>15</b>	South American Sea Lion
<b>16</b>	Molina's Hog-nosed Skunk
<b>17</b>	Marine Otter

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