

Report Of A Birding Trip To

CHILE

From 24 January till 14 February 1998

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Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, 11 February 1998, Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana; © Jan van der Laan.



Introduction

Between January 24th and February 14th 1998 I visited Chile together with my girlfriend Marieke Wiringa (irrespectably called a Non-Birding Spouse in birders terms). The main goal was to have a good and pleasant vacation, with some occasional birding. The itinerary was cunningly planned and while visiting nice places, I made it possible to see all 10 Chilean endemics plus the most wanted *charadriid* in South America, the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover. Chile is a very pleasant country (“a well-kept secret” somebody told us), although a little bit expensive, but nowhere else we met more pleasant, easy-going and well-behaving people during this three week visit.

Itinerary

- 24th January** We took the KLM flight 791 from **Amsterdam** to Santiago at 23:30 hours (actually on January 23rd). We made stops at **São Paulo**, Brazil and **Buenos Aires**, Argentina. In the plane we celebrated Marieke’s 34th anniversary with champagne, kindly provided by the crew. Flight was pleasant without any problems and just before Santiago we had wonderful views of the High Andes with the highest mountain in the Americas, the Aconcagua (nearly 7000 meters). Arrived at **Santiago International Airport** at 14:00 hours local time. No problems with the customs, took a taxi (\$ 20) and went straight to the centre to Hotel Riviera (\$ 54 double) near **Cerro Santa Lucia**. Had dinner in a very nice restaurant where Marieke’s birthday was celebrated again and finally we went to sleep in our very noisy room.
- 25th January** In the morning we phoned some car rental companies and Just-Rent-a-Car proved to be good bargain. For \$ 580 (all included) for two weeks we had an excellent Toyota Tercel. All quiet in Santiago. We drove north to **Portillo** to see the Andes. Traffic nice and quiet, no problems at all. The Andes proved to be very nice, although road works made it impossible to stop along the road. At Portillo I took a short look at the Creamy-rumped Miner-site, but I ‘only’ managed to find two Black-fronted Ground-Tyrants. One Andean Condor sailed overhead and at the Ski hotel we found White-sided Hillstar, Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch and lots of Rufous-collared Sparrows. In the hair-pins two Greater Yellow-finches plus Band-tailed Sierra-Finches, Dark-bellied Cinclodes and Mourning Sierra-Finch were seen. Next we drove west to the coast. In the evening we arrived at **Papudo**, where we had planned to go to a trendy hotel there, recommended in a glossy magazine. Crowded village with a circus with crying lions and elephants. No hotel to find. Drove south to **Zapallar**, hotel there very expensive. Short sea-watch produced Peruvian Pelican, Peruvian Booby and three probable Peruvian Diving Petrels. Lot of luxurious houses here. We drove south to look for a hotel. Finally we found one at **Quintero** (extremely crowded village and - of course - there was a circus!), Hotel Gran MacKenzie, run by an ex-fisherman from Dutch Harbor (Alaska) called Elisio. Extremely good dinner. Room rather expensive (Ch\$ 20.000), but Elisio was very hospitable.
- 26th January** Good breakfast made by Elisio. After some social talk, we went to **Viña del Mar**. Another beach resort, but with more ‘grandeur’. Short stop at **Valparaiso**, because of a large bird flock in the harbour. Next stop was **El Tabo**, but again this was a crowded beach resort and we began to realise all Chileans were on holiday. Short stop at **Laguna El Peral** in **Las Cruces** yielded Black-necked Swan, Lake Duck, Silvery Grebe, Great Grebe, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, Red-gartered Coot and Red-fronted Coot. We decided to drive east to **Pirque** to visit the Concha y Toro Vineyards next day. After some driving in the **Cajon del Maipo**, we found a nice hotel (El Toucan) in **Obre**, just south-east of Santiago. Talking Spanish was still a problem, but we managed to order a good meal with excellent wine.

- 27th January** After a good breakfast we visited the **Concha y Toro Winery** at **Pirque**, which was very nice. The excursion was led by a student from England and our group was only with three Americans (one was just back from Torres del Paine, where he had seen Magellanic Woodpecker and Rufous-breasted Seed-snipe). We tasted some wine and bought some bottles. In the afternoon we visited **Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo** (2000 Ch\$ per person entrance!). Here we were lucky to find one Chilean Tinamou, which we saw twice in dense scrub between the road and the river, just 1 km from the main entrance. Other birds were Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Picui Ground Dove, Grey-hooded Sierra-Finch, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Southern House Wren, Chilean Flicker and Dusky Tapaculo (singing). Dinner and sleep in Hotel El Toucan in **Obre**.
- 28th January** After breakfast and checking out of the hotel (for two nights plus dinner and breakfast Ch\$ 70.000, a full-metal rip-off!) we tried to drive to **Embalse de Yeso**, but after 4 km we decided to quit. The road was too rough for the rental car, so we decided to do it later with another vehicle, time permitted. I spent an hour birding at the crags as mentioned in Pearman (1995, p 18) for Crag Chilia and I managed to see one shortly. No Moustached Turca, but Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Chilean Mockingbird and a probable out-of-range Golden-spotted Dove. A little bit disappointed we left to go south. After a straight drive south we reached the town of **Talca**, where we checked-in at Hotel Amalfi (\$ 48). We did some sight-seeing, had a good dinner and went to sleep in a bed far too small for me.
- 29th January** After the usual rituals in the morning we left **Talca** to drive south to **Lago Villarica**. After visiting **Pucon** at this beautiful lake and volcano, we decided to go back and take Hosteria Rayhuen in **Villarica**, because Pucon was crowded with youngsters dressed in the heights of *Grunge* Fashion. I am getting old-fashioned... No special birds, except several Black-faced Ibises and Brown-hooded Gulls. We had dinner in our hotel and went to sleep (Ch\$ 14000) early.
- 30th January** Today we drove to **Termas de Palguin** to check the hot baths there, but the Hotel Termas de Palguin was not there anymore, it was burnt to the ground only very recently. Did some walking in the beautiful Nothofagus forest, where I heard the first Chucaco Tapaculo (at first I thought it was a calling Magellanic Woodpecker, because at a distance the song is reminiscent of Green Woodpecker in Europe!) plus close observations of White-throated Treerunner and Thorn-tailed Rayaditos. Surroundings were very beautiful, especially with the smoking Volcan Villarica. Just before dinner 4 Austral Parakeets flew over in **Villarica**. Excellent dinner at El Rey del Marisco and after some sight-seeing in the village we went to sleep.
- 31st January** After breakfast we did a short walk and found out it was possible to use our bank cards here to get money automatically. Two Austral Parakeets flew over again and when leaving Villarica a Night Heron flew over the car. After a moderate drive we arrived at **Lago Puyehue**. This lake was even more beautiful and the forests were more moist and untouched. We tried to find a sleeping place near **Aguas Calientes**, but it was full of autobuses and the accommodation proved to be very expensive. Just near the entrance of **Parque Nacional Puyehue** we discovered two Slender-billed Parakeets close-by and some Rufous-tailed Plantcutters. We drove a little bit west to **Nilque**, where we hired a cabaña for Ch\$ 12000, just at the borders of **Lago Puyehue**. In the evening we drove east to a weird restaurant, where we were to only guests and the personnel was glazing at us all evening. But there we saw our first true Green-backed Firecrowns and heard a possible Austral Pygmy Owl. During the night a colony of Black-faced Ibises kept us company.
- 1st February** We had a basic breakfast in front of the cabaña and after that we drove to **Osorno**, a nice, but modern town. Fetched some money automatically, took photographs at **Frutillar** and went

south to head for **Puerto Montt** and eventually we took the ferry to **Chiloe Island**. During the crossing we saw Blue-eyed Cormorant, Sooty Shearwater and several Magellanic Penguins, but not the amount of seabirds as was promised in some travel reports and in Pearman. Is El Niño responsible? On Chiloe Island we went to **Castro**, took Hostel Casa Blanca (Ch\$ 18.000) and did some walking in the village and harbour, but we found this village not that pleasant as we expected to be (crowded, too much artesanía and noisy). Good dinner with some good wine from the Concha y Toro Vineyard.

2nd February After changing traveller checks (money goes faster here than you could imagine), we drove north to **Ancud**. This is a nice village with a nice harbour. Took the German hotel Drechsler, which was nice for about Ch\$ 14.000. We drove west to look for Des Murs' Wiretail and Ochre-flanked Tapaculo, but could not find any. Best birds seen this day were Ringed Kingfisher, Patagonian Sierra-Finch, Dark-bellied Cinclodes, Rufous-tailed Plantcutter, Chucao Tapaculo, Green-backed Firecrown and Slender-billed Parakeet. No ducks or special shorebirds, gone in the high summer season? In the evening we had a good dinner, met three Dutch who travelled in the Atacama Desert. Finally we went to sleep, a little bit overwhelmed by the beer and wine.

3rd February In the morning I did some seawatching at **Ancud** which produced Rock Cormorant, Red-legged Cormorant, Arctic Skua, Magellanic Penguin, Dark-bellied Cinclodes and two South American Terns. I took several photographs of the Brown-hooded Gull to support Ted Hoogendoorn's opinion that the Brown-hooded Gull in the southern part of their distribution show less black in the wings. After some walking in Ancud and phoning to the Netherlands we took the ferry to the mainland again. During the crossing we saw some other Magellanic Penguins, several Blue-eyed Cormorants, Rock Cormorant, and Magellanic Oystercatcher. We decided to go to **Lago Todos los Santos**, which was described as very good in the Lonely Planet. Arrived there in the afternoon, but lots of tourist buses, backpackers and noisy families. Went back to **Puerto Varas** where we booked a room at Hospedaja Las Rosas (Ch\$ 14.000) for two nights. Had dinner in a very good, cheap and very friendly Italian Restaurant.

4th February Today we went back to **Lago Todos los Santos** to do some walking in the **Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales**. A park warden told us how to walk and after 15 minutes all families and backpackers were nowhere. Big flies terrorised us all the way. A beautiful place though, with large Nothofagus trees. We walked for three hours and finally reached the lake again. A friendly Mapuche Indian offered a ride in a small rowing boat. This proved to be a good idea, because the lake shore was sometimes too steep and impenetrable and it started to rain. During the walk lots of Chucao Tapaculos were heard and finally we were lucky to see one. Other interesting birds were Peregrine Falcon, Magellanic Tapaculo (several heard), Austral Negrito, Patagonian Sierra-Finch and lots of Chilean Elaenias. When driving back to Puerto Varas we found a pair of Torrent Ducks in the stream near the waterfall. Rest of the day was spent in **Puerto Varas**, where we had dinner in the same restaurant.

5th February We left **Puerto Varas** in the morning and drove north. After a long drive, we decided to go to Parque Nacional Laguna de La Laja. At **Antuco** we had gasoline from a primitive gas-station, where gas was poured into the tank with a hose and a garden waterer. East of Antuco the asphalt road stopped and turned into a bumpy dirt road. We finally reached **El Abanico**, but the only hotel (Hotel Malalcura) there looked closed. A mini-bus arrived suddenly with the owner. In the end we had a basic dinner and went to sleep in the only twin-bed of the hotel (Ch\$ 15.000). During the night we were bitten by flees and disturbed by the all-night cooking of the personnel...

- 6th February** The bill was total rip-off, since they charged us for c Ch\$ 20.000 for the extremely basic meal. We started to search along the trail, known as **track A** in Pearman (1995) for one of the rarest Chilean endemics, the Chestnut-throated Huet-huet. The track was half-a-mile short (at the end it starts to go steeply uphill) and after the second attempt (I walked it from beginning to end) I sat on a trunk watching a pair of White-throated Tree-runners. In my eye-corner I saw a large brown bird flying from a branch disappearing behind a tree. I waited patiently and after a long wait (10 seconds...), it appeared again: a Chestnut-throated Huet-huet! A big wren-like bird with no clear colours due to the relative darkness of this trail, but the white eye-ring was very conspicuous (see also the front-page of Cotinga of August 1996). Next we went to the **Parque Nacional Laguna de La Laja**. A nice park, flooded with lava. We drove to the Laguna itself and the best bird was a Great Shrike-Tyrant. After an hour or so we drove back to the reservoir at the main entrance, but no Andean Gull or Spectacled Duck, as promised in several travel reports and in Pearman (1995). Finally we drove to **Chillán**, where we booked a room in Gran Hotel Isabel Riquilme (\$ 83) and later in the evening we had a very good dinner in the Spanish restaurant Centro Español.
- 7th February** The whole morning we were playing the occasional tourist in the market of **Chillán**, bought some things and had lunch. In the afternoon we drove north as far as possible. South of Santiago we tried to stay in **La Lionera**, but this looked very weird and was fortunately too expensive for us so we declined politely. Further north we found a good motel for the price of Ch\$ 10.000 at **Paine**.
- 8th February** At Paine we made a phone-call to the Netherlands and after breakfast we decided to visit the **Undurraga Winery** near **Talagante**, but since it was Sunday, it was closed. What to do? We decided to drive to the sea, because we hadn't seen a lot of it. So we drove to Viña del Mar and spent some time at the **Lago Peñuales** where I had finally some fresh-water birds like Chilean Wigeon, Speckled Duck, White-winged Coot and Correndera Pipit. At **Viña del Mar** we visited the rocky coast just north of Viña. Between a group of Ruddy Turnstones I found a Surfbird and three Chilean Seaside-Cinclodes, another endemic. Just near that side was a luxurious hotel, so we thought what-the-heck..., so in half-an-hour we had a beautiful room in Hotel Oceanic (\$ 140) with a view on the Humboldt Current, with cold beer within easy reach. Excellent dinner plus a nice conversation with a British business man (in onions!) ended a nice day.
- 9th February** In the morning I did some seawatching which produced the usual seabirds plus 5 Humboldt Penguins. Reluctantly we left this place and after a short stop at **Concon** we drove via **Olmué** to the **Parque Nacional La Campana**. This was rather hot with a few holiday-makers. I tried one slope and there the Moustached Turca called me. I found him very quickly and he led me to a party of about 4 Dusky-tailed Canasteros. A group of Californian Quails took over and a minute later I was watching what I at first thought to be a Dusky-tailed Canastero. But why did it had a rufous tail? And why were its undertail-coverts barred? Because it was a White-throated Tapaculo! I felt stupid, but very happy afterwards. I did a final attempt for Dusky Tapaculo, but no luck. Then I joined Marieke, who felt asleep on a huge rock in the middle of a stream. We tried to find a hotel in **Granizo** but no vacancy. We looked further south but between La Calera and Santiago, but there was no accommodation (only a huge area of Matorral land!), so finally we drove to **Santiago**, where we took Hotel Monte Carlo for \$ 54.
- 10th February** We phoned Just-Rent-a-Car to change our car for a pick-up truck, a Chevrolet Luv (\$ 66 a day). A big car, but a good choice for dirt roads. We left **Santiago** and went straight to **San Alfonso**, where we took **Hostería Los Ciervos** (Ch\$ 18.000), with a swimming pool and a nice view and

close to the Embalse de Yeso. In the evening we tested the car by driving to the **Crag Chilia-site**, 3.5 km from the start of the road to the Embalse de Yeso. Two Crag Chilias were singing and they were so nervously feeding along the crags that I could not put them in the telescope. Other birds were two Great Shrike-Tyrants at the crags and an Aplomado Falcon hunting behind the hotel. In the evening we had a good meal with excellent wine, but then we witnessed the killing of a dog by a car in front of the hotel. A little bit shocked we went to sleep. The bed was extremely squeaky, so we had a bad night.

11th February At 10:30 we left our hotel to drive to Embalse de Yeso. The road was very dusty and full of traffic of lorries going up and back with carloads of stones. After a one-hour drive we reached the **Embalse de Yeso**. The bog area as mentioned in Pearman (1995) is clearly visible, but a little bit tricky to reach. When crossing a stream to get there the warning lights on the dashboard blinked 'check the engine'. Fortunately nothing was wrong with the engine. The bog area itself is also cut by a deep running stream and it took me half-an-hour to find a place to cross, but at that crossing I discovered the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover. Quickly I called Marieke to show her the bird and the next half hour I was photographing this very beautiful bird. The bird was not shy at all, so I could take very good pictures with my 200 mm zoom. I could approach the bird as closely as 7 feet! When the bird was probing into the mud it closed its eyes, showing white eye-lids. I did not see the bird flying, because it was so confiding and quiet. Other interesting birds in this breath-taking area were Magellanic Snipe (discovered by Marieke), Magellanic Tapaculo, Cinereous and White-browed Ground-Tyrant, Bar-winged Cinclodes, Greater Yellow-Finch, Yellow-rumped Siskin, but no seed-snipes. Very satisfied we left and when leaving we took a hitch-hiker in the car, but unfortunately we could not have a conversation with him, because we did not speak Spanish and he did not speak English. Back in **San Alfonso** we had a good dinner in our hotel and went to sleep just before midnight.

12th February We left our hotel just before noon and drove back to Santiago. In **San Jose de Maipo** we took three hitch-hikers in the back of our pick-up. In **Santiago** we took Hotel Monte Carlo again, phoned Just-Rent-a-Car to return the car, although we had to pay Ch\$ 5000 for a missing light. The rest of the day we spent in the centre of Santiago, having a good lunch at Don Vitorino and later in the evening an excellent dinner at Caprich Español, both in the **Santa Lucia** area.

13th February Today we spent to whole day sight-seeing in **Santiago**. In the evening we had dinner in the same restaurant as the first evening in Chile.

14th February At noon we left **Santiago** with a taxi for the International Airport. The plane left at 16.00 hours. In the plane we met an Irish guy called David who gave us pills to doze off and sleeping pills to sleep and earplugs to keep the noise away. So after taking them, I woke up above northern France the next day! We arrived at **Amsterdam** at 11:50 hours, where my father took us from the airport.

Suggested Reading

In Chile only a few identification guides where are available and one very good finding guide. I used the following:

- Araya, B and Chester, S. (1993). The Birds of Chile.
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The Species Accounts

In the 2018 version the common and scientific names and family order of the IOC www.worldbirdnames.org, version 8.2 is followed and in 2021 some name and order change was applied according to version 11.2. Endemic species or specialties for the region are in capitals.

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Additions 2004

Note: in 2003, the new field guide of Birds of Chile was released. This is vital, do not leave home without it! Full details: Jaramillo, A. (2003), Birds of Chile.

Sound recordings: Voices of Chilean Birds by Guillermo Egli, available e.g. at www.birdsongs.com (not maintained anymore).

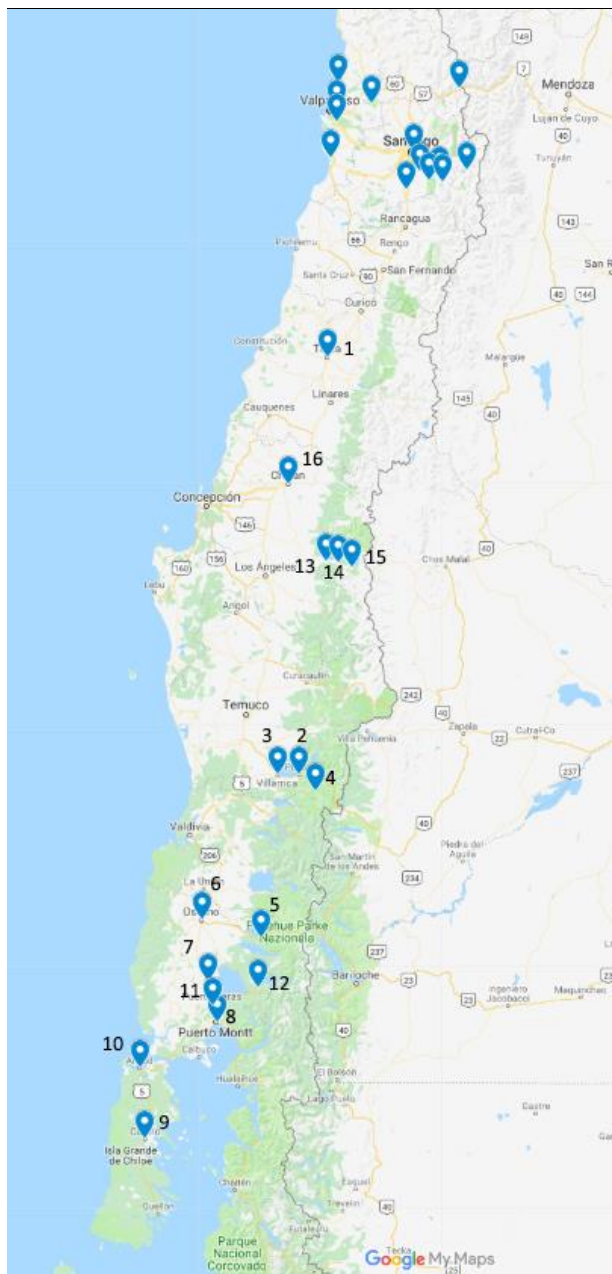
With the new book and this CD, it became obvious to me that all Ochre-flanked Tapaculos heard were Magellanic Tapaculos, Austral Pygmy Owl was heard also and terns in Ancud harbour were South American Terns.

Additions 2018 and 201

The order and nomenclature now follows the [IOC, version 11.2](http://www.worldbirdnames.org). [Xeno-Canto](http://www.xeno-canto.org) is now the best source for sound recordings.

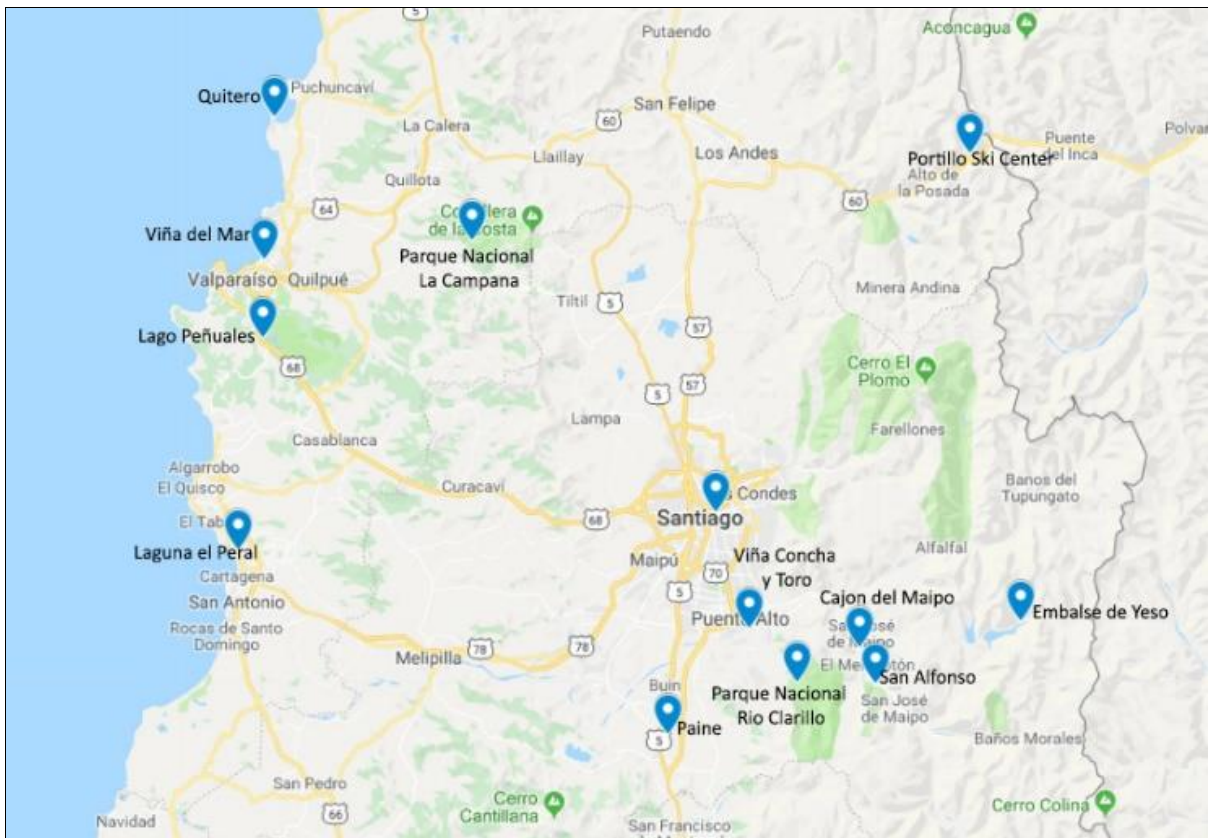
For travel reports, [CloudBirders](http://www.cloudbirders.com) is now the best source.

Maps of Chile



1. Talca
2. Pucón
3. Villarica
4. Termas Palguin
5. Nilque
6. Osorno
7. Frutillar
8. Puerto Montt
9. Castro, Chiloé Island
10. Ancud
11. Puerto Varas
12. Parque Nacional Vicente Pérez Rosales
13. Antuco
14. El Abanico
15. Parque Nacional Laguna de La Laja
16. Chillán

Region V to Region X.



Detail of Region V



Flying over the Andes, with the Aconcagua the highest mountain in the background; 24 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Map 1a: road to Embalse de Yeso.



Map 1b: Embalse de Yeso (detail).



Map 2: Viña del Mar & Reñaca (seabirds and Chilean Seaside Cinclodes).



Map 3: Parque Nacional La Campana (endemic Tapaculo's).



Map 4: Parque Nacional Laguna del Laja (Chestnut-throated Huet-huet).



Left: entrance to Gully where the Chestnut-throated Huet-Huet was seen; right: habitat in the gully, 6 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Andes at Portillo; right: Quintero; both taken on 25 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: boats at Valparaiso; right: feeding flock of cormorants and pelicans, Valparaiso; both taken on 26 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left; wine barrels at Concha y Torro Winery; right: habitat at Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, 27 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Snow-capped volcanos at Lago Villarica, Villarica, 28 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: ferry to Chiloe Island; right: Castro, Chiloe Island; both taken on 1 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Nothofagus forest at Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales, 4 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Landscape at Laguna de Laga, 6 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Viña del Mar; right: us two at Viña del Mar, 8 and 9 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: dry matorral habitat at Parque Nacional La Campana; right: Cerro La Campana; both taken on 9 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Search for the Diademed Plover, Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana, 11 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Marieke, 11 February 1998, Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana; © Jan van der Laan.



The large Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana, 11 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: dusty road from Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana; right: our rental vehicle for 3 days, 11 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Santiago, the main capital; 13 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Gas was poured into the tank with a hose and a garden waterer!
4 February 1998, Antuco; © Jan van der Laan.

001. **CHILEAN TINAMOU** - *Nothoprocta perdicaria*
 27-01 1 Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana.
 Discovered by its high-pitched call. Seen twice running into the vegetation, but no good views were obtained.
002. **Black-necked Swan** - *Cygnus melanocorypha*
 26-01 c 20 (some pairs with young) at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
003. **Torrent Duck** - *Merganetta armata armata*
 04-02 2 (a pair) just west of Petrohue, Lago Todos los Santos, X Región.
004. **Chiloe Wigeon** - *Mareca sibilatrix*
 08-02 c 30 (with young) at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
005. **Yellow-billed Pintail** - *Anas georgica spinicauda*
 30-01 5 Lago Villarica at Villarica, IX Región; also on 31-01.
 02-02 3 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
 03-02 3 in a pond with artificial ducks (!) between Puerto Varas and El Mirador along Lake
 Llanquihue, X Región; also on 4-02.
 08-02 c 10 at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
006. **Yellow-billed Teal** - *Anas flavirostris*
 08-02 3 Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
007. **Lake Duck** - *Oxyura vittata*
 26-01 c 20 at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
 08-02 c 10 (probably this species, all males, sleeping) at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
008. **California Quail** - *Callipepla californica*
 06-02 4 at Hotel Malalcura, El Abanico, VII Región
 09-02 5 at site A in Pearman (1995), Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región.
009. **Green-backed Firecrown** - *Sephanoides sephanoides*
 31-01 5 Nilque, X Región.
 02-02 1 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
 09-02 1 Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región.
 Hummingbird species were seen throughout the country and were most probably this species.
010. **White-sided Hillstar** - *Oreotrochilus leucopleurus*
 25-01 1 (female or immature) in front of the restaurant at Portillo, V Región.
011. **Giant Hummingbird** - *Patagona gigas*
 25-01 1 Zapallar, V Región.
012. **Chilean Pigeon** - *Columba araucana*
 Fairly common (c 20 daily, all fly-by's) in IX Región and X Región.
013. **Picui Ground-Dove** - *Columbina picui*
 Seen with certainty in Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo. After ticking this species - although a very beautiful bird - I did not pay much attention to these small doves. Sorry!

014. **Black-winged Ground-Dove** - *Metriopelia melanoptera*
First seen in the Lower Yeso Valley, Región Metropolitana. After that regularly observed (I paid not much attention to these small doves) throughout the country.
015. **Eared Dove** - *Zenaida auriculata*
First seen in Santiago (Cerro Santa Lucia). After that regularly observed throughout the country.
016. **Red-fronted Coot** - *Fulica rufifrons*
26-01 c 10 (some pairs with young; photographed) at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
017. **Red-gartered Coot** - *Fulica armillata*
26-01 c 20 (some pairs with young) at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
08-02 c 10 at Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
018. **White-winged Coot** - *Fulica leucoptera*
08-02 c 50 at Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
019. **Pied-billed Grebe** - *Podilymbus podiceps*
26-01 c 10 (with young) at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
08-02 4 at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
020. **White-tufted Grebe** - *Rollandia rolland chilensis*
04-02 6 Lago Llanquihue at Puerto Vares, X Región.
08-02 1 Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
021. **Great Grebe** - *Podiceps major*
26-01 3 Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
02-02 4 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
08-02 c 10 (with young) at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
022. **Silvery Grebe** - *Podiceps occipitalis occipitalis*
26-01 2 Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
023. **Magellanic Oystercatcher** - *Haematopus leucopodus*
03-02 1 with certainty (wing pattern!) between c 5 oystercatchers (foraging on the coast), seen from the ferry at Chacao, Chiloe Island, X Región.
024. **White-backed Stilt** - *Himantopus melanurus*
26-01 1 between San Antonio and Melipilla, V Región.
08-02 1 at Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
025. **Southern Lapwing** - *Vanellus chilensis*
Abundant throughout the whole country and c 10 on the International Airport of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
026. **Diademed Sandpiper-Plover** - *Plegornis mitchellii*
11-02 1 (adult) closely observed and beautifully photographed, north of the Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana (see map 1). One of the most beautiful birds I had ever seen.
027. **Hudsonian Whimbrel** - *Numenius hudsonicus*
31-01 1 above Lago Puyehue, Nilque, X Región.
01-02 c 300 during strong evening-migration, Castro, Chiloe Island, X Región.

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| 03-02 | c 10 | during crossing between Chacao and Pargua, X Región. |
| 08-02 | 1 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
028. **Ruddy Turnstone** - *Arenaria interpres*
08-02 c 10 Viña del Mar, V Región.
029. **Surfbird** - *Calidris virgata*
08-02 21 Viña del Mar, V Región.
09-02 1 Viña del Mar, V Región.
c 5 Concon, V Región.
030. **South American Snipe** - *Gallinago paraguaya*
11-02 1 flushed at the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover-spot (map 1b).
031. **Brown-hooded Gull** - *Chroicocephalus maculipennis*
Common on the southern lakes and coast of X Región (photographed).
032. **Franklin's Gull** - *Leucophaeus pipixcan*.
Common along the coast and the southern lakes and sometimes inland (e.g. just north of Santiago).
033. **GREY GULL** – *Leucophaeus modestus*
26-01 2 Quintero, V Región.
3 between Viña del Mar and Valparaiso, X Región.
03-02 2 at Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
08-02 c 100 Viña del Mar, V Región.
09-02 c 50 Viña del Mar, V Región.
c 10 Concon, V Región.
034. **Kelp Gull** - *Larus dominicanus*
Common along the coast and the southern lakes (photographed).
035. **Elegant Tern** – *Thalasseus elegans*
Small numbers (c 10) at Quintero, Viña del Mar (photographed) and Ancud, Chiloe Island.
036. **South American Tern** - *Sterna hirundinacea*
03-02 2 Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
037. **Inca Tern** - *Larosterna inca*
25-01 c 10 Papudo, V Región.
c 10 between Papudo and Zapallar, V Región.
26-01 c 10 (photographed) Quintero, V Región.
c 100 Viña del Mar, V Región.
08-02 c 50 Viña del Mar, V Región.
09-02 c 100 Viña del Mar, V Región.
038. **Parasitic Jaeger** - *Stercorarius parasiticus*
03-02 2 (chasing gulls) at Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
039. **Peruvian Booby** - *Sula variegata*
25-01 c 100 between Papudo and Zapallar, V Región.
26-01 c 10 Quintero, V Región.

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| | c 500 | Valparaiso, V Región. |
| 08-02 | c 100 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
| 09-02 | c 50 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
040. **Red-legged Cormorant** - *Poikilocarbo gaimardi*
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| 03-02 | 1 | Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 09-02 | 1 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
041. **Neotropic Cormorant** - *Nannopterum brasilianum*
The most widespread cormorant, seen at sea and in inland lakes or rivers.
042. **Rock Shag** - *Leucocarbo magellanicus*
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| 03-02 | 2 | Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| | 3 | during crossing from Chacao (Chiloe Island) to Pargua, X Región. |
043. **Guanay Cormorant** - *Leucocarbo bougainvillii*
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| 25-01 | c 100 | between Papudo and Zapallar, V Región. |
| 26-01 | c 100 | Quintero, V Región. |
| | c 5000 | Valparaiso, V Región (photographed). |
| 01-02 | c 25 | during crossing from Pargua to Chacao (Chiloe Island), X Región. |
| 02-02 | c 5 | Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 03-02 | c 10 | during crossing from Chacao (Chiloe Island) to Pargua, X Región. |
| 08-02 | c 100 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
| 09-02 | c 50 | Viña del Mar, V Región. |
044. **Imperial Shag** - *Leucocarbo atriceps*
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| 01-02 | c 10 | during crossing from Pargua to Chacao (Chiloe Island), X Región. |
| 02-02 | c 10 | Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 03-02 | c 10 | during crossing from Chacao (Chiloe Island) to Pargua, X Región. |
045. **Black-faced Ibis** - *Theristicus melanopis*
Common from VIII Región to X Región (photographed).
046. **Black-crowned Night Heron** - *Nycticorax nycticorax*
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| 31-01 | 1 | Villarica, IX Región. |
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047. **Western Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus ibis*
Common throughout when there were cows around.
048. **Great Egret** - *Ardea alba egretta*
At least 5 birds were noted: Santiago Airport (Región Metropolitana), San Felipe (V Región), Lago Peñuelas (V Región), Los Angeles (VII Región) and Los Caleras (V Región).
049. **Snowy Egret** - *Egretta thula*.
At least 3 birds were noted: Los Angeles (VII Región), Villarica (IX Región) and El Monte (V Región).
050. **Peruvian Pelican** - *Pelecanus thagus*.
Common at the sea. Especially common in fishing harbours (photographed).
051. **Andean Condor** - *Vultur gryphus*
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| 25-01 | 1 | (male) soaring above a scree slope at Portillo, V Región. |
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052. **Black Vulture** - *Coragyps atratus*
Common, especially along the Pan American Highway, with a maximum of c 15 birds a day.
053. **Turkey Vulture** - *Coragyps aura*
Fairly common, with up to 1-3 birds each day.
054. **Variable Hawk** - *Geranoaetus polyosoma*
30-01 1 (immature) between Villarica and Termas de Palquin, IX Región.
06-02 1 (adult, photographed) between El Abanico and Antuco, VII Región.
055. **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** - *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*
27-01 1 Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana.
28-01 2 3.5 km from the start of the road to Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
056. **Austral Pygmy Owl** – *Glaucidium nanum*
31-01 1 (heard calling, a monotonous took-took-took) Nilque, X Región.
057. **Ringed Kingfisher** - *Megaceryle torquata*
02-02 2 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
05-02 1 just north of Puerto Vares, X Región.
058. **Chilean Flicker** - *Colaptes pitius*
27-01 2 Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana.
05-02 1 between Antuco and El Abanico, VII Región.
059. **Campo Flicker** - *Colaptes campestris campestris*
24-01 2-4 Buenos Aires International Airport, Argentina.
060. **Crested Caracara** - *Caracara plancus*
24-01 1 International Airport of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
29-01 1 between Temuco and Villarica, IX Región.
31-01 1 c 10 km west of Termas de Puyehue, X Región.
061. **Chimango Caracara** - *Milvago chimango*
Common to very common (photographed), with a maximum of c 100 birds together in one meadow, somewhere between Valparaiso and Olmué, V Región.
062. **American Kestrel** - *Falco sparverius*
Fairly common throughout the whole country, with an average of 3-4 birds each day.
063. **Aplomado Falcon** - *Falco femoralis*
10-02 1 (hunting) behind the hotel 'Dos Cierves', San Alfonso, Región Metropolitana.
064. **Peregrine Falcon** - *Falco peregrinus*
04-02 3 (1 ad, 2 imm) Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales at Petrohue, X Región.
065. **Austral Parakeet** - *Enicognathus ferrugineus*
30-01 4 above Villarica, IX Región.
31-01 2 above Villarica, IX Región.

066. **SLENDER-BILLED PARAKEET** - *Enicognathus leptorhynchus*
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| 31-01 | 2 | between Termas de Puyehue and Aguas de Calientes, Parque Nacional Puyehue, X Región. |
| | c 10 | (very probably this species) between Nilque and Termas de Puyehue, X Región . |
| 02-02 | 2 | west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
067. **Rufous-banded Miner** - *Geositta rufipennis*
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| 11-02 | c 8 | Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana. |
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068. **White-throated Treerunner** - *Pygarrhichas albogularis*
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| 30-01 | 1 | (closely observed) Termas de Palquin, IX Región. |
| 06-02 | 2 | track A (cf Pearman, 1995) just before Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región. |
069. **CRAG CHILIA** - *Ochetorhynchus melanurus*
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| 28-01 | 1 | (seen briefly) at km 3.5, road to Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana. |
| 10-02 | 2 | singing and foraging, crags at km 3.5, road to Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana. |
- These endemic birds stopped singing at 20:45 hours. It was impossible to get them into the telescope, because the birds were too active, the angle too steep (almost 80 degrees) and the tripod I used was too short for me. Nevertheless, with my 8x42 binoculars I still got good views. Song as described in Ridgley and Tudor (1994).
070. **Buff-winged Cinclodes** - *Cinclodes fuscus*
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| 30-01 | 1 | Termas de Palquin, IX Región. |
| 11-02 | c 15 | (including adults with food carrying) Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana. |
071. **Dark-bellied Cinclodes** - *Cinclodes patagonicus*
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| 25-01 | 1 | below Portillo, V Región. |
| 27-01 | 1 | El Toucan Motel, Obra, Región Metropolitana. |
| 01-02 | 1 | Chacao, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 02-02 | 2 | west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 03-02 | 4 | Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región. |
| 04-02 | 4 | Lago Todos Los Santos, Petrohue, X Región. |
| 06-02 | 1 | Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región. |
| 11-02 | c 10 | Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana. |
- Plus several fly-by's throughout the country along streams either this or the previous species.
072. **CHILEAN SEASIDE-CINCLODES** - *Cinclodes nigrofumosus*
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| 08-02 | 3 | (1 ad, 2 juv begging) 1 km north of Hotel Oceanic, Viña del Mar, V Región. |
| | 1 | c 100 meters south of Hotel Oceanic, Viña del Mar, V Región. |
| 09-02 | 1 | c 100 meters south of and before Hotel Oceanic, Viña del Mar, V Región. |
073. **Thorn-tailed Rayadito** - *Aphrastura spinicauda*
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| 30-01 | c 10 | Termas de Palquin, IX Región. |
| 04-02 | c 5 | Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales near Petrohue, X Región. |
| 06-02 | c 10 | track A in Pearman (1995), Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región. |
| 09-02 | c 5 | Picnic area, Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región. |
074. **DUSKY-TAILED CANASTERO** - *Pseudasthenes humicola*
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| 09-02 | 4 | (at least) site A in Pearman (1995), Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región. |
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- Note: One bird was singing, a trilling warble, cf Ridgley and Tudor (1994).

075. **CHESTNUT-THROATED HUET-HUET** - *Pterotochus castaneus*

06-02 1 along track A in Pearman (1995) just before the entrance of Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región.

After a 45-minute search I saw this silent large brown wren-like bird with a very conspicuous white eye-ring skulking on a fallen tree trunk. One of the highlights of the holiday!

076. **MOUSTACHED TURCA** - *Pterotochus megapodius*

09-02 3 (one seen) at site A in Pearman (1995), Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región. Led me straight to the Dusky-tailed Canastero and the White-throated Tapaculo!

10-02 1 (heard only) at the Crag Chilia-spot, Región Metropolitana.

077. **WHITE-THROATED TAPACULO** - *Scelorchilus albicollis*

09-02 1 (closely observed, probably alarming or just curious?) at site A in Pearman (1995), Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región. Another very spectacular tapaculo.

078. **Chuca Tapaculo** - *Scelorchilus rubecula*

30-01 2 Termas de Palquin, IX Región.

02-02 c 5 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.

03-02 c 5 Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales 10 km west Petrohue, X Región.

04-02 c 25 (1 seen!) Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales near Petrohue, X Región.

079. **Magellanic Tapaculo** - *Scytalopus magellanicus*

04-02 c 5 (only heard, a staccato burst of 6-8 chieet tones), Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales near Petrohue, X Región.

11-02 1 between boulders above Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.

This 11-02 bird was completely sooty black with no rufous flanks or barring. Fjeldså and Krabbe (1990) give for the range of *magellanicus* one spot near Santiago and from Región VII to X: "...From Isla Grande ...n in the Andes at least to Neuquén Arg and Santiago (Aconcagua) Chile..." and for *fuscus* they describe: "At least to 950 m, in mts of Atacama to 4000 m. From Río Bío Bío to Atacama Chile and in Mendoza Arg. Sympatric with *magellanicus* at least from Bío Bío to Santiago (possibly to Aconcagua)...". Pearman (1994) gives Magellanic Tapaculo as the only *Scytalopus* in this area, while Ridgley and Tudor (1994) describe: "... At n. end of its range in Chile, the Magellanic Tapaculo seems to occur only at comparatively high elevations; here it inhabits, apparently exclusively, extensive areas of loose boulders." Araya and Chester (1993) describe for Dusky: "...*S m fuscus* Gould, ranging from Atacama to Bío Bío, into the Andes up to 4000m...". Krabbe (in litt, 1999): 'All the highland records are probably *magellanicus*. It can be just as black as *fuscus* (Riveros and Villegas 1994, An. Mus. Hist. Nat. Valparaiso 22: 91-101), so in the field black birds can only be identified on voice. Moreover some *fuscus* specimens (or a distinct species, now extinct?) from Colchagua have white crowns. Highest reliable record of *fuscus* appears to be 2900 m. Black Mendoza birds from 3500 m are probably *magellanicus*.'

----. **DUSKY TAPACULO** - *Scytalopus fuscus*

27-01 c 3 (heard only, a froglike b-rrrrp, repeated several times), Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana. Only after hearing [this example](#), I was sure I must have heard it, but too long a time ago to count it.

080. **Chilean Elaenia** - *Elaenia chilensis*

Very common, noisy, hyperactive; in short: impossible to miss! Especially abundant in Nothofagus forest, where this species was sometimes the only bird present. Chilean Elaenia is split from White-crested Elaenia *T. albiceps* (Ridgely & Tudor 1994, Jaramillo 2003, Rheindt et al. 2009).

081. **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** - *Anairetes parulus*

27-01 c 5 Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana.

- 03-02 2 Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales 10 km west Petrohue, X Región.
 04-02 c 10 Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales near Petrohue, X Región.
 09-02 c 10 Picnic area, Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región.
082. **Many-colored Rush-Tyrant** - *Tachuris rubrigastra*
 26-01 1 (with a nest hidden in the reeds) at Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
083. **Cinereous Ground-Tyrant** - *Muscisaxicola cinereus*
 11-02 c 10 above Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
084. **White-browed Ground-Tyrant** - *Muscisaxicola albilora*
 11-02 c 10 road to Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
 Note: during the trip to Embalse de Yeso, I observed several ground tyrant-species, but due to heavy traffic, we were not able to stop at the side of the road to give them full attention.
085. **Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant** - *Muscisaxicola frontalis*
 25-01 2 above Portillo at the Creamy-rumped Miner site in Pearman (1995).
086. **Austral Negrito** - *Lessonia rufa*
 04-02 4 (females; photographed) parking place of Lago Todos Los Santos at Petrohue, X Región.
 At first, I did not know how to identify these birds, because no male was around. After seeing the picture in Ridgley and Tudor (1994) and my photos it proved that they were actually Austral Negritos.
087. **Fire-eyed Diucon** - *Pyrope pyrope*
 06-02 1 (photographed) in garden of Hotel Malalcura, El Abanico, VII Región.
 c 5 Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región.
 08-02 1 Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
 09-02 c 5 Picnic area, Parque Nacional La Campana, V Región.
 11-02 c 5 road to Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
088. **Great Shrike-Tyrant** - *Agriornis lividus*
 06-02 1 (photographed) Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región.
 10-02 2 (either this species or Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *A. montana*, but undertail-coverts cinnamon) Crag Chilia-spot, Región Metropolitana.
089. **Rufous-tailed Plantcutter** - *Phytotoma rara*
 31-01 2 between Termas de Puyehue and Aguas de Calientes, Parque Nacional Puyehue, X Región.
 02-02 c 5 west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
090. **Chilean Swallow** - *Tachycineta leucopyga*
 Common throughout the country (photographed). *T. leucopyga* has priority over *T. meyeri* (Mlíkovsky & Frahnert 2009).
091. **Blue-and-white Swallow** - *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca patagonica*.
 Common at higher altitudes in the northern part and at all levels further south.
092. **House Wren** - *Troglodytes aedon musculus*
 Fairly common, seen almost daily in small numbers. Agitated or still in full song.

093. **CHILEAN MOCKINGBIRD** - *Mimus thenca*
Common, the best place to see this endemic mockingbird is the Cajon de Maipo (where photographed) and the surroundings of La Campana, but seen in every Región.
094. **Austral Thrush** - *Turdus falcklandii*
Very common, seen daily, even in the centre of Santiago, especially in the park Cerro de Santa Lucia.
095. **House Sparrow** - *Passer domesticus*
Very common, even outside towns.
096. **Correndera Pipit** - *Anthus correndera*
08-02 1 (only one, how is that possible?) at the Lago Peñuelas, V Región.
097. **Black-chinned Siskin** - *Spinus barbatus*
Common, especially (or exclusively) in pine-tree habitat.
098. **Yellow-rumped Siskin** - *Spinus uropygialis*
11-02 c 5 Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
099. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** - *Zonotrichia capensis*.
Common to very common, especially at higher altitudes.
100. **Long-tailed Meadowlark** - *Leistes loyca*
Fairly common, especially at road-sides.
101. **Shiny Cowbird** - *Molothrus bonariensis*
Fairly common (c 10-20 each day), especially at road-sides and meadows; seen in every Región.
102. **Austral Blackbird** - *Curaeus curaeus*
Fairly common (c 5-10 each day), especially at road-sides; seen in every Región.
103. **Yellow-winged Blackbird** - *Agelasticus thilius*
26-01 1 Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces, V Región.
29-01 1 between Talca, VII Región and Villarica, IX Región.
104. **Mourning Sierra Finch** - *Rhopspina fruticeti*
25-01 3 Portillo, X Región.
11-02 c 5 Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
105. **Band-tailed Sierra Finch** - *Porphyrospiza carbonaria*
25-01 c 20 Portillo, X Región.
11-02 c 10 Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.
106. **Grassland Yellow Finch** - *Sicalis luteola*
Common, especially in X Región and most particular on Chiloe Island.
107. **Greater Yellow Finch** - *Sicalis auriventris*
25-01 2 Portillo, X Región.
11-02 c 50 (photographed) Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.



108. **Grey-hooded Sierra Finch** - *Phrygillus gayi*

25-01	c 20	Portillo, V Región.
26-01	c 5	Parque Nacional Rio Clarillo, south of Pirque, Región Metropolitana.
27-01	c 10	lower Yeso Valley, Región Metropolitana.
06-02	c 10	Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, VII Región.
10-02	c 5	lower Yeso Valley, Región Metropolitana.
11-02	c 30	Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana.

109. **Patagonian Sierra Finch** - *Phrygillus patagonicus*

31-01	c 5	near Termas de Puyehue, Parque Nacional Puyehue, X Región.
02-02	c 10	west of Ancud, Chiloe Island, X Región.
04-02	c 10	Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales near Petrohue, X Región.

110. **Diuca Finch** - *Diuca diuca*

Common, seen daily and still singing.



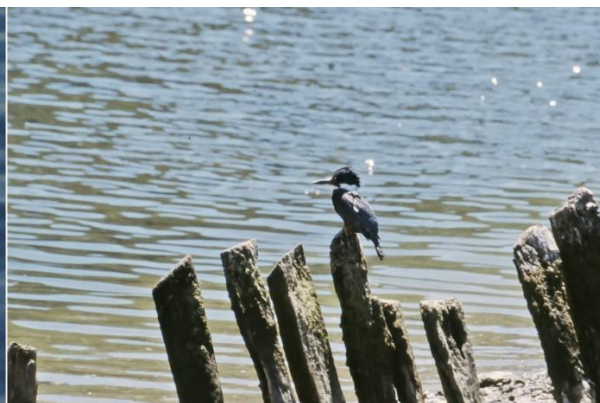
Left: Inca Tern, Quintero, 26 January 1998; right: Franklin's Gulls and Peruvian Pelicans, Valparaiso, 27 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Red-fronted Coot with young, Laguna El Peral, Las Cruces; right: Chilean Mockingbird, Cajon de Maipo; both taken on 26 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Black-faced Ibis, Villarica, 29 January 1998; right: Chimango Caracara, Villarica, 30 January 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Brown-hooded Gull with a plastic flag, Castro, 1 February 1998; right: Ringed Kingfisher, Ancud, 2 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



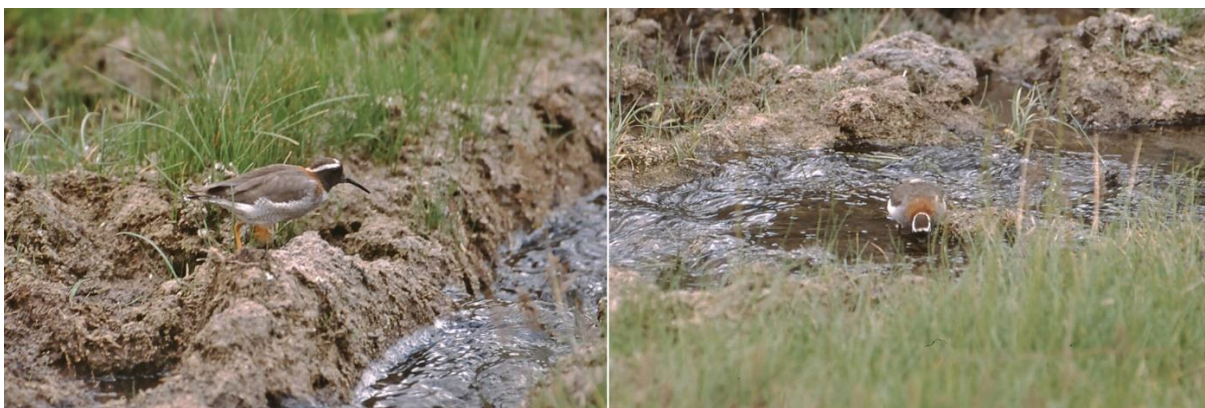
Left: pair of Torrent Ducks, Petrohue, Lago Todos los Santos, 4 February 1998; right: Southern Lapwings, Antuco, 5 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Fire-eyed Diucon, seen from the hotel at El Abanico, 6 February 1998; right: Great Shrike-Tyrant at Parque Nacional Laguna de la Laja, 7 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Chilean Seaside-Cinclodes, Viña del Mar, 8 February 1998; right: Kelp Gulls feeding on a dead ray, Viña del Mar, 9 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



Diademed Sandpiper-Plover feeding at a stream, Embalse de Yeso, Región Metropolitana, 11 February 1998; © Jan van der Laan.



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