



& Southern South America

Full Argentina Bird Checklist

With Antarctica & South West Atlantic islands

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INTRODUCTION

Argentina is a country with a vast diversity of bird species. The complete list of birds ever recorded is close to 1100 species, although many of them would be extremely unlikely to see again because of global and local extinctions, or because they would be very improbable vagrants in current times. For those reasons, we decided to include in this list only species that have been recorded in the last few decades (including rare and vagrants, if it is likely to have more records in the future).

For taxonomic standards, in almost all cases we quote the English (and Latin) names used by both eBird/Clements (which largely defers to the South American Classification Committee – SACC – in the Neotropics) and BirdLife International (which uses same criteria as the Handbook of the Birds of the World – HBW –), therefore including every possible species in the list, even if some are not regarded with full-species rank by either of the mentioned committees/organizations (ie: *Magellanic Horned Owl* by eBird/Clements, and *White-bellied Tyrannulet* by BirdLife/HBW). In one special case, a species included (*Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail*) would not be valid for Argentina if other two (*Pallid* and *Buffy Tit-Spinetails*), also included in the list, are regarded with full-species rank. Due to continuous changes and scientific findings, we acknowledge that this checklist could be already outdated by the time you read it (even when the current version has been updated to **October 2020**). The HBW (although not BirdLife International) is currently merging with eBird so it is likely that their taxonomy will merge too. In few cases, common names which are not yet valid for either of these committees were used in this checklist. Such cases are indicated with an asterisk (*).

For practical reasons, the way different families were organized follows (in most cases) a traditional order, even when it does not reflect the current knowledge about real relationship between them (ie: Falconidae was placed after Accipitridae). Also for practicality, the list includes birds of Antarctica and the South West Atlantic islands.

HOW TO USE IT

We have added 1 first column to check each bird species for the entire trip, followed by 25 numbered columns (each one of them meant as a reference to one day of your trip) for you to check every species you see (or hear) on each day. We advise to write down the referred date to each number on a different page or notebook, with a short description of the place visited (name, weather conditions and other comments about the place). The last column is blank, for you to add a brief comment about each bird species (if needed). Columns numbered 1, 10 and 20 were painted in gray just for practical usage (so that it would be easier to find the correct day's column).

We also left a few blank lines at the end of the list, for if you need to add species that were not included (that should only happen if you come across a real rarity or a virtually new vagrant to Argentina).

Finally, we state when the species is **ENDEMIC** to continental Argentina and/or South West Atlantic islands, or if it's an exotic **INTRODUCED** species (only if it has well established populations) and if it has been **RE-INTRODUCED** in the country (*Red-and-green Macaw* is so far the only formerly extinct bird species under a re-introduction program in Argentina, which is less than 10 years old and there are still no successfully breeding populations in the wild). We also added three exclamation marks (!!!) on each continental species that is either a rare vagrant (ie: *Scarlet Tanager*) or a possible resident species with very few and/or old records in the country (ie: *Crested Eagle*). We think this should work as a reference about the relative abundance of certain species in Argentina (especially for visitors who are not familiar with our bird fauna), and we would very much appreciate if you could communicate your findings if you detect any of such species (a photographic or sound record would be of extreme importance).

We hope you find this checklist useful and enjoy your birding time in Argentina!

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