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ANTARCTICA SPECIES LISTS

NOTE: This tour was in three parts including the first day in Buenos Aires, three days in Ushuaia, and the 10 day cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula. The species lists have been separated to reflect these three distinct areas. Lists are in downloadable PDF format.

- BUENOS AIRES
- USHUAIA
- ANTARCTICA CRUISE

Antarctic Peninsula Cruise – February 10 – 20, 2008

LEADERS: Gina Nichol & Steve Bird

	SPECIES	Scientific Name	Days seen out of 10	Comments on best or most interesting sightings.
1	Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	3	Hundreds of thousands in colony at Paulet Island
2	Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>	5	300+ at the colony on Aitcho Island
3	Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	5	Hundreds seen on several days with chicks. A white plumage bird was present at the Gonzalez Station
4	Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	1	Small groups seen in Beagle Channel & while departing on cruise in Ushuaia Harbour
5	Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	5	Up to 20+ on 1 st full day of Drakes Passage. Others of varying ages seen off the stern mostly while crossing the Drake Passage.
	Antipodean Albatross		1	One immature of this Wandering split, was seen well in Drake Passage.
6	Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	3	Up to 20 seen very following ship while crossing the Drake Passage southward
7	Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>	6	Most common Albatross while in offshore waters and also 200+ feeding in Beagle Channel on our return
8	Grey-headed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>	3	Five seen well while crossing the Drake Passage northward
9	Light-mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>	2	One seen while crossing the Drake southward by David and then one really close beside ship on our return through Drake seen by most of us.
10	Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>	1	A surprise one seen sitting on the sea and then flying during the Drake Crossing southward.
11	Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	3	Up to 20 seen during the southward passage on the Drake Channel
12	Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	9	Common and seen daily throughout the voyage, including several "white phase" "Nellies".
13	Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>	1	One seen very well flying with several Cape Petrels in the Bransfield Strait
14	Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	7	Seen almost daily throughout the cruise sometimes in large flocks. Also seen nesting on Deception Island.
15	Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>	1	3 seen on 1 st full day of Drake Passage later in evening. Dark upper and

				underwing, plus full hood diagnostic A good record
16	Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	1	At least 11 seen between Brown's Bluff and Paulet Island with bird flying up to ship and showing very close.
17	Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	3	8 or so seen during the southward Drake passage and up to 40 seen very well following ship while heading northward
18	White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	4	Many seen following the boat on both Drake passages
19	Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	2	One seen well close to ship going South and another amongst Soft-plumaged was brief on return during Drake Passage crossing
20	Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	3	Up to 20 seen each day during the southward Drake passage and a few seen on the northward passage
21	Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	8	Seen almost daily throughout the cruise and overland while on islands in Antarctica
22	Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Garrodia nereis</i>	1	One bird seen during the southward crossing
23	Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	5	Several seen well on the southward passage and a few seen during the return trip
24	Antarctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarctica</i>	6	Several seen in the Antarctic Sound and around Paulet Island at sea and close in penguin colonies.
25	South-polar Skua	<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>	5	A few seen daily once we reached the Antarctic Peninsula but not during the Drake Crossings.
26	Snowy Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	5	Seen in several locations the most memorable being an adult feeding a chick with the expelled stomach lining of a penguin on Half Moon Bay
27	Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>	6	Seen daily once we reached the Peninsula
28	King Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax albiventer</i>	2	Several groups totalling nearly 1500 birds seen on the rocks and flying during the voyages through the Beagle Channel
29	Imperial Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	1	Small numbers seen in the Beagle Channel
30	Antarctic tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	7	Seen daily once we reached the Antarctic Peninsula
31	Arctic tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	1	One seen in the vicinity of Brown's Bluff
32	South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	2	Hundreds seen on the way through the Beagle Channel
33	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	5	Seen in the Beagle Channel and in several locations while cruising the Antarctic Peninsula
	MAMMALS SPECIES	Scientific Name		
	Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	6	Seen on several days around the Peninsula
	Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	4	Seen patrolling the channel at the Vernadsky base; Also seen at Half Moon Bay patrolling shore.
	Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddellii</i>	4	One seen very well at Deception Island and Yankee Bay

	Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonine</i>	1	Several groups seen at Roberts Island
	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	6	Seen several times during the voyage including breaching and feeding activity. The best show was during dinner in the Bransfield Strait when a group of at least 6 approached the boat and stayed for almost an hour.
	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	2	Two seen well near the ship in the Bransfield Strait
	Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	3	Seen near the Lemaire Channel, Neumeyer Channel, and the Bransfield Strait
	Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	1	Seen in the waters off Livingstone Island
	Dwarf Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	1	One animal breaching in Half Moon Bay
	Southern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>	1	Seen near the ship while in the Bransfield Strait

Please note that our checklists do not include species seen by the leaders only. We also do not include single observer sightings or poor views. We do not count heard only or subspecies, although they are noted. This we believe gives us a very honest and accurate group total.