



1-DAY USHUAIA BIRDING TOUR

11 DECEMBER 2023



Magellanic Woodpecker will be targeted in the beech forests east of Ushuaia.

This 1-day Ushuaia birding tour is designed for those who joined us on our **Antarctic birding cruise** (including the Falklands, South Georgia, South Orkney and the Antarctic Peninsula) and have the rest of the day (after disembarking the cruise ship) to search for a few special birds around Ushuaia, including **Magellanic Woodpecker, White-throated Treerunner, Austral Parakeet, Austral Pygmy Owl, Ashy-headed Goose** and numerous others. We also have a more extensive **4-day Tierra del Fuego excursion** which will begin the day after ending the Antarctic birding/wildlife cruise.

After disembarking our expedition cruise vessel, we will head east of Ushuaia to Puerto Almanza, a small, picturesque crab-fishing village located in a bay along the Beagle Channel. En route to Puerto Almanza, we will stop at Vitoria Pond, where we hope to see **Bronze-winged Duck, Flying Steamer Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, Silvery Grebe** and **Ringed Kingfisher**.

Around Harberton Ranch, also located on the edge of the Beagle Channel, we should have a good selection of shorebirds to sort through including **Blackish Oystercatcher** and **Two-banded** and **Magellanic Plovers** as well as migratory shorebirds from North America, such as **Lesser Yellowlegs, Ruddy Turnstone, Baird's Sandpiper, Sanderling** and **Surfbird**.

Birding some of the more open areas throughout the day should hopefully produce sightings of some of the following: **Upland** and **Ashy-headed Geese, Black-faced Ibis, South American Snipe, Rufous-chested Plover, Short-eared Owl, Dark-bellied** and **Grey-flanked Cinclodes** and **Austral Negrito**. We will of course keep an eye to the sky looking out for the massive **Andean Condor** as well as other raptors such as **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** and **Chimango** and **White-throated Caracaras**.



We should find Fuegian Steamer Duck in some of the more open areas near to Ushuaia.

The Patagonian beech forests will be searched for special birds such as **Magellanic Woodpecker, Austral Pygmy Owl, White-throated Treerunner, Austral Parakeet, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, White-crested Elaenia, Patagonian Sierra Finch** and **Black-chinned Siskin**.

Please note that the itinerary cannot be guaranteed as it is only a rough guide and can be changed (usually slightly) due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides, and other factors.

Duration:	1 day (Start: late morning, after disembarking our vessel, finish: 7/8 PM)
Group Size:	2 – 12 (we have a higher limit on this tour than most tours)
Date:	11 December 2023
Start:	Ushuaia, Argentina
End:	Ushuaia, Argentina
Price:	US\$344 per person

Price includes:

Transport
Local guides
Entrance fees
Light snacks and tea

Price excludes:

All flights
Accommodation
Meals
Soft/alcoholic drinks
Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))