



**WILDWINGS
CHILE PUMA TOUR
3-17 MARCH 2007**



MAMMALS - Taxonomy & nomenclature follows **Los mamíferos de la Argentina** (Parera) unless otherwise stated.

Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europeus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Torres del Paine. • Smaller numbers elsewhere in Southern Patagonia.
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6 on 4 days in Southern Patagonia including melanistic individuals.
Olivaceous Mouse	<i>Akodon olivaceus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One near Porterio Sarmiento, Torres del Paine
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Rio Butalcura, Chiloé.
Culpeo Fox	<i>Lycalopex cupaeus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only two definite individuals near the Laguna Amarga gate in Torres del Paine.
Chilla	<i>Pseudalopex griseus</i>	<p>Nomenclature based on Canids: Foxes, Wolves, Jackals & Dogs. IUCN/SSC Canid Specialist Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common in Southern Patagonia & Torres del Paine. Daily totals of 16, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 2. • Three unidentified foxes in Torres del Paine were probably also this species.
Darwin's Fox	<i>Pseudalopex fulvipes</i>	<p>Nomenclature based on Canids: Foxes, Wolves, Jackals & Dogs. IUCN/SSC Canid Specialist Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tame individual near the lodge in Parque Tepuhueico • Up to three other individuals around the lodge at Parque Tepuhueico • One in the forest at Parque Tepuhueico on the first night drive
Southern River Otter	<i>Lontra provocax</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One seen, unfortunately briefly, Rio Butalcura, Chiloé

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Marine Otter	<i>Lontra felina</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 from a headland south of Punta Guabon on Chiloe. Good views of two of these on rocks c.200 metres offshore. • A minimum of 8 at close range from the boat trip around the penguin colony at Punihuil
Patagonian Skunk	<i>Conepatus humboldtii</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One east of Morro Chico • Singles on two days in Torres del Paine • 7+ Seno Skyring • Seven Seno Skyring-Punta Dungeness • One Seno Skyring-Punta Arenas
Kodkod (Guigna)	<i>Oncifelis guigna</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unexpected bonus of a single animal during the first spotlighting session in Parque Tepuhueico. Seen well but briefly & unfortunately not by everyone on the bus.
Puma	<i>Puma concolor</i>	<p>What a trip. An astonishing series of records with sightings of at least 7 individuals in Torres del Paine. Definite sightings as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night 1 – at least one possibly two seen from the vehicle four times between 0020 & 0135 within a km of the hotel. Seen at close range, and stalking hares. • Night 2 – one disturbed at close range by Enrique at 2320 as he tried to stake out Magellan Eagle Owl near the hotel. It & another (a female plus a large cub) were then watched on foot for over 20 minutes on the grassland c.200m from the hotel. • Day 3 – a female plus 4 2-3 month old kittens found by Jaime, and seen by the majority of the group on & off for over an hour at ranges down to 200 metres, north of Lago Sarmiento. Absolutely fantastic. • Night 3 – An adult catching & killing a hare within 100 metres of the hotel restaurant just after midnight. • Night 4 – An adult catching a hare within 50 metres of the restaurant at 2250. Later watched from the vehicles at close range c.200 metres from the hotel. <p>In addition there were several possible sightings of additional individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 – eye-shine picked up along a ridge near Laguna Amarga pre-dawn was almost certainly a Puma, the eye-shine being a distinctive emerald green & clearly identical to that of individuals seen later in the trip but the animal was too distant for a positive identification. • Night 1 – another animal with bright eye-shine was seen near Laguna Amarga & identified by Jose, our park guide, as a Puma, but none of the group obtained conclusive views. • Day 2 – a single animal seen briefly by Jose in the area south of where the female & kittens were subsequently seen.

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Southern Sea Lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Seno Skyring • Two Quellon pelagic • 25+ south of Punta Guabon • Two Puniuil • 50+ Chacao-Pargua ferry
Commerson's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorynchus commersonii</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35+ in several small groups Punta Dungeness
Chilean Dolphin	<i>Cephalorynchus eutropia</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ Seno Skyring, performing well & frequently breaching • 2+ Caulin Bay
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20+ south of Punta Arenas on day 1 • 15+ south of Punta Arenas on day 8 • Two Quellon pelagic • A pod of 15 seen on the Quellon pelagic were either Peale's or Dusky Dolphins
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ seen well in Golfo Corcovado during the Quellon pelagic • 6+ distantly from the coast south of Punta Guabon although tail flukes twice seen.
Guanaco	<i>Lama guanicoe</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20+ east of Morro Chico • 100s daily in Torres del Paine • Five east of Seno Skyring
South Andean Deer (Huemel)	<i>Hippocamelus bisulcus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair near Lago Grey, Torres del Paine
(Southern) Pudu	<i>Pudu pudu</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 seen on the night drive at Parque Tepuhueico, one seen very well near the lodge
Large Hairy Armadillo	<i>Chaetophractus villosus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road kills encountered west of Terminal San Gregorio & at Punta Dungeness.
Mouse sp		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles near Punta Dungeness & in Parque Tepuhueico.
Southern Cavy	<i>Microcavia australis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None seen but burrows & feeding signs found near Punta Dungeness.
Fuegian Tuco-tuco	<i>Ctenomys maguellanicus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None seen but burrows & droppings found near Punta Dungeness
Bat sp		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unidentified bats seen at Torres del Paine & Parque Tepuhueico.