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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Antarctica

Classic II: The Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica

30 Nov - 18 Dec 2017 (19 Days)

Trip Report



Humpback Whale by Holly Faithfull

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader, Holly Faithfull

Tour Summary

Rockjumper's Classic Antarctica II adventure started in Ushuaia, the most southerly city in the world. Late afternoon we boarded the Akademik Ioffe, a Russian research vessel, and our wonderfully stable home for this adventure to the south.

Day 1, 30 Nov: Ushuaia harbour and Beagle channel. We were late sailing out of the harbour due to high winds, but we made the most of the daylight as we scanned from the bows for our first species.



Kelp Geese by Holly Faithfull

Leaving Ushuaia Harbour, we saw Southern Crested Caracara, Chilean Skua, Kelp Gull and South American Tern, as well as Dolphin Gull, and both Rock and Imperial Shags. Magellanic Penguin escorted us along the Beagle Channel, and our first (of many) Black-browed Albatross and Wilson's Storm Petrel were seen, together with Sooty Shearwater, Southern Giant Petrel, Southern Fulmar and White-chinned Petrel. A beautiful sunset around 10pm ended our first exciting day on board the ship.

Day 2, 1 Dec: At sea south-west of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean). Fortunately,

the wind was behind us and the seas were fairly calm for our first full day at sea, but there was enough swell for plenty of seabirds, including many Black-browed Albatrosses, White-chinned Petrels and Sooty Shearwaters. Of the Great Albatrosses, both Wandering and Southern Royal put in several appearances, allowing us to begin the ID lessons we'd need to separate the different ages and plumages of these magnificent birds. Of the smaller seabirds, we saw the strikingly patterned Cape Petrel, and the first of many Slender-billed Prions, as well as plenty of Wilson's Storm Petrels (a bird that we saw every day at sea). On the mammal front, we saw our first Fin Whales, as well as South American Sea Lions and South American Fur Seals porpoising through the waves.

Day 3, 2 Dec: Falkland Islands - West Point and Carcass Island. This morning we awoke to see the islands surrounding West Falkland looming out of the early morning mist. A highlight for those of us up early enough was a pod of Commerson's Dolphins which accompanied the ship, as well as our first Peale's Dolphins. As we approached our first landing site, West Point Island, Southern Fulmars and Common Diving Petrels were seen, as well as the beautiful Great Shearwater. As soon as we disembarked the Zodiacs at the jetty on West Point Island, we were greeted by a host of Falkland Islands specialities, including Falkland Steamer Duck, Kelp Geese, Ruddy-headed Geese and Upland Geese, all pairs with chicks. Along the shoreline, Blackish Cinclodes were flying around, while both Magellanic and Blackish Oystercatchers were feeding. Further up the hill, we



Male Upland Goose by Holly Faithfull

encountered Austral Thrush, Dark-faced Ground Tyrant, Black-chinned Siskin and Long-tailed Meadowlark, as well as several Striated Caracaras on the hike to the Black-browed Albatross breeding colony. With the backdrop of dramatic cliffs, the colony was spectacularly located; while every square-inch was occupied by nesting Black-browed Albatrosses and their rather grumpy neighbours, Southern Rockhopper Penguins. *A wonderful introduction to the Falkland Islands.*



Black-browed Albatross by Holly Faithfull

This afternoon, we landed at Carcass Island, home to the endemic Cobb's Wren. Any fears we had of missing this bird were soon laid to rest as confiding individuals explored our bags and life jackets as we unloaded on the beach. Blackish Cinclodes were also common on the beach, and very curious – *even sitting on one passenger's backpack as he walked around!* Crossing the island, we encountered our first White-bridled Finch and Brown Skua before reaching colonies of Gentoo and Magellanic Penguins. Some of the Gentoos already had very tiny chicks, which they revealed to us as they shifted position.

Day 4, 3 Dec: Falkland Islands - Gypsy Cove and Stanley. Overnight, we had repositioned the ship to East Falkland Island. Before breakfast, we watched as the captain negotiated the narrow pass into Stanley Harbour, fighting against the strong winds. We had the full day to explore East Falkland. After landing in Stanley, we took a bus ride to Gypsy Cove, stopping en route at the wreck of the Lady Elizabeth, where we had scope views of Two-banded Plover. Continuing on to Gypsy Cove, we saw more Falkland Steamer Ducks and Yellow-billed Teal, as well as Grass Wren, both Rock and Imperial Shags and nesting Black-crowned Night Herons. On our way back to town, we stopped to look for Rufous-chested Dotterel, and were rewarded with wonderful scope views. We also had good looks at Correndera Pipit and Variable Hawk.

On our return to Stanley, we had time to explore this interesting little town, and enjoy fish and chips in one of the pubs before reboarding the ship and starting our long voyage to South Georgia. As we left the Falkland Islands and headed back into the open sea, we saw our first Light-mantled and Grey-headed Albatrosses, as well as Southern Royal and Black-browed Albatrosses, and the ever-present Southern Giant and Cape Petrels.



Gypsy Cove by Holly Faithfull

Day 5 & 6, 4 & 5 Dec: At sea between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean). Covering the distance between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia took two full days, and gave us plenty of time for sea-watching. We were accompanied by our old friends Black-browed Albatross, Southern Giant

Petrel, White-chinned Petrel, Cape Petrel and Wilson's Storm Petrel, and were joined by our first Northern Giant Petrel and Black-bellied Storm Petrel. Antarctic Prions soon appeared alongside the Slender-billed Prions, and replaced them entirely by our second day at sea. The Great Albatrosses became more common, with both Wandering and Southern Royal being seen regularly, along with Light-mantled and Grey-headed Albatrosses. One Soft-plumaged Petrel was seen briefly by some of



Light-mantled Albatross pair by Holly Faithfull

the group – *the only representative of this species seen on the entire cruise, surprisingly.* A Kerguelen Petrel was seen flying around the back of the boat for a few minutes, and a South Georgia Diving Petrel was seen by some.

On the second day, we passed relatively close to Shag Rocks, and were able to see our first South Georgia Shags flying past the ship, as well as our first King Penguins porpoising through the water. As we approached South Georgia, we spotted Antarctic Fur Seals in the water, and both Fin and Humpback Whales were seen during the crossing.

Day 7, 6 Dec: South Georgia - Elsehul Bay and Salisbury Plain. On waking this morning, we got our first misty views of South Georgia, and of our first Snow Petrel as it flew past the ship. The morning's excursion was a Zodiac cruise in Elsehul Bay – *an area never visited by any of the crew previously.* On the cliffs surrounding the bay were breeding colonies of Macaroni Penguins, and of all three of the smaller albatross species: Black-browed, Grey-headed and Light-mantled. Cruising along the kelp-lined shore, we saw harems of Antarctic Fur Seals, the huge males corralling the females and their tiny new-born pups. We also saw our first Southern Elephant Seals, watching as an enormous male tried to mate with a diminutive female in the surf. South Georgia Pipits were common along the shoreline (an incredible recovery after the eradication of Brown Rats in this area), and we also saw our first South Georgia Yellow-billed Pintails, as well as small groups of Snowy Sheathbills feeding among the kelp.

This afternoon, we visited Salisbury Plain, an enormous and spectacular King Penguin rookery, one of the largest in the world. The weather was cold and rainy, but it didn't dampen our enthusiasm! Having dodged the fierce Antarctic Fur Seal males, who charged at anyone coming near their harem, we walked to the edge of the colony, marvelling at the hundreds of thousands of King Penguin spread as far as the eye could see along the beach and also up into the tussock grass. Moulting adults were grouped together waiting for their new waterproof plumage to grow; while fluffy brown "Oakum Boy" babies chased after adult King Penguins, trying to beg for food. The air was filled with the pungent odour of the penguins' guano, the trumpeting calls of the adult birds as they reinforced pair



King Penguins by Holly Faithfull

bonds, and the hooting sounds made by the youngsters begging for a meal. *Truly a wonderful experience, in spite of the rain and mud!*

Day 8, 7 Dec: South Georgia - Gold Harbour and Stromness Bay. Reports of bad weather coming had inspired the Expedition Leader to try for a very early excursion today to Gold Harbour. We were



Antarctic Fur Seal by Holly Faithfull

woken before 5am to a dry, if rather misty, morning at Gold Harbour. As we landed amongst the King Penguins the stunning backdrop of the glaciers and mountains opened up and the sun shone. We enjoyed our time here, watching the King Penguins' behaviour, and hanging out with the baby Southern Elephant Seals (known as Weaners because their mothers only suckle them for three weeks before abandoning them and returning to sea). The Weaners are very curious and always looking for a meal and so many of us enjoyed very close up encounters with these adorable babies.

During lunch, we repositioned the ship to Stromness Bay. The weather had closed in just as we left Gold Harbour and by the afternoon it was very windy and wet. The old whaling station looked very atmospheric as we eased our way into the Bay. The hardy amongst us took one of two hikes: the first to the Shackleton Waterfall, where Ernest Shackleton and his companions climbed down to the safety of the whaling station after their perilous march over the mountains of South Georgia. The rest of us walked to a Gentoo Penguin colony, and watched these intrepid little birds march a mile inland and climb to the top of a windswept hill to tend their nests.

Day 9, 8 Dec: South Georgia - Grytviken and Jason Harbour. This morning, we visited the old whaling station of Grytviken. This is always an important site for visitors to South Georgia since Ernest Shackleton is buried here. However, our visit was even more special since we were bringing the ashes of another Polar explorer, Henry Worsley, to be buried here as well. His family accompanied us on the ship, and a special service was held in the Whaler's Church to honour Henry and all Polar explorers. We had a memorial drink at Ernest Shackleton's grave, and then Henry was interred on the hill above the graveyard. The whole morning was made even more atmospheric by a snowstorm that swirled around us as we walked. Afterwards, we explored the old whaling buildings with a guide, learning about life on South Georgia and the bloody history of whaling in these waters.



Gentoo Penguin by Holly Faithfull

This afternoon we landed at Jason Harbour, site of Carl Larsen's historic hut. It was a beautiful afternoon and some of us took a hike up to a viewpoint over the stunning Cumberland Bay. We

encountered no fewer than nine South Georgia Pintails as we walked back to the beach, and then had to run the gauntlet of dozens of bad-tempered Antarctic Fur Seals defending their territories. Our time in South Georgia ended as we cruised out of the harbour and back to sea, a spectacular sunset bringing our very successful visit to a scenic close.



Antarctic Tern by Holly Faithfull

seen on both days, along with Northern and Southern Giant Petrels, Southern Fulmar and White-chinned Petrel. Those on the bridge were lucky to see a close-up Southern Bottlenose Whale, as well as a wonderful pod of Long-finned Pilot Whales.

Day 10 & 11, 9 - 10 Dec: At sea between South Georgia and Elephant Island (Scotia Sea). Leaving South Georgia, we now had two full days at sea. Usually the crossing to Elephant Island takes three days but the seas were so favourable that we made the journey in only two. As we sailed southwards, seabird activity dropped off, and by the time we reached Elephant Island all the albatrosses had disappeared. We did manage to catch up with a couple of Kerguelen Petrels that flew past the ship, and we were excited to see our first Blue Petrel. Antarctic Prion were frequent, and both Black-bellied and Wilson's Storm Petrels were

Day 12, 11 Dec: Elephant Island - Cape Valentine, Cape Wild and Cape Lookout. We awoke to be told we were only a few hundred metres off Cape Valentine at the easternmost point of Elephant Island – *but we couldn't see a thing!* Eventually, the fog lifted a fraction and some of us were able to see a small patch of land. The captain decided to carry on to Cape Wild, where Shackleton's men camped on a narrow isthmus for many months as they waited for him to bring rescue. Again it was foggy, but as we peered the fog lifted and we were able to see the towering glaciers and mountains that surrounded the tiny patch of beach. *A very desolate spot to be marooned.* Over lunch, we carried on sailing to the south-western point of the island, with the small hope of being able to do a Zodiac cruise around Cape Lookout. Fortunately, the weather gods were smiling on us! The cruise brought us up fairly close to colonies of Macaroni and Gentoo Penguins, and our first Chinstrap Penguins, Antarctic Terns and Antarctic Shags. We were all very excited to hear a Leopard Seal called by a Zodiac in front of us, and as we watched in disbelief this incredible predator chased and caught a Chinstrap Penguin. Like something off a David Attenborough programme, the Leopard Seal surfaced several times with the unlucky penguin, throwing it in the air and catching it again. *Truly an incredible sight.*



Northern & Southern Giant Petrels by Holly Faithfull

Day 13, 12 Dec: Antarctic Peninsula; Antarctic Sound and Paulet Island. Today we sailed through the Antarctic Sound, marvelling at the number and variety of icebergs around us. We saw our first

Adelie Penguins standing on some of the smaller icebergs, together with Gentoos and Chinstraps. The numbers of flying birds had decreased dramatically, with a handful of Southern Giant Petrel, Southern Fulmar and Snow Petrel being seen. Our first South Polar Skua provided identification challenges alongside the Brown Skuas. The most numerous bird was the beautiful Cape Petrel, whose numbers increased as we approached their nesting sites on the various islands dotting the Sound. Mammals provided interest this morning, as we saw our first Weddell and Crabeater Seals, and a pod of Orca (Pack-ice Type B Large Type) put on a show.



Crabeater Seal by Holly Faithfull

This afternoon, we landed on Paulet Island to visit a colony of Adelie Penguins. This was a highlight of the cruise for many, watching the Adelies toboggan over the snow on their bellies, and bring rocks for their mates to enhance their nests. A colony of Antarctic Shags were breeding on a cliff face, allowing for close up views; while Snowy Sheathbills put on a wonderful show bathing in a small pool of water that had formed in the snow. We did a Zodiac cruise as we left Paulet Island, watching the tiny

Adelie Penguins launch themselves six feet or more out of the water to land on the icebergs. Back on board ship we retraced our route back through the Antarctic Sound and were rewarded with stunning, sunny weather and mirror-like reflections in the water. *An unforgettable evening.*

Day 14, 13 Dec: Antarctic Peninsula (South Shetland Islands) - Half Moon Island and Deception Island. After breakfast, we visited the Chinstrap Penguin colony on Half Moon Island. The colony was high up in the rocks at the top of the island, making for a treacherous climb for both penguins and humans alike. The island was also home to nesting Antarctic Terns and Kelp Gulls, as well as a few Gentoo Penguins. As we boarded the ship at the end of our excursion, a pod of Humpback Whales could be seen feeding in the bay. This afternoon, we sailed through the narrow entrance to Deception Island, the almost complete caldera of a still active volcano. We landed at Whaler's Cove to see the abandoned boilers that would have cooked the whale blubber to extract the oil. Some hardy souls hiked to the top of the caldera rim for a wonderful view; while the rest of us climbed to a lookout known as Neptune's Window. As the tide went out the exposed sand began to steam – *evidence of the volcanic activity just below the surface.* Some crazy souls decided to take a polar plunge in the icy water! The day was rounded off with a barbeque on the deck.



Adelie Penguin by Holly Faithfull

Day 15, 14 Dec: Antarctic Peninsula - Orne Harbour and Damoy Point. This morning, we made our first landing on the Antarctic Continent at Orne Harbour. We hiked up through deep snow to the top of the ridge where a colony of Chinstrap Penguins was nesting. We had a stunning view of the



Chinstrap Penguins by Holly Faithfull

snow-covered mountains and glaciers all around us. Half-way down, colonies of Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins were noisily tending their nests. Watching one hapless Chinstrap try (at least a hundred times) to add a new stone to his partner's nest caused much hilarity – and reinforced what stoic and determined birds these are.

On returning to the ship, a pod of Orca were spotted. Everyone came up on the top deck to watch them, as around 20 animals surrounded the ship, swimming underneath and putting on a fabulous show. They seemed as interested in us as we were in them! After

lunch, we sailed through the spectacular Neumayer Channel, with towering mountains on both sides, before landing at Damoy Point where we visited the fascinating British Antarctic Survey hut. Highlights here were the Gentoo Penguin colony, and two Weddell Seals hauled out on the snow. This evening we sailed to the aptly-named Paradise Bay, where we were greeted by Antarctic Minke Whales. It was a glorious evening, no wind and a breathtaking sunset, and so some of us decided to camp on the snow so we could truly say we had slept on Antarctica!

Day 16, 15 Dec: Danco Island and Fournier Bay. On our last day in Antarctica, we visited the scenic Danco Island, home to a very active Gentoo Penguin colony. Seabirds were very scarce with only Wilson's Storm Petrel, Southern Fulmar and Cape Petrel putting in an appearance as we sailed to Fournier Bay. This afternoon was our last Zodiac cruise, but it turned out to be one of the best. As we approached the Bay, we started seeing Humpback Whales feeding, and their numbers increased until some 30 animals were feeding all around our Zodiacs. It was incredible to hear them breathing and making deep vibrations as they came to the surface. This evening we set sail for Argentina, bidding a sad farewell to the Great White Continent.

Day 17 & 18, 16 & 17 Dec: Drake Passage towards Cape Horn. This morning, before we crossed the Antarctic Convergence, seabirds were still scarce, with Blue Petrel being the most numerous bird. During the afternoon, we welcomed back Antarctic Prion, and the smaller albatrosses. Only on the second day at sea did the Great Albatrosses re-appear, with a first Northern Royal Albatross being a welcome addition to our list. As we got closer to the South American continent, Sooty Shearwaters joined the birds around the ship, until we were in sight of Cape Horn, by which time the numbers of Black-browed



Humpback Whale by Holly Faithfull

Albatross and Sooty Shearwaters grew into the thousands. Approaching the Beagle Channel, we encountered Chilean Skua once more, and South American Tern; while pods of Peale's Dolphin swam around the ship.

Day 19, 18 Dec: We awoke to the unwelcome news that there was to be a national strike in Argentina that day, which would cancel all flights for at least 24 hours. As we docked in Ushuaia everyone was eager to get off the ship to find out what was happening. It was an unfortunate end to a spectacular cruise, but arriving home after a few extra days in Argentina, we can certainly look back on a wonderfully successful trip.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (76 in total: 76 seen)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.2).

Status codes: **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

IUCN codes: **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

Antarctica

Penguins *Spheniscidae*

Gentoo Penguin (NT)

Pygoscelis papua

(6) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Adelie Penguin (NT)

Pygoscelis adeliae

(1) 1 Paulet Island 12.12.

Chinstrap Penguin

Pygoscelis antarcticus

(4) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12 and 1 Doumer Island 14.12.

Macaroni Penguin (VU)

Eudyptes chrysolophus

(2) 1 Elephant Island 11.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Magellanic Penguin (NT)

Spheniscus magellanicus

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Austral Storm Petrels *Oceanitidae*

Wilson's Storm Petrel

Oceanites oceanicus

(8) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Black-bellied Storm Petrel

Fregetta tropica tropica

(4) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Albatrosses *Diomedidae*

Wandering Albatross (VU)

Diomedea exulans

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Southern Royal Albatross (VU)

Diomedea epomophora

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Northern Royal Albatross (EN)

Diomedea sanfordi

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Light-mantled Albatross (NT)

Phoebastria palpebrata

(2) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Black-browed Albatross (NT)

Thalassarche melanophris

(4) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Grey-headed Albatross (VU)

Thalassarche chrysostoma

(3) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Shearwaters and Petrels *Procellariidae*

Southern Giant Petrel

Macronectes giganteus

(6) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Northern Giant Petrel

Macronectes halli

(3) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Southern Fulmar

Fulmarus glacialisoides

(7) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Cape Petrel

Daption capense

(8) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Snow Petrel

Pagodroma nivea

(1) 1 Paulet Island 12.12.

Blue Petrel

Halobaena caerulea

(3) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Commonest bird on day 16

Antarctic Prion

Pachyptila desolata

(4) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

White-chinned Petrel (VU)

Procellaria aequinoctialis

(5) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Sooty Shearwater (NT)

Ardenna grisea

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Imperial Shag

Leucocarbo atriceps

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Antarctic Shag

Leucocarbo bransfieldensis

(5) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Sheathbills *Chionidae*

Snowy Sheathbill

Chionis albus

(4) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*

Kelp Gull

Larus dominicanus

(6) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

South American Tern

Sterna hirundinacea

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Arctic Tern

Sterna paradisaea

(1) 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Awaiting ID clarification

Antarctic Tern

Sterna vittata

(5) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Skuas and Jaegers *Stercorariidae*

Chilean Skua

Stercorarius chilensis

(2) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

South Polar Skua

Stercorarius maccormicki

(4) 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Brown Skua

Stercorarius antarcticus

(3) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12 and 1 Deception Island 13.12.

Falklands: ssp antarcticus, further south ssp lonnbergi

Argentina

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

Kelp Goose*Chloephaga hybrida*

(1) Beagle Channel 30.11.

Penguins *Spheniscidae*

Magellanic Penguin (NT)*Spheniscus magellanicus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Austral Storm Petrels *Oceanitidae*

Wilson's Storm Petrel*Oceanites oceanicus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Albatrosses *Diomedidae*

Black-browed Albatross (NT)*Thalassarche melanophris*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Shearwaters and Petrels *Procellariidae*

Southern Giant Petrel*Macronectes giganteus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Southern Fulmar*Fulmarus glacialisoides*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

White-chinned Petrel (VU)*Procellaria aequinoctialis*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Sooty Shearwater (NT)*Ardenna grisea*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Rock Shag*Phalacrocorax magellanicus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Imperial Shag*Leucocarbo atriceps*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*

Dolphin Gull*Leucophaeus scoresbii*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Kelp Gull*Larus dominicanus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

South American Tern*Sterna hirundinacea*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Skuas and Jaegers *Stercorariidae***Chilean Skua***Stercorarius chilensis*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***Southern Crested Caracara***Caracara plancus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae***Dark-faced Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola maclovianus*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Chilean Swallow***Tachycineta leucopyga*

(1) 1 Beagle Channel 30.11.

Falkland Islands (Malvinas)**Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*****Falkland Steamer Duck***Tachyeres brachypterus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Upland Goose*Chloephaga picta*

(2) Carcass Island 2.12 and Stanley 3.12.

Kelp Goose*Chloephaga hybrida*

(2) Carcass Island 2.12 and Stanley 3.12.

Ruddy-headed Goose*Chloephaga rubidiceps*

(2) Carcass Island 2.12 and Stanley 3.12.

Crested Duck*Lophonetta specularioides*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Yellow-billed Teal*Anas flavirostris*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Penguins *Spheniscidae***Gentoo Penguin (NT)***Pygoscelis papua*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Southern Rockhopper Penguin (VU)*Eudyptes chrysocome chrysocome*

(2) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12 and 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Magellanic Penguin (NT)*Spheniscus magellanicus*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Austral Storm Petrels *Oceanitidae***Wilson's Storm Petrel***Oceanites oceanicus*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Grey-backed Storm Petrel*Garrodia nereis*

(2) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12 and 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Black-bellied Storm Petrel*Fregetta tropica tropica*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Albatrosses *Diomedidae***Wandering Albatross (VU)***Diomedea exulans*

(2) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Southern Royal Albatross (VU)*Diomedea epomophora*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Light-mantled Albatross (NT)*Phoebastria palpebrata*

(2) 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Black-browed Albatross (NT)*Thalassarche melanophris*

(4) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Grey-headed Albatross (VU)*Thalassarche chrysostoma*

(2) 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Shearwaters and Petrels *Procellariidae***Southern Giant Petrel***Macronectes giganteus*

(3) 1 Carcass Island 2.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Northern Giant Petrel*Macronectes halli*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Southern Fulmar*Fulmarus glacialisoides*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Cape Petrel*Daption capense*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Antarctic Prion*Pachyptila desolata*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Slender-billed Prion*Pachyptila belcheri*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Fairy Prion*Pachyptila turtur turtur*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Kerguelen Petrel*Aphrodroma brevirostris*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Soft-plumaged Petrel*Pterodroma mollis*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

White-chinned Petrel (VU)*Procellaria aequinoctialis*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Sooty Shearwater (NT)*Ardenna grisea*

(4) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12, 1 Stanley 3.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Great Shearwater*Ardenna gravis*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Little Shearwater*Puffinus assimilis*

(1) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12.

South Georgia Diving Petrel*Pelecanoides georgicus*

(1) 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Common Diving Petrel*Pelecanoides urinatrix*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 At sea east of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 4.12.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) 1 Stanley 3.12.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***Rock Shag***Phalacrocorax magellanicus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Imperial Shag*Leucocarbo atriceps*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

New World Vultures *Cathartidae***Turkey Vulture***Cathartes aura*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae***Variable Hawk***Geranoaetus polyosoma*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Oystercatchers *Haematopodidae*

Magellanic Oystercatcher*Haematopus leucopodus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Blackish Oystercatcher*Haematopus ater*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**Two-banded Plover***Charadrius falklandicus*

(1) 1 Stanley 3.12.

Rufous-chested Plover*Charadrius modestus*

(1) 1 Stanley 3.12.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**South American Snipe***Gallinago paraguaiae*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae**Dolphin Gull***Leucophaeus scoresbii*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Kelp Gull*Larus dominicanus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

South American Tern*Sterna hirundinacea*

(3) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Skuas and Jaegers Stercorariidae**Brown Skua***Stercorarius antarcticus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Falklands: ssp antarcticus, further south ssp lonnbergi

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**Striated Caracara (NT)***Phalcoboenus australis*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Southern Crested Caracara*Caracara plancus*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Chimango Caracara*Milvago chimango*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers Furnariidae**Blackish Cinclodes***Cinclodes antarcticus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae***Dark-faced Ground Tyrant***Muscisaxicola maclovianus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Chilean Swallow***Tachycineta leucopyga*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Wrens *Troglodytidae***Grass Wren***Cistothorus platensis*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Cobb's Wren (VU)*Troglodytes cobbi*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae***Austral Thrush***Turdus falcklandii*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***House Sparrow***Passer domesticus domesticus*

(1) 1 Stanley 3.12.

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***Correndera Pipit***Anthus correndera*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***Black-chinned Siskin***Spinus barbatus*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Troupials and Allies *Icteridae***Long-tailed Meadowlark***Sturnella loyca*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Tanagers and Allies *Thraupidae***White-bridled Finch***Melanodera melanodera*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

Yellow-billed Pintail*Anas georgica*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Penguins *Spheniscidae***King Penguin***Aptenodytes patagonicus*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Gentoo Penguin (NT)*Pygoscelis papua*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Macaroni Penguin (VU)*Eudyptes chrysolophus*

(2) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12 and 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12.

Austral Storm Petrels *Oceanitidae***Wilson's Storm Petrel***Oceanites oceanicus*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Black-bellied Storm Petrel*Fregetta tropica tropica*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Albatrosses *Diomedidae***Wandering Albatross (VU)***Diomedea exulans*

(2) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12 and 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12.

Southern Royal Albatross (VU)*Diomedea epomophora*

(2) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Light-mantled Albatross (NT)*Phoebastria palpebrata*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Black-browed Albatross (NT)*Thalassarche melanophris*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Grey-headed Albatross (VU)*Thalassarche chrysostoma*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Shearwaters and Petrels *Procellariidae***Southern Giant Petrel***Macronectes giganteus*

(6) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12, 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Northern Giant Petrel*Macronectes halli*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Southern Fulmar*Fulmarus glacialis*

(2) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12 and 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12.

Cape Petrel*Daption capense*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Snow Petrel*Pagodroma nivea*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Blue Petrel*Halobaena caerulea*

(1) 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Commonest bird on day 16

Antarctic Prion*Pachyptila desolata*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Kerguelen Petrel*Aphrodroma brevirostris*

(1) 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

White-chinned Petrel (VU)*Procellaria aequinoctialis*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

South Georgia Diving Petrel*Pelecanoides georgicus*

(3) 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***South Georgia Shag***Leucocarbo georgianus*

(4) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Sheathbills *Chionidae*

Snowy Sheathbill*Chionis albus*

(2) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12 and 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae***Kelp Gull***Larus dominicanus*

(4) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Antarctic Tern*Sterna vittata*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Skuas and Jaegers *Stercorariidae***Brown Skua***Stercorarius antarcticus*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Falklands: ssp antarcticus, further south ssp lonnbergi

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***South Georgia Pipit (NT)***Anthus antarcticus*

(3) 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Mammals (16 in total: 16 seen)**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient**Antarctica****Sea Lions *Otariidae*****South American Fur Seal***Arctocephalus australis*

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Antarctic Fur Seal*Arctocephalus gazella*

(2) 1 Elephant Island 11.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

South American Sea Lion*Otaria flavescens*

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Seals *Phocidae***Leopard Seal***Hydrurga leptonyx*

(4) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Weddell Seal*Leptonychotes weddellii*

(3) 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Crabeater Seal *Lobodon carcinophaga*

(3) 1 Paulet Island 12.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Southern Elephant Seal *Mirounga leonina*

(3) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Paulet Island 12.12 and 1 Deception Island 13.12.

Beaked Whales Ziphiidae

Southern Bottlenose Whale *Hyperoodon planifrons*

(1) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12.

Oceanic Dolphins Delphinidae

Peale's Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus australis*

(1) 1 Drake Passage SE 17.12.

Hourglass Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus cruciger*

(1) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12.

Killer Whale *Orcinus orca*

(2) 1 Paulet Island 12.12 and 1 Doumer Island 14.12.

Orcas on Day 12 were Packice Type B large type (Antarctic Sound), on Day 14 were Gerlache Type B small type (Gerlache Strait) - not sure about one seen on Day 7 by Ted

Rorquals Balaenopteridae

Antarctic Minke Whale *Balaenoptera bonaerensis*

(2) 1 Doumer Island 14.12 and 1 Fournier Bay 15.12.

Fin Whale *Balaenoptera physalus*

(3) 1 At sea east of Elephant Island (Scotia Sea) 10.12, 1 Elephant Island 11.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

(5) 1 Elephant Island 11.12, 1 Deception Island 13.12, 1 Doumer Island 14.12, 1 Fournier Bay 15.12 and 1 Drake Passage SE 16.12.

Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Sea Lions Otariidae

South American Fur Seal *Arctocephalus australis*

(1) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12.

South American Sea Lion *Otaria flavescens*

(2) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Oceanic Dolphins Delphinidae

Commerson's Dolphin *Cephalorhynchus commersonii*

(1) 1 Carcass Island 2.12.

Peale's Dolphin*Lagenorhynchus australis*

(2) 1 Carcass Island 2.12 and 1 Stanley 3.12.

Rorquals *Balaenopteridae***Fin Whale***Balaenoptera physalus*

(1) 1 At sea southwest of Falkland Islands (South Atlantic Ocean) 1.12.

South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands

Sea Lions *Otariidae***Antarctic Fur Seal***Arctocephalus gazella*

(5) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12, 1 At sea near South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12, 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Seals *Phocidae***Southern Elephant Seal***Mirounga leonina*

(3) Elsehul Bay, South Georgia 6.12, 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12 and 1 Grytviken, South Georgia 8.12.

Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae***Long-finned Pilot Whale***Globicephala melas*

(1) 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Killer Whale*Orcinus orca*

(1) 1 Gold Harbour, South Georgia 7.12.

Orcas on Day 12 were Packice Type B large type (Antarctic Sound), on Day 14 were Gerlache Type B small type (Gerlache Strait) - not sure about one seen on Day 7 by Ted

Rorquals *Balaenopteridae***Fin Whale***Balaenoptera physalus*

(2) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12 and 1 At sea south of South Georgia (Scotia Sea) 9.12.

Humpback Whale*Megaptera novaeangliae*

(1) 1 At sea west of South Georgia (South Atlantic Ocean) 5.12.

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