OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

FINAL V2

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The BirdLife South Africa Expedition to our Southern Ocean Islands
to Marion AGAIN! 2025

Checklist of birds, seals and cetaceans recorded on the Flock to Marion AGAIN! 2025 voyage

Species with an asterisk* occurring solely within the Prince Edward Island Marine Protected Area.

Conservation status is gleaned from the IUCN Red List (*www.iucnredlist.org*) and is correct as of January 2020.
LC = Least Concern, NT = Near Threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CR = Critically Endangered, DD = Data Deficient.

KEY Confirmed | Pending review | Unconfirmed

	Common name	Scientific name	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan
	BIRDS								
ALBATROSS	Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	*Thalassarche chlororhynchos*							
	Black-browed Albatross	*Thalassarche melanophris*				✓	✓	✓	
	Grey-headed Albatross	*Thalassarche chrysostoma*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross	*Thalassarche carteri*	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Light-mantled Albatross	*Phoebetria palpebrata*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Northern Royal Albatross	*Diomedea sanfordi*							
	Shy Albatross	*Thalassarche cauta*			✓				✓
	Sooty Albatross	*Phoebetria fusca*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Southern Royal Albatross	*Diomedea epomophora*							
	Tristan Albatross	*Diomedea dabbenena*			✓		✓		
	Wandering Albatross	*Diomedea exulans*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PETRELS	Atlantic Petrel	*Pterodroma incerta*							
	Barau's Petrel	*Pterodroma baraui*		✓	✓			✓	
	Blue Petrel	*Halobaena caerulea*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Pintado (Cape) Petrel	*Daption capense*				✓			
	Great-winged Petrel	*Pterodroma macroptera*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Grey Petrel	*Procellaria cinerea*		✓		✓	✓		
	Kerguelen Petrel	*Aphrodroma brevirostris*				✓	✓		
	Northern Giant Petrel	*Macronectes halli*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Soft-plumaged Petrel	*Pterodroma mollis*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Southern Fulmar	*Fulmarus glacialoides*							
	Southern Giant Petrel	*Macronectes giganteus*				✓	✓		
	Spectacled Petrel	*Procellaria conspicillata*							
	White-chinned Petrel	*Procellaria aequinoctialis*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	White-headed Petrel	*Pterodroma lessonii*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Common Diving Petrel	*Pelecanoides urinatrix*				✓	✓		
	South Georgian Diving Petrel	*Pelecanoides georgicus*				✓	✓		
SHEARWATERS	Cory's Shearwater	*Calonectris borealis*	✓	✓					✓
	Flesh-footed Shearwater	*Ardenna carneipes*	✓	✓				✓	
	Great Shearwater	*Ardenna gravis*		✓			✓		
	Little Shearwater	*Puffinus assimilis*			✓		✓	✓	
	Manx Shearwater	*Puffinus puffinus*							
	Sooty Shearwater	*Ardenna grisea*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Subantarctic Shearwater	*Puffinus elegans*			✓		✓	✓	
	Tropical Shearwater	*Puffinus bailloni*		✓				✓	✓
PRIONS	Antarctic Prion	*Pachyptila desolata*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Broad-billed Prion	*Pachyptila vittata*			✓				
	Fairy Prion	*Pachyptila turtur*			✓	✓	✓		
	MacGillivray's Prion	*Pachyptila macgillivrayi*			✓				
	Salvin's Prion	*Pachyptila salvini*			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Slender-billed Prion	*Pachyptila belcheri*			✓	✓		✓	
SKUAS	Long-tailed Jaeger	*Stercorarius longicaudus*						✓	
	Parasitic Jaeger	*Stercorarius parasiticus*						✓	✓
	Pomarine Jaeger	*Stercorarius pomarinus*							
	Subantarctic (Brown) Skua	*Stercorarius antarcticus*				✓	✓		

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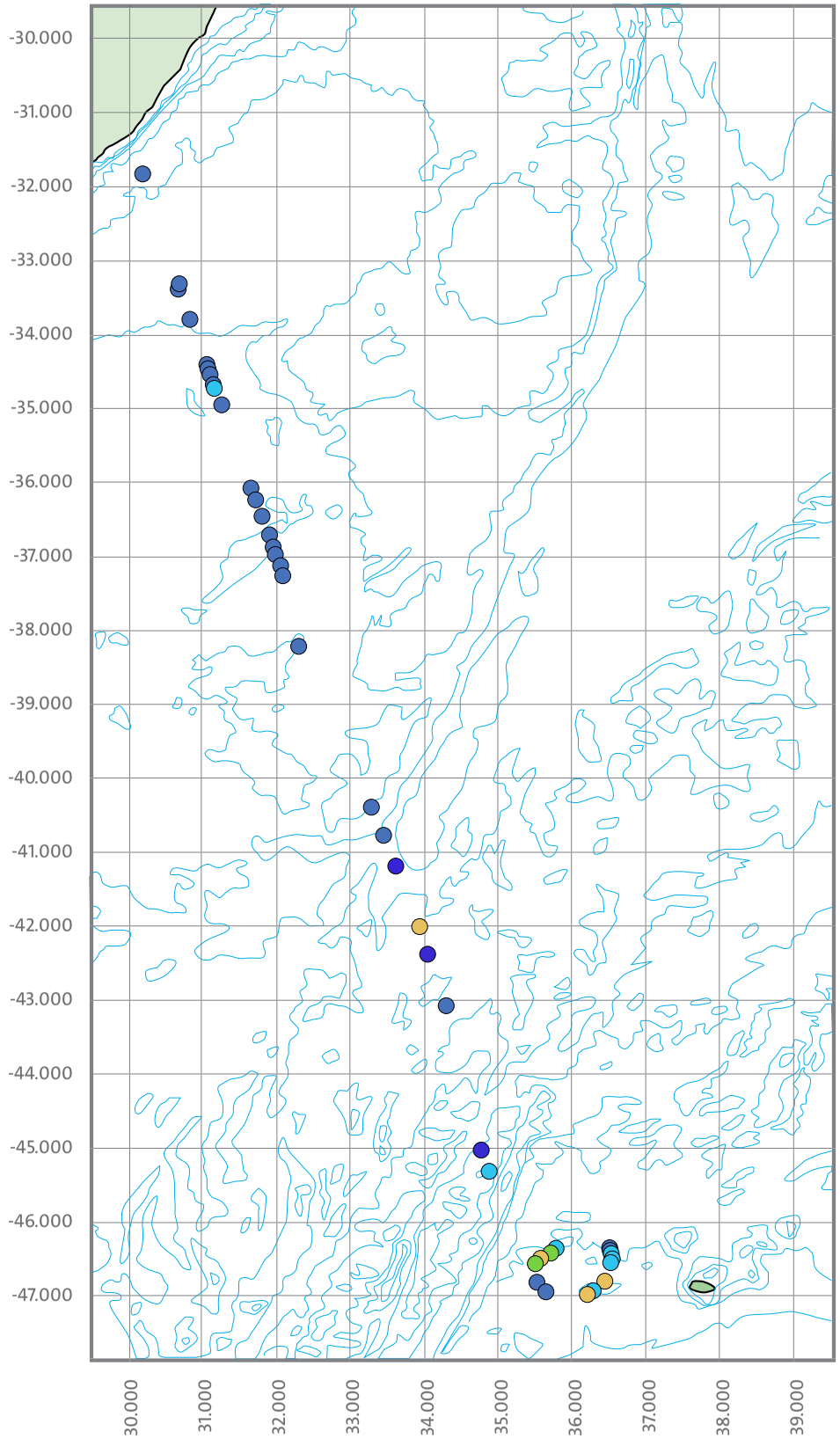
STORM PETRELS	Black-bellied Storm Petrel	*Fregetta tropica*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Storm Petrel	*Hydrobates pelagicus*							
	Grey-backed Storm Petrel	*Garrodia nereis*				✓	✓		
	Leach's Storm Petrel	*Hydrobates leucorhous*						✓	
	White-bellied Storm Petrel	*Fregetta grallaria*							
	White-faced Storm Petrel	*Pelagodroma marina*							
	Wilson's Storm Petrel	*Oceanites oceanicus*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PENGUINS	Gentoo Penguin	*Pygoscelis papua*				✓	✓		
	King Penguin	*Aptenodytes patagonicus*				✓	✓		
	Macaroni Penguin	*Eudyptes chrysolophus*				✓	✓		
	Southern Rockhopper Penguin	*Eudyptes chrysocome*				✓	✓		
TERNS	Antarctic Tern	*Sterna vittata*							
	Arctic Tern	*Sterna paradisea*							
	Common Tern	*Sterna hirundo*	✓						
	Kerguelen Tern*	*Sterna virgata*							
	Lesser Crested Tern	*Thalasseus bengalensis*	✓						
	Sandwich Tern	*Thalasseus sandvicensis*							
	Sooty Tern	*Onychoprion fuscatus*							✓
	Swift (Greater Crested) Tern	*Thalasseus bergii*	✓						
GULLS	Grey-headed Gull	*Larus cirrocephalus*	✓						
	Kelp Gull	*Larus dominicanus*	✓						
CORMORANTS	Cape Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax capensis*							
	Crowned Cormorant	*Microcarbo africanus*							
	Crozet Shag*	*Phalacrocorax melanogenis*							
	White-breasted Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*							
OTHER	African Black Oystercatcher	*Haematopus moquini*	✓						
	Cape Gannet	*Morus capensis*							
	Lesser Sheathbill*	*Chionis minor*							
	Red Phalarope	*Phalaropus fulicarius*			✓			✓	
SEALS	Antarctic Fur Seal	*Arctocephalus gazella*							
	Cape Fur Seal	*Arctocephalus pusillus*							
	Southern Elephant Seal	*Mirounga leonina*							
	Subantarctic Fur Seal	*Arctocephalus tropicalis*				✓	✓		
CETACEANS	Arnoux's Beaked Whale	*Berardius arnuxii*							
	Common Bottle-nosed Dolphin	*Tursiops truncatus*							
	Common Dolphin	*Delphinus delphis*							
	Cuvier's [Goose] Beaked Whale	*Ziphius cavirostris*		✓				✓	
	Dusky Dolphin	*Lagenorhynchus obscurus*							
	Fin Whale	*Balaenoptera physalus*					✓	✓	
	Gray's Beaked Whale	*Mesoplodon grayi*		✓	✓			✓	✓
	Heaviside's Dolphin	*Cephalorhynchus heavisidii*							
	Hourglass Dolphin	*Lagenorhynchus cruciger*				✓	✓		
	Humpbacked Whale	*Megaptera novaengliae*							
	Longman's [Indo-Pacific] Beaked Whale	*Indopacetus pacificus*		✓					
	Long-finned Pilot Whale	*Globicephala melas*		✓				✓	
	Minke Whale	*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*				✓			
	(Orca) Killer Whale	*Orcinus orca*						✓	✓
	Pygmy Blue Whale	*Balaenoptera musculus brevicauda*				✓	✓		
	Pygmy Killer Whale	*Feresa attenuata*		✓					
	Rough-toothed Dolphin	*Steno bredanensis*							
	Sei Whale	*Balaenoptera borealis*			✓		✓		
	Southern Bottlenose Whale	*Hyperoodon planifrons*		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Southern Right Whale Dolphin	*Lissodelphis peronii*							
	Spinner Dolphin	*Stenella longirostris*							✓
	Strap-toothed [Layard's] Beaked Whale	*Mesoplodon layardii*		✓				✓	
	Striped Dolphin	*Stenella coeruleoalba*		✓					✓
	Sperm Whale	*Physetus macrocephalus*		✓		✓	✓		

Date	Time	Side	Species
25 Jan	5:50	P	Cetacean – Unidentified
25 Jan	6:30	S	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
25 Jan	9:50	P	Gray's Beaked Whale
25 Jan	9:58	S	Gray's Beaked Whale
25 Jan	10:15	S	Longman's Beaked Whale
25 Jan	10:40	P	Gray's Beaked Whale
25 Jan	10:50	S	Striped Dolphin
25 Jan	11:35	S	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
25 Jan	12:00	P	Cuvier's ["Goose"] Beaked Whale
25 Jan	13:10		Layard's Beaked Whale
25 Jan	13:20	P	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
25 Jan	15:10	S	Pygmy Killer Whale – Probable
25 Jan	15:37	P	Southern Bottlenose Whale
25 Jan	16:22	S	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
25 Jan	17:10	P	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
25 Jan	17:40	S	Sperm Whale
25 Jan	18:00	P	Sperm Whale
25 Jan	18:30	P	Sperm Whale
26 Jan	5:06	S	Gray's Beaked Whale
26 Jan	5:48	S	Southern Bottlenose Whale – Probable
26 Jan	7:45	S	Cetacean – Large Blow
26 Jan	10:39	S	Cetacean – Unidentified
26 Jan	11:56	P	Cetacean – Blow
26 Jan	14:20	S	Sei Whale
27 Jan	5:06		Cetacean – Blow
27 Jan	5:09		Breach – Unidentified
27 Jan	6:05	S	Subantarctic Fur Seal
27 Jan	6:22	S	Subantarctic Fur Seal
27 Jan	7:47	P	Cetacean – Blow
27 Jan	7:30	Stern	Sperm Whale
27 Jan	8:03	bow	Hourglass Dolphin
27 Jan	10:30	S	Blue Whale – Unidentified
27 Jan	10:30	S	Cetacean – Dorsal Fin
27 Jan	11:45	S	Hourglass Dolphin
27 Jan	12:04	P	Cetacean – Unidentified
27 Jan	15:00	P	Sperm Whale
27 Jan	16:02	Stern S	Minke Whale – Probable
28 Jan	4:45		Hourglass Dolphin
28 Jan	5:05		Subantarctic Fur Seal
28 Jan	6:15		Southern Bottlenose Whale

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28 Jan	6:23	P	Cetacean – Unidentified
28 Jan	6:56	P	Southern Bottlenose Whale
28 Jan	7:04	S	Subantarctic Fur Seal
28 Jan	7:25	S	Subantarctic Fur Seal
28 Jan	9:49	P	Sperm Whale
28 Jan	14:32	S	Large Baleen Whale Species
28 Jan	14:51	S	Cetacean – Unidentified
28 Jan	15:30		Cetacean – Dorsal Fin
28 Jan	15:45	S	Hourglass Dolphin
28 Jan	16:35	S	Sei Whale – Blow
28 Jan	17:05	S	Cetacean – Blow
28 Jan	17:18	P	Blue Whale – Unidentified
28 Jan	17:30	P	Sei Whale
28 Jan	17:41	S	Cetacean – Blow
28 Jan	17:42	S	Sei Whale
29 Jan	5:10	S	Cetacean – Blow
29 Jan	5:15	P	Cetacean – Blow
29 Jan	5:19	S	Cetacean – Blow
29 Jan	5:23	S	Seal – Unidentified
29 Jan	5:41	P	Layard's Beaked Whale – Probable
29 Jan	5:46	P	Pilot Whales – Unidentified
29 Jan	6:02	P	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
29 Jan	6:02	Stern	Porpoising animals – Unidentified
29 Jan	6:48	P	Cetacean – Tall blows
29 Jan	7:20	S	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
29 Jan	7:59	P	Fin Whale
29 Jan	8:00	S	Cetacean – Unidentified (two)
29 Jan	8:10	P	Gray's Beaked Whale
29 Jan	8:21	P	Layard's Beaked Whale
29 Jan	8:32	P	Fin Whale
29 Jan	9:20	S	Gray's Beaked Whale
29 Jan	9:48	S	Gray's Beaked Whale
29 Jan	10:20	S	Gray's Beaked Whale
29 Jan	10:40	S	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
29 Jan	10:58	P	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
29 Jan	11:52	P	Beaked Whale – Unidentified
29 Jan	18:12		Beaked Whale – Unidentified
30 Jan	07:30		Spinner Dolphins
30 Jan	07:42	S	Southern Bottlernose Whale – Probable
30 Jan	9:00	P	Killer Whale – Probable