

conspicuous, head held high during brief pauses, and they ran with jerky movements. At the beginning of a run there was a peculiar rapid wing-flicking action and the tail was simultaneously flicked upward for a fraction of a second. During each run the head was lowered, but not to below the level of the shoulder. Flight was undulating and passerine-like, comprising several rapid wing beats followed by a glide in which the bird dipped low to the ground before flapping again. No calls were heard.

Although it possesses a number of unusual features (such as a calidrine-like bill and barred underparts, and the feeding and flight behaviour described above), *Phegornis* nevertheless displays many plover features and is placed in the Charadriidae (Zusi & Jehl 1970). The long bill is likely to be a specialized feature, enabling the bird to survive in areas, and during periods, of low prey activity. Probe feeding is a feature of several sub-alpine waders including another plover, the Wrybill (*Anarhynchus frontalis*) and the Ibisbill (*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*), both of which probe for their food when it is inactive and hidden beneath stones (Pierce 1979, 1986). The bill of the Wrybill has a dual role including probing among riverbed stones and scooping up mudflat food. More work is needed on *Phegornis* to establish its annual habitat and feeding requirements. It is not clear instance whether its long bill is adapted primarily for probing into alpine bogs (the Peruvian scenario), or for probing among pebbles on riverbeds, which is a possible scenario on Chilean riverbeds.

Except for the barred underparts the plumage of *Phegornis* is not unlike that of the Shore Plover *Thinornis novaeseelandiae* of New Zealand (Zusi & Jehl 1970; Hayman et al. 1986). This resemblance may only be superficial as *Thinornis* has a short straight bill typical of *Charadrius* plovers, and its feeding and flight behaviour is *Charadrius*-like and wing-flicking has not been observed (A. Davis pers comm).

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Datos de peso de aves argentinas. 2.

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ABSTRACT.- Weight of Argentine birds. The present work informs about weights of 55 species of Argentine birds, obtained by the author and Lucio A. Salvador.

En la primera nota se destacó la importancia del peso de las aves y los principales trabajos que sobre el tema han sido publicados sobre aves argentinas (Salvador 1988). En esa

oportunidad se dieron datos para 144 especies. Aquí se amplía la información a otras 55 especies, con pesos obtenidos por el autor en diversos viajes de estudio en el país y por Lucio A. Salvador en Orán, Salta.

Las aves fueron capturadas en su mayoría con redes de neblina y el resto con escopeta calibre 36mm por A. Budin. Los pesos fueron tomados con pesolas, y en los ejemplares mayores de 100 g, con balanza.

Se utilizaron los siguientes signos y abreviaturas: X: promedio, DS: desviación estandard, RA: rango. SA: Salta, JU: Jujuy, TU: Tucumán, SE: Santiago del Estero, CA: Catamarca, LR: La Rioja, CO: Córdoba y SL: San Luis.

LISTA DE ESPECIES

- Pluvialis dominica*: 1 ? 132 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Charadrius collaris: 2 ? 31,2 y 34,5 g, 23 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Bartramia longicauda: 4 ? 135, 136, 141 y 143 g, 14 Feb. 1987, Villa María, CO.
Leptotila verreauxi: 1 ? 186 g, 1 Set. 1988, Sierra Colorada, SA.
Oreotrochilus estella: 1 ♀ 6,6 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Geositta rufipennis: 2 ♂ 44,5 y 48 g, 1 ♀ 46,2 g, 24 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL.
Geositta cunicularia: 3 ? 30,5, 30,5 y 31,5 g, 24 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL.
Upucerthia ruficauda: 1 ? 37,3 g, 5 Nov. 1985, Cerro Famatina, LR.
Cinclodes fuscus: 1 ? 29,2 g y 1 ♀ 33,8 g, 21 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Cinclodes atacamensis: 1 ? 51,2 g, 26 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Furnarius cristatus: 1 ? 25,5 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Synallaxis frontalis: 1 ?, 15,7 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Synallaxis scutata: 2 ? 14,5 y 16 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Asthenes pyrrholeuca: 1 ♂ 14,2 g, 25 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Asthenes steinbachi: 1 ♂ 19,5 g, 25 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Asthenes modesta: 3 ? 18,5, 20,5 y 21,5 g, 24 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL.
Asthenes sclateri: 1 ♀ 26 g, 23 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL. 1 ? 25, 8 g, Cerro Famatina, LR.
Phacellodomus rufifrons: 5 ? RA: 25,5-28 g, X y DS: 26,8 ± 1,05 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Pseudoseisura gutturalis: 2 ? 63,3 y 73,5 g, 24 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Philydor rufosuperciliatus: 1 ?, 27,5 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Taraba major: 2 ♂ 57,5 y 58,8 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Thamnophilus caerulescens: 1 ♂ 20,5 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Teledroma fuscus: 1 ♂ 38,7 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Muscisaxicola macloviana: 5 ? RA: 23,5-27 g, X y DS: 25,2 ± 1,12 g, 24 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL.
Muscisaxicola maculirostris: 3 ? 14,3, 14,5 y 15,2 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Knipolegus aterrimus: 4 ♀ 20,8, 21,5, 22,3 y 22,4 g, 25 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Knipolegus cabanisi: 1 ♀ 19,5 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Hymenops perspicillata: 2 ♂ 23,5 y 24,7 g, 25 Mar. 1987, Río Los Nacimientos, CA.
Ochthoeca leucophrys: 1 ? 12,5 g, 5 Nov. 1985, Cerro Famatina, LR.
Todirostrum margaritaceiventer: 2 ? 7,6 y 8,4 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Anairetes flavirostris: 2 ? 7,3 y 7,6 g, 26 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Xanthomyias sclateri: 1 ? 9,9 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Leptopogon amaurocephalus: 1 ? 12,5 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Cinclus schulzi: 1 ♂ 36,9 g y 1 ♀ 38,4 g, 7 Set. 1988, Yala, JU.
Cistothorus platensis: 2 ? 9,2 y 9,8 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Mimus patagonicus: 1 ♂ 52,3 g y 1 ♀ 62, 5 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Turdus nigriceps: 2 ♀ 51,5 y 53 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.

Turdus rufiventris: 2 ? 66,5 y 71, 5 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA. 1 ? 72 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Myioborus bruniceps: 1 ? 9,5 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Basileuterus bivittatus: 9 ? RA: 12,5-14 g, X y DS: 13,7 \pm 0,71 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Thlypopsis sordida: 1 ? 14,2 g, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Saltator coerulescens: 1 ? 66,5 gr, 10 Jun. 1987, Pichanal, SA.
Passerina brissonii: 1 ? 24,5 g, 15 Jul. 1988, Orán, SA.
Catamenia analis: 1 ? 11,5 g, 25 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Catamenia inornata: 1 ? 17,1 g, 21 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Sicalis olivascens: 1 ♂ 23,3 g, 21 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Diuca diuca minor: 1 ? 27,2 g, 24 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Diuca diuca crassirostris: 2 ? 35,5 y 37,2 g, 1 ? 35,7 g, 24 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Phrygilus gayi: 2 ♂ 27,5 y 28,5 g, 22 Jun. 1981, Inti Huasi, SL.
Phrygilus unicolor: 2 ♂ 22,7 y 23,3 g, 21 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Phrygilus carbonarius: 2 ♂ 17,8 y 18 g, 22 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Compsospiza baeri: 1 ♂ 34,5 g, 1 ? 31,5 g, 2 ? 31,5 y 32,6 g, 21 Mar. 1987, El Infiernillo, TU.
Embernagra platensis: 1 ? 46,2 g, 27 Mar. 1987, Arraga, SE.
Molothrus bonariensis: 5 ♂ RA: 53,5-59,4 g, X y DS: 57,1 \pm 2,21 g, 7 Oct. 1984, Villa María, CO.
Sturnella loyca: 1 ? 93,5 g, 23 Mar. 1987, Campo del Arenal, CA.
Passer domesticus: 6 ♂ RA: 24,5-28,5 g, X y DS: 27,3 \pm 0,93 g, 5 ? RA: 24,5-27,5 g, X y DS: 26,7 \pm 0,84 g, Jun. y Jul. 1982, Villa María, CO.

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Estimates of Oil-Soaked Carcasses of the Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) on the eastern shore of Península Valdés, Chubut Province, Argentina

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The specter of massive oceanic bird kills has intrigued man; sometimes as a fascinated bystander, other times as an involved scientist or humanitarian. Today the world stands in wonder and trepidation awaiting the evaluation of scientific reports of the consequences of the January, 1989, fuel-oil spill near Palmer Station in Antarctica and the crude oil spill near Valdes, Alaska. Seven months prior to this Antarctic spill, I made a series of observations of