Field Guide to Parque Nacional Huerquehue's

Flora, Fauna, and Funga







DISCLAIMER

This field guide is intended for educational and recreational purposes only. While efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, species identification should always be verified through multiple sources, especially for:

- Edible or medicinal plants
- Mushrooms (many species are toxic)
- Wildlife encounters (maintain safe distances)

Safety Notice:

- Never consume any wild species without expert verification
- Observe wildlife from a safe distance
- Follow local regulations regarding protected species

FLORA



Monkey-Puzzle

Araucaria araucana

An evergreen tree native to Chile and Argentina, known for its unique umbrella shape, thick bark, and long-lasting scalelike leaves.



Chilean Holly

Desfontainia fulgens

A fast-growing tree native to southern Chile and Argentina, it forms dense forests, thrives in moist conditions, and has ornamental uses.



Tineo

Weinmannia trichosperma

An evergreen tree native to Chile and Argentina, featuring a straight trunk, sparse foliage, and small white flowers in racemes.



Dombey'S Beech

Nothofagus dombeyi

A fast-growing tree native to southern Chile and Argentina, it forms dense forests, thrives in moist conditions, and has ornamental uses.



Prince Albert'S Yew

Saxegothaea conspicua

A slow-growing evergreen conifer native to southern South America, thriving in Valdivian rainforests, with dark purple-brown bark.



Darwin'S Barberry

Berberis darwinii

An evergreen thorny shrub native to South America, it features small oval leaves, orange flowers, and purple-black berries.

FAUNA



Common Painted Smooth-Throated Lizard

Liolaemus pictus

A colorful lizard from the Iguanidae family, this species is native to Chile and Argentina.



Patagonian Sierra-Finch

Phrygilus patagonicus

A small, ground-feeding bird native to southern South America, often found in grasslands and shrublands, with varied plumage.



Chucao Tapaculo

 $Scelorchilus\ rubecula$

A secretive bird of temperate forests in Chile and Argentina, known for its loud song and distinctive rufous throat and breast.



Rosy Ground Frog

Eupsophus roseus

This frog is endemic to Chile, inhabiting temperate forests, rivers, swamplands, and marshes, and is threatened by habitat loss.



Blue-Green Smooth-Throated Lizard

Liolaemus tenuis

A small, diurnal lizard with a maximum length of 55 cm, primarily feeds on insects and is sometimes kept as a pet.



Black-Throated Huet-Huet

Pteroptochos tarnii

A bird from the Rhinocryptidae family, found in temperate forests of southern-central Chile and western Argentina.

FUNGA



Aleurodiscus Vitellinus

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An evergreen thorny shrub native to South America, it features small oval leaves, orange flowers, and purple-black berries.



Lihueñe

 $Cyttaria\ espinosae$

This orangewhite fungus is a specific parasite of Nothofagus trees, forming galls from which it produces fruiting bodies in spring.



Pseudocyphellaria Glabra

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A pale green, foliose lichen with white medulla and pseudocyphellae, found in southeastern Australia, New Zealand, and subantarctic islands.



Alpine Jelly Cone

Guepiniopsis alpina

A gelatinous, cone-shaped fungus with smooth, sticky surfaces, found on decaying conifer wood in western North America, Sweden, and Iran.



Southern Bracket

Ganoderma australe

A common tropical fungal pathogen with a tough, shelflike appearance, known for its dark brown upper surface and airborne spores.



Fistulina Antarctica

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