

Master project 2019/2020

- When?** September 2019 – February 2020
Where? Chile & Groningen
Who? Enthusiastic master student with an affinity for ecological fieldwork; Experience with bird handling is a plus
How? Students must apply for funding



What? To test the adaptive value of parental investment to survive in extreme environments we will experimentally manipulate the incubation behaviour of a sedentary bird species occurring in opposing climatic conditions. Further, we are studying the adaptive value of egg quality. The thorn-tailed rayadito breeds from very hot to very cold environments. Our team will be working in two populations in very different climates (warm temperate Villarrica and sub-antarctic Navarino Island). The master student will conduct 3 months of fieldwork, starting in September, followed by data analysis and paper writing in Groningen.



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Interested?

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