



# Summer / Fall 2016 — Winter 2017



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## Don't Miss These Top Destinations

**Antarctica**  
Go into the ice on a spectacular 18-day Antarctic cruise, where plentiful wildlife, spectacular vistas, and adventure abound. (p. 4)

**Brazil**  
Embark on an incredible safari to Brazil's Pantanal, one of the world's top wildlife hotspots, in search of Brazil's "big five" of mammals and birds. (p. 4)

**Botswana**  
Experience Africa on a true wildlife safari. Enjoy the mobility of a tented camp, with nights under the stars, as you drift off to incredible night noises. (p. 5)

**Australia**  
Explore Western Australia, fascinating for birds and landscapes. Immerse yourself in Kakadu, the Kimberly region, Perth, and other incredible stops along the way. (p. 4)

**Madagascar**  
Journey to the 8th Continent, where every mammal is endemic, as are 130+ different birds and 90% of its reptiles. Madagascar's many lemur species are sure to delight. (p. 8)

**Trinidad Turtle Season**  
April through July, witness nesting Leatherback Sea Turtles — an experience of a lifetime. In the latter part of Turtle Season, watch the little ones scurry toward the sea! (p. 11)





# Migrations & Monsoons

© Road to Castalon, Big Bend, Peg Abbott

**Oregon: Birding & Landscapes**  
*May 28 – June 4, 2016*

**Arizona: Monsoon Madness**  
*Aug. 7 – 13, 2016*

**Big Bend: Monsoon Madness**  
*Aug. 8 – 15, 2016*



Explore Oregon's scenic beauty, a land of towering coniferous forests, rocky coastlines, and serene mountain lakes, as well as high desert covered by sagebrush, grasslands, and scattered junipers in the eastern half of the state.

Begin by exploring Oregon's extensive estuaries, home to thousands of migrating shorebirds and waterfowl, and spot late migrants such as Black Oystercatcher, Marbled Murrelet, Tufted Puffin, Rhinoceros Auklet, and cormorants. Then cross the Coast Range and Cascade Mountains, stopping in coniferous forests to search for western warblers, flycatchers, vireos, and woodpeckers.



Discover Oregon's Great Basin side at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, one of the finest waterfowl refuges in the United States. We spend three fabulous days here and around neighboring Steens Mountain, a majestic tilted fault block.

Return to Portland via 11,200-foot Mt. Hood, and visit historic Timberline Lodge.

*From Portland, with Mark Smith*



Discover Arizona's "second spring," as summer monsoon rains turn the mountains and deserts to shades of green, and revel in landscapes that burst with biodiversity.

Witness up to 14 species of hummingbirds, hear grassland sparrows sing on territory, and spot breeding birds of Mexican affinity. Walk in cool, shaded canyons cloaked in oaks and mixed conifers. Explore the desert and grasslands during the early mornings and evenings, and swim or siesta in the afternoons.



Enjoy lush canyons of the Santa Rita Mountains and Arivaca Cienega, part of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. Visit legendary birding sites at Kino Springs, The Paton Center for Hummingbirds at Patagonia, Ramsey Canyon Preserve, and Whitewater Draw. Hike cool, lush canyons of the Huachuca Mountains in search of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and more. Find hummingbirds galore at feeding stations in the Sky Island foothills.

*From Tucson, with Bob Behrstock*



Immerse yourself in the big, bold landscape of Big Bend National Park, home to the stunningly eroded Chisos Mountains and the elusive Colima Warbler. Visit in monsoon season, when summer rains bring a burst of biodiversity, igniting a seasonally-lush desert. Rugged mountains, rolling hills, and deep canyons glow orange and red, as waterfalls cascade over cliffs.

Experience the rhythm of monsoon season, as Eastern, Western, Mexican, and Rocky Mountain birds converge — nearly 450 species, many rare or vagrant. Search for mammals like Kangaroo Rat, Coyote, Badger, Javelina, Mountain Lion, and Black Bear. And this is the season for reptiles, many of which are colorful and unique to the region.

We also time our visit with the Perseid Meteor Showers, taking advantage of Fort Davis' legendary dark skies.



*From El Paso, with Greg Smith*



# Northern Realms

© Polychrome Pass, Denali, Greg Smith

## Alaska Sampler Aug. 8 – 16, 2016



Alaska in August: a time for ripe berries, mammals in their prime, and birds. It is also a time of frenzied feeding before fall migration.

Explore Denali National Park as waterfowl gather in tundra ponds and Moose polish their antlers ahead of the rut. Cruise Kenai Fjords National Park to spot seabirds like puffins, shearwaters, jaegers, murre, and auklets. In a quiet cove, experience calving tidewater glaciers.

Venture to Homer, a scenic realm of mountains, where farmland and ocean collide. Enjoy a cruise to Halibut Cove and take an optional flight over active bear country (salmon runs and all!). By ending here, you can choose to extend your stay at a bear-viewing camp or lodge.

This is our classic Alaska Sampler trip: birds and wildlife, plus a uniquely Alaskan cultural and historical experience.

*From Anchorage, with Mark Smith*

## Northern Minnesota Sept. 10 – 16, 2016



Far away from the rest of the world, enjoy an immersion in North Woods nature. During the late afternoons and evenings you can relax in front of the fire and enjoy the sauna, hot tub, or a lakeshore campfire. Our hosts from Bearskin Lodge make some fine meals for us, and we also sample local restaurants.

We seek out boreal birds, canoe in the Boundary Waters, witness fabulous waterfalls and cascades that feed Lake Superior, and explore the lakeshores while learning more of the area's history. We've designed the pace and schedule of this trip to be flexible, with a nice mix of hiking, canoeing, birding, and seeing historical sites. Staying back at the Lodge to enjoy the fire or a quiet walk or canoe on your own is most certainly allowed!



*From Duluth, with Dodie Logue*

## Yellowstone & Grand Teton Sept. 22 – 29, 2016



Discover the crisp air, scarce crowds, and incredible wildlife of Yellowstone National Park in the fall. Magnificent bull Elk fill the air with frosty breath and clarion mating calls, while cottonwoods shimmer in hues of gold. An early snowfall may decorate the landscape, bringing a sense of urgency to animals preparing for winter. Few places in the world match Yellowstone for viewing the dynamics of large mammals and the drama played out between predator and prey.

Follow the Snake River to Yellowstone Lake, Canyon, Old Faithful, the Lamar Valley, and Mammoth Hot Springs. Spot mammals in their prime, from Bison to bugling bull Elk. River Otter, raptors on the wing, possible wolf sightings, fall color, and perhaps the first snowfall — a naturalist's or photographer's dream!

We make a point to enjoy a relaxed pace on this journey.



*From Jackson Hole, with Woody Wheeler*



# Magnificent Journeys

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**Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars & Birds!**  
July 16 – 25, 2016



Discover Brazil's Pantanal, a place of superlatives. Home to the world's largest fresh-water wetlands, the Pantanal is ten times the size of the Everglades, draining into a single channel: the Paraguay River.



Venture deep into this world-class wildlife hotspot on a long road that bisects the Transpantaneira wilderness, in search of an adventure that can't be missed. Find wildlife thriving in a mix of savanna, forest, and wetland habitats.

Search for Brazilian Tapir, Maned Wolf, Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, and Jaguar, as well as Harpy Eagle, Greater Rhea, Hyacinth Macaw, Toco Toucan, and Helmeted Manakin. Small crocodilian Yacaré are seen by the hundreds, and Capybara are everywhere! The sheer number and variety of species leaves a lasting impression.

Enjoy accommodations at charming cattle ranches, each with its own impressive and distinctive wildlife community. Venture by houseboat into deep water areas, prime for Jaguar.

*From São Paulo, with Peg Abbott and Xavier Muñoz*

**Australia's Wild West**  
Sept. 17 – Oct. 1, 2016



Picture yourself deep in Western Australia, where the sun shines down on quintessentially red outback, turquoise water laps at white sandy beaches, and wild sandstone formations dramatically emerge from the plains.

Join us for a NEW tour that highlights Western Australia's unique and incredible landscapes, flora, and fauna. Experience wildflowers and bird life of the Southwest's heath scrub and tall eucalyptus forests, including several notable endemics like two species of Black-Cockatoos. Explore the Kimberley Region's dramatic Bungle Bungles — including the awe-inspiring Cathedral Gorge. Witness a spectacle of thousands of shorebirds in Broome, the shorebird capital of Australia. Plus, enjoy time in Perth, a modern West Coast city.

Choose to join us in Kakadu National Park (stunning!) on a pre-tour extension full of desert landscapes, rock art, birding, and wildlife intrigue. A post-tour extension invites you to enjoy wildlife while pampering yourself a bit in wine country at Adelaide and Kangaroo Island.

*From Darwin, departing Perth, with Greg Smith and local experts*

**Amazing Antarctica: 18-Day Cruise**  
Nov. 19 – Dec. 6, 2016



Journey into the ice for an adventure beyond words. This is the ultimate bucket list tour! Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the Falkland Islands, follow in Shackleton's footsteps on South Georgia Island, witness penguin rookeries by the 100,000s (wow!), gaze upon beaches littered with Antarctic Fur and Southern Elephant Seals, and marvel at soaring albatrosses on their travels of thousands of miles, gracefully flying through the decades.

We travel in the early spring, taking advantage of clean snow (for incredible photos — and it's far less pungent!) and busy wildlife. Scenes of male Elephant Seal battling for control of the beaches and groups of females, and the intimate and beautiful courtship rituals of the albatross leave you feeling as if you are in your very own wildlife documentary.

Venture forth on the expedition ship *Akademik Sergey Vavilov*, perfectly designed to safely cruise the wilds of the Southern Hemisphere.

*From Punta Arenas, departing Ushuaia, with Greg Smith*



# Africa & India

© Bengal Tigers, Avijit Sarkhel

## Botswana: Safari & Birding Sept. 4 – 15, 2016



Embark on a true African safari, where the wildlife is pristine, and our days are timed with the rhythm of nature. Experience birds and mammals of the vast savanna and deep water wetlands across the Okavango Delta and along the Chobe River.

Get amazing views of predator and prey, without disturbing their interactions and day-to-day survival. Spend your first days on the move, comfortable in the rustic luxuries of a mobile-tented camp, complete with private baths, a chef, and a host guide with 25+ years of experience. Imagine the wild nighttime sounds beneath skies awash with southern stars.

Then spend time at two lodges with the upscale comfort of a permanent camp, with private facilities and a central restaurant and bar. These small permanent camps have an ambiance of luxury and a sense of the camps visited by Hemingway and others in years gone by.



*From Maun, with Peg Abbott and local experts*

## South India & Kanha NP Nov. 30 – Dec. 11, 2016



Immerse yourself in India's dizzying array of endemic birds and fascinating mammals in the Western Ghats, world-famous for biodiversity.

Journey through Thattakad Bird Sanctuary in search of Indian Pitta, Malabar Trogon, Red Spurfowl, and Gray-headed Bulbul. Embark on a boat safari to spot elusive Leopard, Tiger, and Asiatic Elephant. Admire Eravikulam National Park's endemic mountain goat, the Nilgiri Tahr, alongside White-bellied Blue-Flycatcher, White-bellied Shortwing, Indian Blue Robin, Nilgiri Pipit, and Orange Flycatcher. In Valpari forests, spot Lion-tailed Macaque, Nilgiri Langur, Malabar Giant Flying Squirrel, and Stripe-necked Mongoose. Find Painted Bush-Quail at Ooty, where we enjoy comfortable lodgings on a quiet tea estate.

Don't miss an optional extension to Kanha National Park, the Yellowstone of India, where we search for the elusive Bengal Tiger, Wild Dog, Sloth Bear, and Leopard.

*From Kochi, with Avijit Sarkhel and Mark Smith*

## Tanzania: Wildlife & Birding Feb. 26 – Mar. 11, 2017



Journey into the ultimate wildlife watching destination of Tanzania in search of iconic African animals. We travel at peak time: Wildebeest are calving and the interactions between predator and prey are intense.

Witness the splendor of Tarangire National Park, perched on a principal migration corridor into the Serengeti. Watch wildlife at the Ngorongoro Crater, dotted with watering holes and home to almost 30,000 individual animals.

Travel to the Serengeti and visit Olduvai Gorge, so famous for the study of human evolution and home to one of the most significant anthropological sites in the world, as well as 500 species of birds. Lake Manyara National Park is our grand finale; explore, wildlife watch, and learn about the area's fascinating geology.

Enjoy lodgings at comfortable safari camps that offer all the creature comforts, yet are still close to the action.



*From Arusha, with Peg Abbott and Preston Mutinda*



# Fall USA Journeys

© Roseate Spoonbill, Betty Andres

## Blue Ridge: Hiking & Birds Sept. 23 – 30, 2016



Venture on an active birding trip timed for the fall raptor migration in North Carolina's scenic Blue Ridge Parkway region. The vast forests of the Southern Appalachians and Blue Ridge Escarpment cover nearly 9.4-million acres of ancient mountains, stretching across five states.

Enjoy walks that highlight vistas of parallel ridges, made abstract by the signature blue haze that frames miles and miles of lush vegetation.

Watch the skies for migrating raptors as they pour through the region, as we explore Grandfather Mountain, Chimney Rock, and Craggy Dome looking for signs of Black Bear, Bobcat, birds, unusual plants, and salamanders. Enjoy plucky bluegrass music, local brew pubs, and the folk and modern art scene.

It won't be long before you understand why this region has inspired artists and naturalists for centuries.

*From Asheville, with Dodie Logue and Merrill Lynch*

## Louisiana: Rails & Festival Birding Oct. 15 – 22, 2016



Join us for a most unusual birding event: Louisiana's Yellow Rails and Rice Festival. Andrew Haffenden coordinates and guides this NEW and fun journey. See up to four kinds of rails, bird from a working combine harvester, enjoy energizing Cajun music, and indulge in Cajun delicacies.

Louisiana's rich coastal region is alive with herons, egrets, and beautiful Roseate Spoonbill. Walk beaches as you learn skills to identify shorebirds. Forested areas bring the possibility of seeing over 25 warblers, Crested Caracara, Painted Bunting, Pileated Woodpecker, and more.

Andrew combines the festival, great food, and exceptional birding — don't miss the fun!



*From Lafayette, with Andrew Haffenden*

## South Carolina: Southern Charm Oct. 18 – 24, 2016



Experience the history, nature, and culture of the charming South Carolina coast. Explore from Savannah to Charleston, and stop at historic forts and Morris Island Lighthouse. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides over cobblestone streets, bird the famous Magnolia Plantation, tour antebellum mansions, and dine at famous local restaurants.

Tour the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, then enjoy time in historic Savannah, a Revolutionary and Civil War port city that offers Southern Charm like no other. Experience the natural diversity of the immense ACE Basin; this National Wildlife Refuge protects over 1-million acres that stretch between Charlotte and Savannah. This rich mix of habitats and 700,000+ estuary acres are a haven to endangered wildlife. Visit Audubon's Biedler Forest Preserve.

Finally, spend two days walking and birding at charming Folly Beach and enjoying beautiful Charleston.

*From Savannah, departing Charleston, with Pat Lueders*



# Fall International Journeys

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**Honduras: Butterflies & Birds**  
 Sept. 17 – 25, 2016



Join us for a unique adventure that blends birding with the discovery of the delicate and intriguing world of Honduras' 900+ butterflies.

Delve into tropical birdwatching each morning, and as the sun warms, help field guide author Robert Gallardo catalog the next group of spectacular winged creatures for a possible sequel. Expert guide Bob Behrstock joins Robert with his expertise on dragonflies and damselflies, a chance to really learn about this little-studied group of insects.

With these two fabulous guides, few creatures of any taxa are missed! We base out of two locations to make the most of our field time. Explore the cloud forest of Santa Barbara National Park in search of colorful butterflies, hummingbirds, and showstoppers like the Resplendent Quetzal. Then spend full days amidst the lowland broadleaf rain forest at Rio Santiago Nature Resort at the base of Pico Bonito National Park. Search for the endemic Honduran Emerald.

*From San Pedro Sula, with Bob Behrstock and Robert Gallardo*

**Costa Rica: Raptor Migration & Birding**  
 Oct. 7 – 16, 2016



Few places rival Costa Rica's ecological diversity. Over a quarter of the country is a national park, wildlife refuge, biological reserve, or protected area. And for good reason: Costa Rica boasts 850 bird species, 208 mammal species, 50,000 insect species, and 2,000 orchids.

Watch scores of Broad-winged Hawk pass over, while North American songbirds are en route to warmer locales. Explore on both sides of the continental divide, with time in the Veragua Rainforest and at Tenorio Volcano. Lodges include Maquenque, Celeste Mountain, and Villa Blanca, which may be new to regular travelers — a great way to discover even more of Costa Rica's beauty.

Have fun with guide Willy Alfaro, tasting local ice cream and visiting local markets. Share in Costa Rican customs and sample local foods while experiencing exceptional hospitality.

An added bonus: Willy is a certified National Geographic photographer — wow!

*From San José, with Willy Alfaro*

**Colombia: The Andes**  
 Nov. 9 – 20, 2016



Journey into the heart of Colombia, the world record holder for the most bird species!

Experience the biodiversity and high endemism of species in the Cauca and Magdalena River valleys. Scan the forest for Colombian Chachalaca, Grayish Piculet, Apical Flycatcher, and Dwarf Cuckoo.

Traverse the famed Montezuma Road in search of specialties like Crested Ant-Tanager, Multicolored Tanager, Munchique Wood Wren, Alto Pisonos Tapaculo, and numerous hummingbirds.

Explore Rio Blanco Reserve, home to endemic Cauca Guan, Chestnut Wood Quail, Stile's Tapaculo, impressive mixed flocks, and more.

Come along as we travel through the safe, rural areas of Colombia's Coffee Triangle, enjoying warm hospitality (and delicious coffee) along the way.



*From Cali, with Gustavo Canas-Valle*



# New Frontiers

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**Panama Green: Bursting Biodiversity!**  
*July 10 – 17, 2016*



Experience an explosion of biodiversity during Panama's Green Season. Discover unrivaled birding, rich wildlife, and unique habitats — from volcanic craters to lush rainforest and Canal-side jungle.

Live among the birds at Canopy Tower in a remote section of Soberanía National Park. A repurposed radar tower, our lodgings are in the midst of the rainforest. Dine on the top level, literally in the canopy, and see monkeys, toucans, sloths, mixed flocks, and more. Enjoy your morning coffee (or afternoon cocktail), on the upper deck with a spectacular 360° degree view.

Indulge at the spectacular Canopy Lodge, and awaken to early-morning bird calls, wisps of cloud forest fog, and frantically feeding wildlife. Enjoy breakfast with the birds, then set off for adventures around El Valle de Antón.

July is prime time with few crowds ... Panama doesn't get more lush!



*From Panama City, with expert lodge guides*

**Guyana: Grand Rainforests**  
*Oct. 1 – 12, 2016*



Guyana is a place of pristine forests, still retaining a large portion of its original rainforest. It is quickly being discovered by birders and those keen to see Neotropical mammals.

Discover blackwater rivers stained dark with tannins that feed these untouched expanses of the Amazon. Listen and look for Red Howler Monkeys, tinamous, and motmots that provide the soundtrack; be vigilant for sightings of up to six species of wild cats! Yes, Jaguar is a possible sighting here!

Traverse treetops at the Atta Canopy Walkway for a bird's-eye view of elusive species. From this vantage, spot as many as 100 species of birds, as well as Black Spider Monkeys.

Voyage down to the Rupununi River to search for Giant River Otters, scan the treetops for parrots and macaws, and scope the exposed riverbanks for Capybara and Black Caiman. Plus! Watch an active Harpy Eagle nest!

*Additional departure:  
 Winter 2017, dates TBD*

*From Georgetown, with Rafa Campos-Ramirez*

**Madagascar: The 8th Continent!**  
*Nov. 17 – Dec. 1, 2016*



Discover the wild island of Madagascar, where every land mammal is endemic, as are nearly half the bird species. This is truly one of the world's great destinations for the birdwatcher and naturalist, alike.

Focus on Madagascar's most iconic and charismatic bird species (we hope to see over 95% of the endemics), as well as the Island's other oddities, like endearing lemurs and strikingly bizarre chameleons and day and leaf-tailed geckos.

Learn about the Island's geology and geography with resulting various habitats — from the spiny forests of Ifaty with its towering baobabs and other-worldly *Didierea* octopus trees of the south, to the verdant rainforests of Andasibe-Mantadia National Park and the Masoala Peninsula to the north and east.

This is certainly a trip of a lifetime.



*From Antananarivo, with Peg Abbott and Alastair Kilpin*



# Magical Encounters

© Cuba, Peg Abbott

## Ecuador: The Andes & Mindo Dec. 1 – 9, 2016



Experience Ecuador's amazing bird diversity, from the hummingbirds of Yanacocha to the cloud forests of Bella Vista, from the soaring peak of Antisana Volcano, to the endemic species of the Chocó region. Surround yourself with the scenic beauty of the Andes.

Our well-planned tour visits the east and west sides of two branches of the Andes, and key birding hotspots at Silanche, Milpe, Mindo, Guango, San Isidro, Papallacta Pass, and Antisana Volcano. Ecuador's cloud forests play host to hundreds of species, with frequent sightings of rarities such as Highland Tinamou, Greater Scythebill, and Bicolored Antbird. Colorful mountain-toucans and mixed flocks of tanagers brighten the day.



Search for Sword-billed Hummingbird, the only bird with a bill longer than its body. Observe fascinating social behaviors of both White-bearded and Club-winged Manakins. Get rare views of Giant and Yellow-breasted Antpittas; watch Andean Cock-of-the-Rock display on leks at a rural farm.

Take time to savor delightful eco-lodges, colorful markets, and warm Ecuadorian hospitality.

From Quito, with expert local guides

## Cuba: People to People Dec. 1 – 10, 2016



Venture behind the former Iron Curtain to Cuba, the Caribbean's largest island, home to 28 endemic bird species.

Explore varied landscapes as you meet local biologists and birders, and learn from local artists, musicians, and farmers. Admire the smallest bird on Earth, the tiny Bee Hummingbird, as well as Cuban Trogon, Great Lizard Cuckoo, and Cuban Tody.

Visit the Vinales Valley, Sierra de Escambray, the Bay of Pigs, and Zapata's wetlands. Plus, enjoy Havana's cuisine, cultural sites, and nightlife.

We partner with International Expeditions, Inc., which is authorized to operate, engage, organize, and conduct people-to-people travel to Cuba.

### Additional Departures:

January 19 – 28, 2017, with *Dodie Logue*

February 16 – 25, 2017, with *Greg Smith*

March 16 – 25, 2017, with *Carlos Sanchez*

December 7 – 16, 2017, with *Andrew Haffenden*

From Miami, with Bill Murphy

## Mexico: Birding Oaxaca Jan. 18 – 29, 2017



Discover Mexico's southern state of Oaxaca, where varied biogeographic regions converge, fostering outstanding diversity and endemism in nature, birds, and humanity. The broad, one hundred-mile long, 5,000 foot-high Valley of Oaxaca has been a melting pot for Mesoamerican cultures for over 5,000 years, with Olmec and Aztec to the north and Maya to the south.

Search for birds and enjoy nature in cool evergreen and tropical deciduous forests, arid cactus scrub, and mangrove-lined lagoons and beaches, within the Valley, the bordering Sierra Madre del Sur, and along the Pacific coast. Spectacular species include Red Warbler, Dwarf and White-throated Magpie Jays, Bumblebee Hummingbird, Chestnut-sided Shrike-vireo, Slaty and Dwarf Vireos, Ocellated Thrasher, Gray-breasted Woodpecker, Citreoline and Mountain Trogons, Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Emerald Toucanet, Russet-crowned Motmot, ten different orioles, including Spot-breasted and Black-vented, and Orange-breasted Bunting. All this and a guide with encyclopedic knowledge of the region — wow!

From Oaxaca City, with Mark Smith



# The Asa Wright Nature Centre

© Copper-rumped Hummingbird, Buck Snelson

## The Grand Old Lady



Asa Wright's former plantation home is 100 years old, and she requires care to maintain her health and shine. This past year, she has had a new roof, been painted inside and out, and has had her gorgeous wood floors treated and polished. Most recently, her famed verandah has been shored up from below, ensuring her longevity. New cushions adorn the verandah's furnishings, making AWNC's world-class birdwatching even more comfortable.

This past summer, AWNC selected bright tropical linens to place on brand-new beds, so you can sleep comfortably. Our larger rooms now have a Queen and a Twin bed. Additionally, several rooms have been painted, and staff members have installed shelving and improved lighting throughout, handy for organizing field gear. In the coming year, the Centre will start to refurbish rooms with more intensity; plans and permits for plumbing and electricity are underway.



## Top-Rate Guides



Our Centre naturalists and birding guides are experts.

They also *love* what they do. Last September, our naturalists and guides participated in a week-long, professional development training session conducted by the National Association for Interpretation, and jointly funded by the U.S. Embassy and the U.S.-based Friends of Asa Wright. In addition to hands-on training for interpretive guides, there was a two-day session for Centre Hosts (all lodge staff: front desk, back office, dining room, kitchen, housekeeping, security, and maintenance). We're excited for the team building and professional development opportunities that this training offered, and for the polished experience it offers our visitors.

As leaders in Trinidad's ecotourism, AWNC staff members set up this workshop so other local, nature-based tour operators and community-based ecotourism organizations could take part in this Centre-hosted interactive workshop.



## Coming Soon!



### Family Friendly Independent Stays

July 15 – August 15, 2016

### The Big Sit, AWNC

With Martyn Kenefick, T&T field guide author. October 8 – 9, 2016

### Dwali

The Hindu Festival of Lights, celebrated by all. October 30, 2016

### Trinidad's Christmas Bird Count

December, contact us for specific dates

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- Protect surrounding tropical rainforests and other critical habitats
- Enable habitat enhancement
- Engender scientific research
- Operate the Centre
- Upgrade visitor facilities
- Provide education
- Promote community conservation



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# Trinidad & Tobago

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## Ten-Day, Two-Island Classic



### Available Dates:

#### Turtle Season

Apr. 15 – 24	AWNC & BWI
May 6 – 15	AWNC & CUF
May 21 – 30	AWNC & BWI
June 17 – 26	AWNC & CUF
July 8 – 17	AWNC & BWI
July 15 – 24	AWNC & CUF

#### Fall 2016

Aug. 5 – 14	AWNC & BWI
Aug. 12 – 21	AWNC & CUF
Sept. 9 – 18	AWNC & BWI
Sept. 23 – Oct. 2	AWNC & CUF
Oct. 14 – 23	AWNC & CUF
Oct. 21 – 30	AWNC & BWI
Nov. 4 – 13	AWNC & BWI
Nov. 19 – 28	AWNC & CUF
Dec. 6 – 15	AWNC & BWI
Dec. 12 – 21	AWNC & CUF

#### Winter 2017

Jan. 19 – 28	AWNC & CUF
Jan. 26 – Feb. 4	AWNC & BWI
Feb. 3 – 12	AWNC & CUF
Feb. 25 – Mar. 6	AWNC & BWI
Mar. 1 – 10	AWNC & CUF
Mar. 9 – 18	AWNC & BWI
Mar. 23 – Apr. 1	AWNC & CUF



## About Caligo Ventures Tours



Birding in Trinidad has been described as the world's best introduction to birding in the Tropics, and because our guides live and work in Trinidad, they give you the local advantage. Our guides also know each step of the species' life cycle and where to find them in any given season. Using local guides allows us to offer you excellent pricing and value as you enjoy a hassle-free vacation.

Our **Classic Ten-Day, Two-Island Tour** explores both Trinidad and Tobago, with your AWNC stay paired with lodgings on Tobago at either the beachside Blue Waters Inn (BWI), or deep in the forest at the intimate, 10-room Cuffie River Nature Retreat (CUF). Our eight-day **Best of Trinidad** tour pairs your stay at AWNC with a second lodge on Trinidad's scenic northeast coast that has a great place to see the endemic Trinidad Piping-Guan. Finally, our seven-day **Two-Island Sampler** tour visits both Trinidad and Tobago, with stays at AWNC and Cuffie River, and offers both islands with less time commitment.

Trinidad is a great gateway to Guyana and its grand rainforests; a trip to Trinidad also pairs well with a visit to St. Vincent to see its magnificent parrot; and a new program lets you visit two great eco-lodges in one trip: Panama's Canopy Tower and Trinidad's Asa Wright Nature Centre.

### New! Week-Long, Two-Island Sampler

Jan. 7 – 13	AWNC & CUF
Feb. 17 – 23	AWNC & CUF
Mar. 19 – 25	AWNC & CUF

## Best of Trinidad



### Available Dates:

#### Turtle Season

Apr. 21 – 28	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
May 12 – 19	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
June 10 – 17	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
June 23 – 30	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir

#### Fall 2016

Sept. 15 – 22	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Oct. 6 – 13	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Nov. 10 – 17	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Dec. 1 – 8	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Dec. 21 – 27	Christmas Week at AWNC
Dec. 28 – Jan. 3	New Year at AWNC



#### Winter 2017

Jan. 11 – 18	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Feb. 11 – 18	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir
Mar. 11 – 18	AWNC & Mt. Plaisir



Check [caligo.com](http://caligo.com) for details.



# Indulge, Trinidad & Tobago-Style!

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## Independent Birding Venture Packages



Embrace the freedom and flexibility of independent travel to a variety of destinations. Plan a trip for two, or a few! Custom tours for small groups are available as well.

Find details on Caligo.com for three well-designed Independent Birding Venture (IBV) options to Trinidad and Tobago: *Basic*, *Premium*, and *Birding Intensive*. Pick your pace, yet enjoy savings by sharing guided field trips with other independent travelers.

Interested in pursuing other interests beyond birding? With a custom IBV, you can indulge in brilliant photography, investigate biodiversity, walk tranquil trails, or experience Trinidad's vibrant culture.

And if you'd like to explore on an IBV outside of Trinidad, we offer set itineraries or custom options to Costa Rica, Belize, Jamaica, the USA, and Panama.

Most IBVs are 7 to 10 days, but can be shortened or extended. Choose your lodges, pick your pace, set your budget, and call a Caligo Travel Planner to take care of all the details.

## Asa Wright Lodge Stay *Let the Birds Come to You*



Are you looking to relax on your vacation or pursue interests in addition to birding? Do you simply long for some time on AWNC's famed verandah? An AWNC Lodge Stay lets you relax and set the pace of your visit as you go. Explore the extensive grounds or choose field trips across Trinidad. Unpack once, unwind, and enjoy the charismatic species of Trinidad – some even at arm's length from the verandah! Plan a trip for two, or a few! Custom Tours for small groups (private or for an organization) are available as well.

### *Celebrations*

The Asa Wright Nature Centre is a wonderful location to celebrate life's milestones. Many couples find the quiet trails and endless views to be the perfect place to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary. And AWNC is the perfect place to gather your family to celebrate a wedding, a reunion, or just to spend some valuable time together, set against the exciting backdrop of birds and nature.

- In the region? Add T&T to another Caribbean trip or even Guyana.

## A Photographer's Delight



The Asa Wright Nature Centre now has an expert guide ready to work with visiting photographers. Capture that perfect shot with Roger Neckles, an award-winning Trinidadian photographer, whose work has been featured in magazines such as *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, and *Natural History*. Whether you're an amateur or a semi-pro, Roger's inside knowledge of where to go and where to focus can make all the difference in the world.



Photo excursions book independently, or you can join a tour. Contact us for details.



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### Top 3 Reasons to Visit Trinidad & Tobago in Summer



1. Enjoy big savings over high season. Plus, no crowds! Imagine having the Asa Wright Nature Centre's famed verandah (practically) to yourself.
2. It's high time for turtles; watch nesting Leatherbacks and hatchlings on remote beaches from AWNC, or more extensively at Grande Riviere.
3. Biodiversity! Summer is the best time for butterflies, reptiles, and large insects — nature's full spectrum bursts with life before your eyes. An added bonus: Flowers are everywhere. Marvel at the flowering trees and plants that adorn the Centre grounds.

### Independent Family Ventures July 15 — August 15



Parents and grandparents! Asa Wright Nature Centre is excited to announce family-friendly tropical adventures at special savings. Our new, five-night package includes lodging, meals, access to the Centre's 200 acres of hiking trails, and special field trips, as well as children's games and a special hands-on Caribbean cooking experience.

This is a great way to introduce your children (or grandchildren) to the wonders of birding and nature. Plus, add on a three-night extension for beach time at Blue Waters Inn on Tobago.

*\$995 per person, with a 10% discount for children. Tobago extension includes inter-island flights, \$675 per person, with a 10% discount for a child sharing a room.*

### Trinidad & Panama: Two Great Eco-Lodges, One Great Trip



New! Caligo Ventures is offering a two-country, two-lodge adventure pairing a stay at the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad with a stay at the Canopy Tower in Panama. Direct daily flights between Trinidad and Panama are now offered by Copa Airlines, and alternate routes exist with other airlines. With four or five nights at each lodge, you can relish morning coffee from the observation deck of Canopy Tower and from the verandah at the Asa Wright Nature Centre, two iconic places to savor nature with superlative bird's-eye views.

From May to September, enjoy this combination at a special price.

*Eight-night package: \$1600 per person, plus international flights*

*10-night package: \$2000 per person, plus international flights*





# Grand Adventures

© Galapagos Sunset, Greg Smith

## Nature of New Zealand Jan. 12 – 24, 2017



Discover New Zealand, a land of soaring snowy peaks, turquoise mountain lakes, white sandy beaches, and lush mountain valleys. And while scenery is a true highlight, New Zealand's wildlife is sure to awe birders and nature enthusiasts, alike — endemics abound.

Watch soaring Australian Gannet, observe rare Saddleback, Stitchbird, Whitehead, Red-crowned Parrot, and Takahe, and find iconic Brown Kiwi.

Enjoy delightful lodgings and delicious dining options as we explore both the North and South Islands. Immerse yourself in steamy rainforests, embark on boat and ferry trips teeming with seabirds and marine life, hike in awe-inspiring mountain settings, and sense the great spiritual significance of the Maori people. Highlights include time at Arthur's Pass Wilderness Lodge and our extension to remote Stewart Island.



From Auckland, departing Dunedin, with Greg Smith

## Galapagos: World Heritage Site Jan. 15 – 22, 2017



Venture to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador's stunning volcanic archipelago. Wildlife is truly incredible and remarkably tame — don't be surprised if you have to carefully step over a nesting Blue-footed Booby, or wait for a young Galapagos Sea Lion to uncurl from your daypack.

Cruise through some of the best islands in the chain aboard the M/Y Letty. Expect an intimate and flexible voyage designed with natural history, birding, snorkeling, and photography in mind. Expert naturalists introduce you to the geology, geography, history, botany, evolution, and natural history of the Islands.

We leave a light footprint, and support conservation through all steps of the voyage. Pre-trip materials help you make the best use of your time, and we guarantee you will not want to leave! A treasured World Heritage site, there simply is no place like the Galapagos.



From Quito, with Carlos Sanchez

## Wild Amazon: A River Cruise Mar. 17 – 26, 2017



Venture beyond the inland port of Iquitos, where the Amazon landscape changes dramatically from bustling frontier town to encompassing wilderness. Travel past the reaches of civilization on International Expeditions' riverboat, *La Estrella Amazonica*, deep into the heart of the great Amazon rainforest. More than 1,300 species of birds, 40,000 plant species, two species of river dolphins, and an abundance of primates are found in this lush, ever-changing realm, known simply as "The Amazon."

Visit riverbank villages under the guidance of naturalists who were born and reared in similar villages, and be welcomed like family while visiting local schools and a revered Shaman.

Immerse yourself in the living labyrinth of forests, wildlife, and people along the river. *La Estrella Amazonica* offers unrivaled comfort while allowing us to responsibly travel further into the ever-smaller waterways and remote corners of the Upper Amazon Basin.

From Lima, with Woody Wheeler and local experts



# Exceptional Excursions

© Gustavo Canas Valle guiding Peg Abbott

**Mexico: Sea of Cortez Cruise**  
*March 25 – April 1, 2017*



Our 2017 Reunion Tour!

Embark on a blissfully beautiful cruise in the Sea of Cortez. Bring a bountiful sense of adventure and follow Steinbeck's path into the protected waters of Cousteau's "world's aquarium."

Take in vistas of crystal clear water fringed by red desert bluffs, sail among the islands once explored by the conquistadors searching for black pearls, and learn about the impressive geologic forces that created these picturesque islands. Explore by kayak and paddleboard, keeping your eyes peeled for sea life, or enjoy leisurely beachcombing with the sand between your toes.

Islands of the Sea of Cortez are much like the Galapagos, a textbook for the study of speciation, which we see in lizards, plant life, and right from the start in Cabo in some of Baja's endemic birds, including Belding's Yellowthroat, Gray Thrasher, and Xantus's Hummingbird.

Active exploration, turquoise water and snorkeling, and a menagerie of seabirds and other wildlife await you!

*From Cabo San Lucas, with Peg Abbott and Greg Smith*

**Colombia: Santa Marta**  
*March 12 – 20, 2017*



The Caribbean side of Colombia at Santa Marta was one of the first areas opened to birders. Prized for spectacular scenery and national parks, Santa Marta hosts a third of Colombia's 1,800+ bird species!

Witness one of the world's highest densities of endemic birds in Sierra Nevada National Park. Close by, survey Tayrona National Park's forests for rare Blue-billed Curassow and more.

From your eco-lodge at El Dorado, see specialties like Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager, White-tailed Starfrontlet, Black-backed Thornbill, Santa Marta Antpitta, and Santa Marta Parakeet.



Search along the coast for Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, one of Colombia's rarest birds.

Watch Chestnut-winged Chachalaca at Isla Salamanca National Park, then relax in your lodgings at the Ecohabs in Tayrona National Park.

*From Barranquilla, with Gustavo Canas Valle and Pat Lueders*

**Honduras: Birding & Mayan Ruins**  
*March 24 – April 3, 2017*



Discover Honduras, a fascinating country with abundant lakes, lush mountains, and pristine beaches. More than 730 species of birds occur here, including the endemic Honduran Emerald and the stunning Resplendent Quetzal. The country also hosts mammals including manatees, jaguars, monkeys, tapirs, and peccaries. While ecotourism is just emerging, the country has preserved important habitats in 10 outstanding national parks.

Our journey highlights the country's rich biodiversity, friendly, relaxing lifestyle, and several of its archaeological gems. Honduras is perhaps best known for the ruins of Copan, the Paris of the Mayan World. In addition to this stunning location, we visit the prime sites of Las Selpulturas, El Puente, and the Lencan archaeological site, Los Naranjos.

We also visit prime birding locations that showcase the country's wide range of habitats, from coastal mangroves near La Ceiba to Lago Yojoa, the country's largest inland lake, to the beautiful mid-elevation forests of Copan — expect a rainbow of birds.

*From San Pedro Sula, with Robert Gallardo*



# Tropical Adventures

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## Panama: Birds & History Feb. 1 – 9, 2017



Discover Panama's unrivaled birding, rich variety of mammals, amphibians, insects, and plants, and unique habitats — from volcanic craters to lush rainforest and Canal-side jungle.

Live among the birds at Canopy Tower in Soberanía National Park, a repurposed radar tower ideally situated right in the rainforest. Enjoy the canopy-level dining area with views of monkeys, toucans, sloths, mixed flocks, and more, right at eye level! Take your morning coffee (or afternoon cocktail), on the top deck with a 360° degree view. Early mornings on the top deck boast great views of raptors and parrots taking flight for the day.

Enjoy spectacular Canopy Lodge, where you awake to bird calls in the cool mountain air, with wisps of cloud forest fog and frantically feeding wildlife all around. From here, set off for adventures in El Valle de Antón. This journey just can't be beat!

*Additional Departure:*  
March 21 – 28, 2017,  
with *Rafa Campos-Ramirez*

From Panama City, with *Pat Lueders*

## Panama: Wild Darien Mar. 4 – 11, 2017



Discover Panama, where wildlife of North and South America blend and biodiversity is unmatched. Explore the dense western jungles interspersed with open agricultural areas of Panama's Darién region, long coveted, but only recently opened to birders.

The Darién continues to produce new Central American records and is a stepping stone for northward spreading species like Whistling Heron, Southern Lapwing, Slender-billed Kite, Pearly-breasted Cuckoo, Cattle Tyrant, and Yellow-hooded Blackbird.

Spend five nights at the new Canopy Camp Darién, which boasts modern amenities like large, safari-style tents, full-size beds, private baths and showers, flush toilets, solar electricity, and fans.

This tour is designed to pair well with our Colombia Santa Marta tour.



From Panama City, with *Greg Smith*

## NEW! Belize North to South Jan. 24 – Feb. 2, 2017



Looking for a great winter birding escape? Belize is such a comfortable and easily accessible destination that we've expanded our selection of tours here this year. Join Bob Behrstock as he pioneers a new route for us to Punta Gorda, in Southern Belize. This tour includes stays at Lamanai Outpost, Pook's Hill, and The Lodge at Big Falls.

At Lamanai, cruise ancient Mayan canals at sunset to view Limpkin, Snail Kite, and herons coming to roost. See Mayan ruins, lush forests, and secretive species like Tody Motmot, and even Jaguar! Pook's Hill's gardens attract iconic species: toucans, aracarís, motmots, and tanagers. Drive Hummingbird Highway and visit Blue Hole National Park. From The Lodge at Big Falls, enjoy views of the Maya Mountains, and explore forests and Red Bank, the site of Scarlet Macaw conservation work.

Bob is a master New World Tropics guide, prized for his knowledge of butterflies, dragonflies, ecology, mammals, and of course, birds! Explore with a true expert.



From Belize City, with *Bob Behrstock*



© Golden-hooded Tanager, Peg Abbott

**Belize Birding & Wildlife**  
Feb. 13 – 22, 2017



Just a two-hour flight from Miami, Belize offers a rich blend of Mayan ruins and lush forests still wild enough to host Jaguars and a diversity of tropical birds, butterflies, and mammals. This nation’s warm, hospitable people speak English and have a strong tradition of caring for their biological wealth. Our classic three-lodge itinerary concentrates on three of Belize’s finest and best-known naturalists’ lodges: Pook’s Hill, Lamanai Outpost, and Chan Chich, all situated in reserves and protected forests, and offer varying habitats, Mayan ruins, and tasty food. Explore Belize’s biological treasures and cultural roots. We emphasize birding, but also examine natural history and Mayan heritage ... and some simple, relaxing fun. We enjoy extended time at each lodge to ease travel and soak in the special attributes that give them such fine reputations.

*Additional Departure:*  
Feb. 22 – Mar. 3, 2017, with Carlos Sanchez



From Belize City, with Pat Lueders

**Costa Rica: Caribbean & Pacific**  
Jan. 13 – 20, 2017



Few places rival Costa Rica for biodiversity. Over a quarter of the country is protected lands, boasting 850 bird species and 200+ mammals.

Search La Selva Biological Station for Sungrebe, Agami Heron, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, and Great Tinamou. Traverse the Continental Divide, from lush lowland rainforest to misty cloud forest. Glide down a river looking for Sunbittern, Sungrebe, Green Ibis, Black-collared Hawk, Green Iguana, and Mantled Howler Monkey.

Relax at a mountain lodge where you can witness Emerald Toucanet and Collared Redstart in the wild Savegre Valley. Here Resplendent Quetzal nest and American Dipper feed in the rushing stream.

On our Pacific Extension, explore the forest canopy on an elevated sky bridge. Walk the trails of Carara National Park to find Scarlet Macaw, Fiery-billed Aracari, and Turquoise Cotinga. Experience a great cross section of Costa Rica!

*With Pacific Coast Extension Jan. 20 – 24, 2017*

From San José, with Willy Alfaro

**Southern Costa Rica**  
Jan. 19 – 29, 2017



Explore a new part of Costa Rica as you travel south along the Pan American Highway, crossing the high Talamaca Mountains. Stay at two wonderful eco-lodges, the Wilson Botanical Gardens and the Esquinas Rainforest Lodge near Golfito. Spend several days in the Savegre Valley where we find Emerald Toucanet, Collared Trogon, Black Hawk-Eagle, Black Guan, and myriad hummingbirds. Trees are festooned with bromeliads as you walk along a rushing mountain stream.



Search for Costa Rican specialties, including Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher, the endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager, Cerise-throated Hummingbird, and Peg-billed Finch.

Our popular guide, Willy Alfaro, is a bird, plant, and butterfly expert. He is also a gifted photography instructor.

*Additional Departure:*  
April 21 – May 1, 2017, with Willy Alfaro

From San José, with Willy Alfaro



© Elephants, Greg Smith

Hello Friends!

As you read this, I'll be birding in the heart of Panama's wild Darién region — what an adventure! And if you're like me, you know that journeys like this offer a sense of renewal that comes only from immersing yourself in nature; it's exciting, enriching, and a way to expand your sense of time. We invite you to explore with us this summer and fall, with a great selection of journeys — from iconic destinations like Africa, Australia, India, and Madagascar, to off-season, value-oriented ventures in Panama, Trinidad, and Ecuador. Or stay a bit closer to home and explore Yellowstone, the Blue Ridge Parkway, or Arizona during the second spring monsoon season with our expert (and fun!) guides. I'm also excited to give you the first glimpse at our upcoming Winter 2017 trips, including birding in Oaxaca, island hopping in the Sea of Cortez, wildlife watching on safari in Tanzania, cruising the Galapagos, and so much more.

We've had some wonderful successes the past year, including launching a new website for Naturalist Journeys, expanding our selection of destinations and guides, and building a new partnership between Trinidad's Asa Wright Nature Centre and Canopy Tower in Panama for a program that links two of the world's great eco-lodges (pg. 13). Our efforts have increased revenue at AWNC to fund their important conservation and education work in Trinidad, and our tour revenue outside of Trinidad has helped empower conservation efforts worldwide. We thrive in connecting with so many interesting people, and in turn connecting them with each other.



Please join us on an adventure this year.

Happy Travels,  
Peg Abbott

P.S. It is not too early to plan ahead for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday travels ... where will you ring in the New Year?

**Our Guides This Season**

**Peg Abbott**



Peg is the owner and lead guide at Naturalist Journeys and Caligo Ventures. She has 30+ years of experience in ecotourism, working for 17 years with the National Audubon Society before launching

Naturalist Journeys in 1998. Her work has taken her around the world. She has conducted research on several bird and mammal species and enjoys writing and photography. After 20 years in the Yellowstone area, Peg now lives and runs the office for both companies in Portal, AZ.

**Willy Alfaro**



Artist and photographer, Willy guides tours in Costa Rica, Cuba, the U.S.'s East Coast, and Panama. When not guiding, he is a lecturer and educator, and is on the Board of Directors for the Costa

Rican Ornithological Association. He has participated in several taxonomy projects, documenting birds and migration patterns of Costa Rica's avifauna. Willy is dedicated to ecotourism and to developing a database that maps and studies Costa Rica's bird populations.

**Bob Behrstock**



Bob is a photographer, writer, and tour leader. He has led birding and nature tours for 30+ years, primarily in North and Latin America, and has helped develop birding and wildlife trails in

several states. Butterfly and dragonfly photography take him throughout the U.S. and parts of Mexico. Bob has authored or co-authored nearly 50 popular and scientific papers and three guidebooks, and prepared several family accounts for *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior*.

**Rafael "Rafa" Campos-Ramirez**



Rafa joined us in 2014 when we joined forces with Caligo Ventures. As Caligo's Master Guide and Tour Leader for decades, Rafa has traveled the New World tropics, India, and other exotic destinations. Former Assistant Curator for the University of Costa Rica and Field Assistant to Gary Stiles (author of *A Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica*), Rafa is one of Costa Rica's finest naturalists. He currently lives in New York City.

**Robert Gallardo**



Robert is the butterfly, orchid, and bird authority of Honduras. An avid naturalist from childhood, Robert left his native California to join Peace Corps, and found a passion for tropical nature upon his arrival in Honduras in 1993. He has authored two CDs, small field guides, and the authoritative *Guide to the Birds of Honduras*. He resides at the scenic Lake Yojoa and spends much of his time afield in Honduras' stunning variety of habitats.

**Andrew Haffenden**



Andrew started in tourism on Australia's Dunk Island, then worked in the Melbourne Zoo, and the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service. He started a small eco-tour company in North Queensland, and once Andrew moved to the U.S., he set up worldwide tours for a prominent company before starting his Nature Travel Specialists in 2003. He resides in the birding haven of Dauphin Island and enjoys cooking, reading, and the challenge of a new adventure.

**Dodie Logue**



Dodie is an artist, horse trainer, and birder. Her interest in birds has taken her across the U.S., Central, and South America. She is a certified bird bander and has done surveys and banding in the U.S. and Ecuador. Dodie splits her time between the southwest and the Midwest, where she has turned her farm back into native landscape. She is involved with numerous Citizen Science projects and is a member of PAN (Project Art for Nature).

**Pat Lueders**



Pat has led trips in St. Louis and the Midwest for 10+ years. A love of traveling has taken her around the world. She is also the volunteer coordinator for Citizen Science projects with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Audubon, National Trumpeter Swan Society, and Missouri Department of Conservation. Pat serves on the boards of St. Louis Audubon and Audubon Society of Missouri and is on a bird banding team.

**Carlos Sanchez**



Born in Miami, Florida, Carlos has had a fascination with wildlife since childhood. In college he began to bird in earnest throughout Florida, South America, and even Australia. Currently, Carlos sits on the board of the Tropical Audubon Society, is a regular contributor to the birding blog *10,000 Birds*, and leads local tours through his company, EcoAvian Tours. He has also been a resident guide at lodges in both Ecuador and Brazil.

**Greg Smith**



Greg leads natural history and birding tours on all seven continents. He is retired after 27 years with the California State Park System. Formerly a park ecologist, Greg was a superintendent of eight park units, focusing on conservation education. An accomplished photographer, he also maintains a U.S. Master Bird Banding permit. Greg is integral in the planning and administration of Naturalist Journeys, and is our West Coast Representative, living in Morro Bay with his wife, Karen.

**Mark Smith**



Mark's childhood interest in nature led him to study biology at Oregon State University and build his own business, Mark Smith Nature Tours. For over 25 years, Mark has guided travelers all over the world as a gifted teacher and naturalist. He is co-author of *Birds of Oregon* and has conducted research for The National Science Foundation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and the National Marine Fisheries Service in Alaska.

**Woody Wheeler**



Woody is a master birder, a certified interpretive guide, and owner of Conservation Catalyst, a birding and natural history firm based in Seattle. He has worked for The Nature Conservancy, Audubon, and Seattle Parks Foundation as a naturalist and tour leader. To augment field experiences, he is a natural story teller; his approach is inclusive and he enjoys working with diverse groups. He inspires people to appreciate nature and to have fun along the way.

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