

# Naturalist Journeys & Caligo Ventures 2017 Tours





We are proud to announce that 2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Asa Wright Nature Centre. And we are so excited to celebrate with you! Over the years, thousands of visitors have savored time in this iconic location, a birding hotspot that many consider the finest introduction to tropical birding. Few eco-lodges have achieved such a monumental milestone.

In 1967, visionary Audubon members rallied behind three influential people who had a dream. Renowned wildlife artist Don Eckelberry, prominent ornithologist and conservationist Erma Fisk, and Russell Mason of Florida Audubon Society

joined forces to make their dream a reality. With the help of inspired donors around the country, the Spring Hill Estate and its famous Oilbird cave on Trinidad was purchased, creating the first non-profit, conservation-focused trust and eco-lodge in the Caribbean. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today, the Centre protects 1500 acres of forested lands, offers a variety of educational programs to locals and international visitors, conducts wildlife research, and supports community outreach, local employment, and guide training.



*In true "Trini"-style, we plan to celebrate all year ... and we invite you to join us!*

## LOOK WHO'S COMING TO THE PARTY!

Caligo Ventures is excited to announce that several celebrities will visit next year to help celebrate and support the Centre's education and conservation mission. Well-known in the birding world, they look forward to sharing their expertise with you. Don't miss your chance to mingle with our special guests as they join field trips and guided walks; bird, paint, or draw on the famed Verandah; and share meals and social time.

### YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN:



**Scott Weidensaul,  
Author & Naturalist**

Joined by Amy  
Weidensaul, Educator &  
Conservationist

March 18 – 25, 2017



**Edward Rooks,  
Naturalist & Trinidadian  
Wildlife Artist**

Joined by Janice Edgerly-  
Rooks, Biology Professor  
at Santa Clara University (CA)

June 24 – 30, 2017



**Keith Hansen, Artist &  
Field Guide Illustrator**

Joined by Patricia Briceño,  
Fiber Artist, Designer,  
Cultural Interpreter

October 6 – 15, 2017



**David Allen Sibley,  
Author, Illustrator &  
Ornithologist**

Oct. 26 – Nov. 2, 2017



If you want to join one (or more!) of these birding celebrities at the Asa Wright Nature Centre, simply book a Guided Group Tour, Independent Birding Venture, or Relaxing Lodge Stay during the corresponding dates.

We expect space to go quickly ... best to call today! 800-426-7781



## Welcome to Naturalist Journeys & Caligo Ventures

© Lionesses with Cubs by Peg Abbott

**Hello Friends!**

I hope this letter finds you well. As you read this I'll be packing my bags for Madagascar, and I am so excited to launch our first trip to the 8th Continent. In this brochure I'm pleased to announce our lineup of 2017 tours, with journeys to six of the seven continents. Big news for us is the 50th Anniversary of the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad (see pp. 2 and 3); we plan to celebrate!

Great news from the wild places we visit: Two of our journeys this year — Guyana (p.9) and Panama's Darién (p.10) — each have an active Harpy Eagle nest! Additionally, we feature Africa on two safaris — Tanzania (p.16) and Botswana (p.17). Our Darién trip also captures the safari spirit with luxury tents and abundant mammal and bird sightings. Venture to Colombia's Santa Marta region (p.10), or join our Amazon Cruise (p.16).

New this year is a cruise to Mexico's Sea of Cortez (p.16); also new is an exploration into Canada's Maritimes, Newfoundland, and Labrador (p.17). In September, take a peek at Australia: Best of the West (p.13) for something different down under. Finally, our new trip in October is to Northwest Argentina with a nice mix of nature and culture (p.14).

Now that we offer so much in Trinidad and Tobago, I'm often asked about the relationship between Naturalist Journeys and Caligo Ventures. These two companies shared similar values and clientele for many years, so when the opportunity arose to acquire Caligo Ventures in 2013, we joined forces and now operate out of one office in Portal, Arizona. I was especially pleased that acquiring Caligo Ventures gave me the opportunity to work again with a non-profit organization: the Asa Wright Nature Centre. Education and conservation are their mission and mine, and form the creative inspiration for our travels.



On the Naturalist Journeys side, we offer small, Guided Group Tours all around the world, where we focus not only on birding, but also on natural history. We're also known for enjoying good food and good company. Caligo Ventures' focus is on small group and independent travel in Trinidad and Tobago, offering Independent Birding Ventures to a growing number of destinations. Caligo Ventures is also the exclusive North American booking agent of the Asa Wright Nature Centre on Trinidad.

So why book with Naturalist Journeys or Caligo Ventures? We're small and intend to keep it that way. We do all the bookings, logistics, and other planning ourselves, making sure that you have a personalized experience. We work hard to ensure that by the end of your trip, you're part of the Naturalist Journeys and Caligo Ventures family.

**Happy Travels,**

**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, Arizona.



# Birding Trinidad & Tobago

© Pygmy Kingfisher by Peg Abbott

## About Caligo Ventures' Tours



For over 35 years, Caligo Ventures' premier product has been Classic Two-Island birding trips to Trinidad and Tobago. The islands contain a diversity of easily-accessible habitats that allow you unparalleled access to some of the world's most beautiful birds.

Trinidad is decidedly South American, while Tobago's avifauna is more aligned to the Caribbean. This means you get two birding vacations in one!

Because our expert guides live and work on 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. Caligo Ventures' use of local guides allows us to offer you excellent pricing and value as you enjoy a hassle-free vacation.

Our 10-Day, 2-Island Classic 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 7-Day, 2-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 also a great gateway to Guyana and its grand rainforests; flights route through Port of Spain, so be sure to plan a stopover at AWNC. Caligo Ventures also offers a chance to visit two great eco-lodges in one trip: Panama's Canopy Tower and the Asa Wright Nature Centre, off season at great savings.

## 10-Day, 2-Island Classic Tours



### Winter Season Tours 2016/2017

#### 2016

Dec. 6 – 15	AWNC & BWI
Dec. 12 – 21	AWNC & CUF

#### 2017

Jan. 5 – 14	AWNC & CUF
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

### Turtle Season Tours (late March – July)

Mar. 29 – Apr. 7	AWNC & BWI
Apr. 14 – 23	AWNC & CUF
May 6 – 15	AWNC & BWI
May 12 – 21	AWNC & CUF
June 2 – 11	AWNC & BWI
June 10 – 19	AWNC & CUF
July 15 – 24	AWNC & BWI

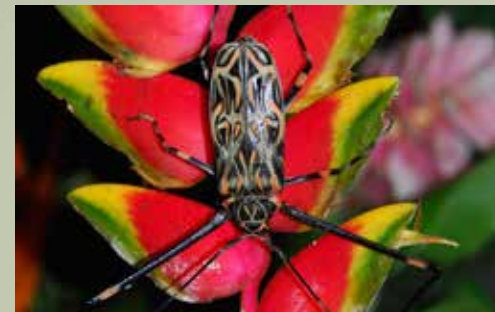
### Late Summer & Fall Tours

Aug. 4 – 13	AWNC & BWI
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Find more online: [www.caligo.com](http://www.caligo.com)

AWNC = Asa Wright Nature Centre  
CUF = Cuffie River Nature Retreat  
BWI = Blue Waters Inn  
MTP = Mt. Plaisir

## Birding & Nature Tours



### Special Holiday Tours

With optional extension to Grand Riviere. Soak in tropical ambiance and warm hospitality.

#### Holiday Season

Dec. 21 – 27, 2016	Christmas Week at AWNC
Dec. 28 – Jan. 3, 2017	New Year's at AWNC

### Best of Trinidad Tours

at AWNC & Grande Riviere  
Stronghold of the endemic Trinidad Piping-guan.

#### Winter Season

Jan. 11 – 18	AWNC & MTP
Feb. 11 – 18	AWNC & MTP
Mar. 18 – 25	AWNC & MTP

#### Turtle Season

Apr. 20 – 27	AWNC & MTP
May 19 – 26	AWNC & MTP
June 16 – 23	AWNC & MTP

### 7-Day, 2-Island Sampler Tours

at AWNC & Cuffie River  
A great short tour for people on the go.

#### Winter Season

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

#### Turtle Season

Apr. 6 – 12	AWNC & CUF
June 23 – 29	AWNC & CUF



# Independent Travel to Trinidad & Tobago

© Copper-rumped Hummingbird by Buck Snelson

## Independent Birding Ventures



If a Guided Group Tour is not your thing, or your schedule does not match well with our tours, we offer a fully-inclusive independent option to explore Trinidad and Tobago and the Asa Wright Nature Centre.

An Independent Birding Venture (IBV) is like a "mini-tour" — guides are available during your stay at delightful, small eco-lodges. With an IBV, you pick the start date, the length, and the activity level. Designed for two or more people, you can choose to travel with that special someone, a family member, or a group of friends.

We offer five different IBVs on Trinidad and Tobago, on a tiered system from Basic to Birder's Intensive, each adding on activity and lodge options from the previous level. This way, you can choose the venture that's right for you, whether you prefer a relaxed-pace journey or you want to turn up the birding intensity with outings to additional habitats or additional lodges.

IBVs are also great for photographers and for couples or friends with varied interests. Keen birders will want the Birder's Intensive options.

## Asa Wright Nature Centre



All Trinidad IBVs feature time at the celebrated Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC) in the scenic Northern Range — there is no better place to bird on the island. Explore the trails with a naturalist guide, see manakins displaying on leks, and hear the Bearded Bellbird's strange call. Bird from the famed verandah (where you could see 40 life birds before breakfast!). Hummingbirds and honeycreepers are at arm's length, while toucans, trogons, and more are just a scope-view away. All Trinidad IBVs also include field trips to other areas in Trinidad, including Caroni Marsh to see scores of Scarlet Ibis.

"We absolutely loved this vacation, it will go down as our best trip ever!"

- IBV Traveler, February 2016

## Relaxing Lodge Stays



Consider AWNC the main ingredient, to which you add your lodging on Tobago — Blue Waters Inn or Cuffie River Nature Retreat. Call us! Our Travel Planners look forward to helping you.

Another independent travel option is a Relaxing Lodge Stay, entirely at the Asa Wright Nature Centre. Trinidadians have a tradition of "liming," or relaxing in a convivial atmosphere. A Relaxing Lodge Stay may be especially appealing for travelers during our celebrity visits to celebrate the Centre's 50th Anniversary (see page 3 for specific dates). Be sure to sign up for these exciting 50th Anniversary celebration weeks soon; we expect them to fill quickly!

## Bring Friends & Benefit

Caligo Ventures offers special pricing for groups of nine (9) or more. Contact us if you have a bird club or other interested group. This could also be a great way to raise funds for your organization or for the coordinator to travel for free!



## Other Independent Travel

© Silver-throated Tanager by Peg Abbott

### What is an IBV?



Margaret and Phil Schaeffer, founders of Caligo Ventures, coined the term "Independent Birding Venture (IBV)" to describe the wonderful adventures Margaret would craft for her regular customers, first offered on Trinidad and Tobago. We continue her vision of having the guiding that is inherent to group travel for those who want control of their own dates and pace with an expanded Independent Birding Venture program.

Caligo Ventures has two decades of experience in planning IBVs. In addition to Trinidad and Tobago, we currently feature Belize, Panama, Costa Rica, and Arizona as our most popular independent destinations. In each location we offer popular two- or three-lodge birding packages, using top eco-lodges and talented local guides — at great value. International independent travel includes airport greeting and all transport; USA "mini-tours for two" are self-drive.

So embrace the freedom and flexibility of independent travel! Plan a trip for two, or a few! Custom tours for small groups are also available.



### Belize & Costa Rica



Belize has long enjoyed a reputation for unsurpassed natural beauty, with 570 bird species documented in a country just the size of Massachusetts. Two-thirds of Belize is covered in tropical forest, half of which is old growth primary forest, and home to Yucatan Howler Monkeys, tapirs, anteaters, and the occasional lurking Jaguar. Specialty birds include trogons, toucans, motmots, myriad hummingbirds, and the impressive Jabiru. The country is also full of mangrove communities, riparian lagoons, coral reefs, and outlying islands, home to bustling seabird colonies. Delightful eco-lodges await!

Costa Rica is a bird watcher's dream! Few places boast so many different birds in such a small area — 820 species (more than all of the United States and Canada combined) have been reported in Costa Rica, including 51 species of hummingbirds, 48 warblers, and 45 tanagers. Protected by a world-renowned national park system, and well-studied by scientists from around the world, the land bridge of Costa Rica is where the fauna of two continents meet and mingle, making its wildlife exceptional and exciting. Witness the iconic Resplendent Quetzal!



### Panama & Arizona



Panama has the most accessible rainforest in the world. With 900 species of birds and 10,000 species of plants, Panama is a tropical paradise. Alongside the Panama Canal, large tracts of lowland rainforest protect the watershed. Enjoy the Canopy Tower, a renovated radar installment that lets you sleep comfortably in the rainforest canopy where tanagers, toucans, tityras, and troops of Geoffrey's Tamarin are close at hand. Stay at the gracious Canopy Lodge where you find Crimson-backed and Dusky-faced Tanagers, Rufous-tailed and Violet-headed Hummingbirds, Collared Aracari, and more.

Southeast Arizona is a fabulous birding hotspot and our office sits in its most prime location, Portal, in the Chiricahua Mountains. From Tucson, visit dynamic and beautiful sky island mountain ranges replete with over 30 species that venture north from Mexico, including Elegant Trogon, Montezuma Quail, Whiskered Screech Owl, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Blue-throated and Magnificent Hummingbirds, Red-faced Warbler, and Mexican Chickadee. Explore from Casa de San Pedro and Cave Creek Ranch, where hospitality rivals splendid scenery.





© Cuba Scenic by Greg Smith

## New Zealand: Birding & Nature

Jan. 12 – 24, 2017



Discover New Zealand, a land of snowy peaks, turquoise lakes, white beaches, and lush valleys. Enjoy delightful lodgings and delicious dining in this safe and spectacular country. Explore both North and South Islands. Immerse yourself in rainforests, embark on boat and ferry trips in search of abundant seabirds and mammals, seek out endemic birds in mountain settings, observe clouds of shorebirds at Miranda, and sense the spiritual significance of the Maori.

From Auckland, with local guides & Greg Smith

## Costa Rica: Birding & Nature

Jan. 13 – 20, 2017



Few places rival Costa Rica's diversity. Over a quarter of the country is protected, boasting some 900 bird species. Explore La Selva Biological Station, traverse the Continental Divide, search for Blue-throated Toucanet, Black Guan, Collared Redstart, and Resplendent Quetzal in the Savegre Valley. At Rancho Naturalista watch Snowy-bellied and other hummingbirds, and mixed flocks of colorful tanagers. Taste local ice-cream, visit a market, and share in local customs.

From San José, guide Willy Alfaro

## Chan Chich & Pico Bonito

Jan. 15 – 24, 2017



Enjoy two of Central America's finest birding lodges, where creature comforts, warm hospitality, and fabulous birding and wildlife combine. Begin at Chan Chich Lodge in Belize with toucans, parrots, Tody Motmot, and trogons. The lodge is remote and retains its wild character — you could see Jaguar, Jaguarundi, and Margay! Via charter flight to Honduras, travel to stunning Pico Bonito Lodge for more birding (and optional beach/snorkel) adventures. A great combination!

From Belize City, Departs San Pedro Sula, Honduras

## Mexico: Birding Oaxaca

Jan. 18 – 29, 2017



Discover Oaxaca's diverse nature, birds, and humanity. Explore evergreen and tropical deciduous forests, arid cactus scrub, and mangrove-lined lagoons and beaches. Watch for Red Warbler, Dwarf and White-throated Magpie Jays, Bumblebee Hummingbird, Chestnut-sided Shrike-vireo, Slaty and Dwarf Vireos, Ocellated Thrasher, Gray-breasted Woodpecker, Citreoline Trogon, Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Emerald Toucanet, Russet-crowned Motmot, and ten different orioles. Enjoy fabulous local food and scenery.

From Oaxaca City, Departs Huatulco  
with local guides & Mark Smith

## Cuba: People to People

Jan. 19 – 28, 2017 (1st Departure)



Explore Cuba on a people-to-people adventure. Discover the countryside and historic sections of Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Havana. Witness rural geography in wilder parts of the island beyond the cities. Experience the scenic coastal areas, Vinales Valley, Sierra de Escambray, the Zapata wetlands, and Bay of Pigs that support 28 endemic birds. Meet ornithologists, biologists, artists, dancers, farmers, and teachers. Visit locals and learn how Cubans interpret their future and past.

From Miami, with local guides & host Dodie Logue

## Southern Costa Rica

Jan. 19 – 29, 2017 (1st Departure)



Costa Rica is such a great experience for birders and naturalists that we offer more than one itinerary. Our southern route follows the Pan-American Highway, spending several days in three locations: The Savegre Valley, Wilson Botanical Gardens, and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge. Visit writer Dr. Alexander Skutch's farm. Southern Costa Rica is off the beaten track; a special getaway for those who like to explore. Lots of birds and wonderful scenery!

From San José, guide Willy Alfaro



# February

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## Panama: Birding, Nature & History Feb. 1 – 9, 2017 (1st Departure)



Discover Panama's unrivaled birding and unique habitats — from volcanic peaks to lush lowland rainforest. Live among the birds at Canopy Tower, with eye-level views of cotingas, toucans, sloths, monkeys, and hummingbirds. Enjoy 360° views from the observation deck as raptors and parrots fly to and from roosts. Then, enjoy spectacular Canopy Lodge, with frenetic feeder activity and wild trails where rare species like Rufous-vented Ground Cuckoo can be found!

From Panama City, with local guides & Pat Lueders

## South Texas: Birding Feb. 18 – 25, 2017



South Texas: Quite possibly the most exotic birding destination in North America! Here, subtropical species extend north from Mexico. Habitats like Tamaulipan Thorn Scrub and Sabal Palm groves house 40 avian specialties, including Green Jay, Altamira Oriole, Hook-billed Kite, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Red-crowned Parrot, Couch's Kingbird, and Plain Chachalaca. Find rare Whooping Crane on land and boat excursions at Rockport. Enjoy lovely lodgings at the Inn at Chachalaca Bend and the Alamo Inn.

From Corpus Christi, Departs McAllen, guide Michael Marsden

## Florida: Everglades & More Feb. 4 – 11, 2017



Explore Florida's wild side. Part of the Caribbean, Florida is a natural avian crossroads. Here, many West Indian birds reach their northern limits; the state also hosts an incredible assortment of wintering warblers, vireos, flycatchers, raptors, and shorebirds. Indeed, South Florida's winter birding is one of North America's secrets. Marvel at the beauty of wading bird rookeries and search for the endemic Florida Scrub-Jay. Our guide is local, and keen to find them.

From Miami, guide Carlos Sanchez

## Belize: Birding & Nature Feb. 22 – Mar. 3, 2017



Belize is easy to get to and replete with nature and birds! Belize also offers forests expansive enough to host Jaguars and a wide diversity of tropical birds and mammals; reawakened is the Mayan tradition of caring for their biological wealth. We feature three of Belize's finest eco-lodges: Pook's Hill, Lamanai Outpost, and Chan Chich, offering varying habitats, Mayan ruins, and tasty food. Enjoy extended time at each lodge, where we walk trails with expert guides, explore by boat, and enjoy night drives.

From Belize City, with local guides & Carlos Sanchez

## Cuba: People to People Feb. 16 – 25, 2017 (2nd Departure)



Explore Cuba on a people-to-people adventure. Discover the countryside and historic sections of Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Havana. Witness rural geography in wilder parts of the island beyond the cities. Experience the scenic coastal areas, Vinales Valley, Sierra de Escambray, the Zapata wetlands, and Bay of Pigs that support 28 endemic birds. Meet ornithologists, biologists, artists, dancers, farmers, and teachers. Visit locals and learn how Cubans interpret their future and past

From Miami, with local guides & host Greg Smith

## Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness Feb. 26 – Mar. 10, 2017



Discover Guyana, South America's hidden gem. This unspoiled wilderness offers an amazing experience — birds and mammals abound! Spot brilliant Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, wine-and-white Pompadour Cotinga, and elfin Dusky Purpleuft, as well as Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, and possibly six (if you're very lucky) wild cats. Stay at Surama Village, an eco-tourism success. This year near Surama Village, see an active Harpy Eagle nest! We also search for rare Sun Parakeet, iconic Hoatzin, and more.

From Georgetown, guides Gary Sway & Rafa Campos

# March

© Geoffrey's Tamarin by Howard Topoff

## Panama Darién: Birding & Nature Mar. 4 – 11, 2017



Panama's Darién is a mythical place, replete with fantastic birds and wildlife. At Canopy Camp, complete with safari-style tents (private bath) and knowledgeable local guides, you can now visit this fabled region where wildlife of two continents blends. Rich habitats host Capped Heron, Black Oropendola, Black-collared Hawk, Great-green Macaw, Dusky-backed Jacamar, and Sapphire-throated Hummingbird. BIG NEWS! 2017 has an active Harpy Eagle nest!

*From Panama City, with local guides & Greg Smith*

## Trinidad: With Scott & Amy Weidensaul Mar. 18 – 25, 2017



Join author and naturalist Scott Weidensaul and his wife Amy Weidensaul, an educator and conservationist, at the Asa Wright Nature Centre on Trinidad. They share their expertise in birding as part of the Centre's 50th Anniversary celebrations. To spend time with them, simply book a Guided Group Tour, Independent Birding Venture, or Relaxing Lodge Stay during the March 18 – 25 date window. We expect space to go quickly, so do call today.

*From Port of Spain*

## Colombia Santa Marta Mar. 12 – 20, 2017



Explore Colombia's endemic-rich Caribbean coast, where palm-lined beaches fringe snowy summits, and avian diversity is high. Ascend the Sierra Nevada to beautiful El Dorado Lodge, then back to coastal Tayrona NP. Seek out 20+ endemics, 25 or more hummingbird species, White-tipped Quetzal, one of the world's rarest parakeets, and more — Colombia has more birds than any country in the world. Santa Marta is easy to get to and is a terrific, safe destination.

*From Barranquilla, guide Gustavo Canas-Valle*

## Panama: Birding, Nature & History Mar. 21 – 29, 2017 (2nd Departure)



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*From Panama City, with local guides & Rafa Campos*

## Cuba: People to People Mar. 16 – 25, 2017 (3rd Departure)



Explore Cuba on a people-to-people adventure. Discover the countryside and historic sections of Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Havana. Witness rural geography in wilder parts of the island beyond the cities. Experience the scenic coastal areas, Vinales Valley, Sierra de Escambray, the Zapata wetlands, and Bay of Pigs that support 28 endemic birds. Meet ornithologists, biologists, artists, dancers, farmers, and teachers. Visit locals and learn how Cubans interpret their future and past.

*From Miami, with local guides & host Carlos Sanchez*

## Honduras: Birding & Mayan Ruins Mar. 24 – Apr. 3, 2017



Beautiful Honduras is just catching on with birders. Explore abundant lakes, lush mountains, and pristine beaches home to 730+ species of bird, including Honduran Emerald and Resplendent Quetzal. Your guide is the Birds of Honduras field guide author, ready to help you discover natural treasures and archaeological gems. Visit Mayan ruins at Copan and Las Selpulturas and bird prime locations from La Ceiba to Lago Yojoa, the country's largest inland lake.

*From San Pedro Sula, guide Robert Gallardo*

# April & May

© Snowy Egret by Greg Smith

## Florida: Everglades & More

Apr. 11 – 17, 2017



Why April in Florida? Spring migration and Caribbean residents moving north to breed add to the birding excitement. Several West Indian species reach their northern limits here; April still holds a mix of wintering warblers, vireos, flycatchers, raptors, and shorebirds. In April, many wading birds are nesting or fledging young. Marvel at the beauty of wading bird rookeries and search for the endemic Florida Scrub-Jay. Our guide is local, and keen to find them.

From Miami, guide Carlos Sanchez

## Southern Costa Rica

Apr. 21 – May 1, 2017 (2nd Departure)



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From San José, guide Willy Alfaro

## Alabama's Dauphin Island

Apr. 16 – 21, 2017



Dauphin Island is a top North American spring migration destination! Here, migrants first see land after crossing the Gulf, a critical rest stop. Spot neo-tropical migrants; 25+ warbler species; seabirds, waders, and shorebirds. Indulge in fresh seafood and visit prime birding spots. Cruise the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, America's Amazon; stand under massive Live Oak trees; and explore a rare pitcher plant bog. Andrew is an island resident and great fun to travel with!

From Mobile, guide Andrew Haffenden

## Texas' Big Bend

Apr. 22 – 29, 2017



Immerse yourself in Big Bend National Park, home to the stunningly eroded Chisos Mountains and the elusive Colima Warbler. A playground of light, the mountains, hills, and canyons glow in red and orange hues. Visit at the peak of spring migration as Eastern, Western, Mexican, and Rocky Mountain birds converge —nearly 450 species! Gray, Black, and Zone-tailed Hawks are specialty raptors. Find coati, javelina, jackrabbits, lizards, cacti in bloom, and more.

From El Paso, guide Woody Wheeler

## Texas Hill Country

Apr. 16 – 21, 2017



Amidst the open landscape of the Edwards Plateau region, explore Texas Hill Country and its avian life. We stay at Neal's Lodge; it's a one-stop, unpack, and relax tour. Our guide is a photographer and writer and has prepared several family accounts for *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior*. Bob's expertise in birds, butterflies, and damselflies makes this a well-rounded tour with a strong birding and natural history focus.

From San Antonio, guide Bob Behrstock

## Ohio: Biggest Week in Birding

May 7 – 13, 2017



Don't miss The Biggest Week in American Birding on the shores of Lake Erie, where migrants pass through by the thousands. Northwest Ohio, the Warbler Capital of the World, has 15 Globally Important Bird Areas (IBA). See over 25 species of warblers in vibrant spring plumage. Over 325 bird species have been recorded in the region! Visit Crane Creek, Magee Marsh, and Ottawa NWR; our guide helps you avoid the crowds and find special places.

From Cleveland, guide Dan Donaldson



## June & July

© Hyacinth Macaws by Peg Abbott

### Alaska: Birding & Wildlife

May 31 – June 13, 2017



Alaska's wild character and ecological integrity make it a wilderness jewel. Enjoy endless daylight, breeding birds, mammals with young, and few insects early in the season. Visit signature landscapes in Anchorage, Nome, Denali, and Seward—from the coast to boreal forests. Explore Arctic tundra, search for loons and shorebirds, seek moose and bear in Denali, circumnavigate seabird nesting islands amid Kenai Fjords NP. This is peak time for birding Nome.

From Anchorage, guide Greg Smith

### Austria & Hungary

June 21 – July 2, 2017



Venture to Austria and Hungary with the region's top birding guide to discover wonderful birds, landscapes, and historic architecture. Travel from Vienna to Budapest; see specialties like White-backed Woodpecker, Eastern Imperial and White-tailed Eagles, Sakar Falcon, and Great Bustard, Hungary's national bird. Explore the wildlife-rich border zones — formerly "Iron Curtain" areas of the Cold War, which today are open and free. Enjoy small, boutique hotels and guesthouses and local cuisine.

From Vienna, guides Gerard Gorman & Dodie Logue

### Cuba: People to People

June 1 – 10, 2017 (New Itinerary!)



Explore Cuba on a people-to-people adventure that features Cuba's vibrant culture and abundant natural history. Travel with animal behavior experts Carol Simon and Howard Topoff as you meet Cuban biologists, artists, dancers, farmers, and teachers. From Cienfuegos, explore the Zapata wetlands, the Bay of Pigs, and Trinidad — a World Heritage site. Enjoy the mountains at Topes de Collantes, explore the karst landscape of Vinales Valley, and experience Havana.

From Miami, with local guides & hosts Carol Simon & Howard Topoff

### Trinidad: With Edward & Janice Edgerly-Rooks

June 24 – 30, 2017



Join naturalist and Trinidadian wildlife artist Edward Rooks and his wife Janice Edgerly-Rooks, a biology professor at Santa Clara University (CA), at the Asa Wright Nature Centre. They share their expertise in art and birding as part of the Centre's 50th Anniversary celebrations. To spend time with them, simply book a Guided Group Tour, Independent Birding Venture, or Relaxing Lodge Stay during the June 24 – 30 date window. We expect space to go quickly, so do call today!

From Port of Spain

### Washington: Olympic Peninsula

June 10 – 18, 2017



Explore mountains and ocean, forests and meadows, glaciers and flowers in Washington's glorious Olympic National Park. Visit Lake Quinalt, Lake Crescent, and Port Townsend. Experience the only temperate rainforest in the contiguous 48 states; one of the wildest, most scenic coastlines in the world; and the jagged, glacially-carved splendor of the Olympic Mountains. Find Tufted Puffin, Harlequin Duck, Sooty Grouse, Rock Sandpiper, Vaux's Swift, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Varied Thrush.

From Seattle, guide Woody Wheeler

### Brazil: Pantanal & Atlantic Forest

July 15 – 24, 2017



The Pantanal is a top wildlife destination, rivaling Africa for mammals and birds. Discover wildlife in a mix of savannas, forests, and wetlands. See 100+ species of birds daily, and dozens of mammals. Search for Brazilian Tapir, Maned Wolf, Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, Jaguar, Harpy Eagle, Greater Rhea, Hyacinth Macaw, Toco Toucan, and Helmeted Manakin! Stay at charming (and working) cattle ranches. An Atlantic Forest extension offers stunning birds.

From São Paulo, guides Xavier Muñoz & Greg Smith



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# August & September

## Arizona: Monsoon Madness

Aug. 6 – 12, 2017



Monsoon rains turn SE Arizona verdant green. During this "second spring", witness up to 14 different hummingbirds, hear Botteri's and Cassin's sparrows, and spot breeding birds of Mexican affinity like Montezuma Quail. Explore cool canyons in search of Elegant Trogon, mountain forests for Red-faced and Olive Warblers. Discover the Sky Islands, Patagonia Lake, the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, Bisbee, Tombstone, Ramsey Canyon, and Whitewater Draw. Enjoy great lodging at Casa de San Pedro!

From Tucson, guide Bob Behrstock

## Alaska Sampler

Aug. 7 – 15, 2017



August is a grand time to visit Alaska! Mammals have shed their coats, birds are fledging young, and bears and ptarmigan indulge on ripe berries. Explore Denali as waterfowl gather in tundra ponds and Moose polish their antlers. Cruise Kenai Fjords NP at Seward to spot puffins, shearwaters, jaegers, and Humpback Whales. See glaciers calving and Harbor Seals on ice, seeking refuge from Orca. Book optional bear-viewing at salmon runs from our Homer extension.

From Anchorage, guide Peg Abbott

## Southeast Alaska

Aug. 17 – 23, 2017



Enjoy Southeast Alaska, where splendid scenery and wildlife abound. And you don't have to see it on a cruise! Instead, indulge in the wonderful food and lovely lodgings of Gustavus Inn, on the edge of Icy Straits and Glacier Bay NP. Surround yourself with scenic beauty and spouting whales, both Humpback and Orca, and more. Find puffins at remote Elfin Cove; from the Inn take a bike ride, walk to an artisan coffee shop, and enjoy birding and short hikes.

From Gustavus, guide Woody Wheeler

## Texas' Big Bend: Monsoon Madness

Aug. 17 – 24, 2017



Summer shows off the bold landscape of Big Bend National Park, home to the stunning Chisos Mountains. Monsoon rains throw a green cloak over the canyons and cliffs, and ignite blooming flowers. At sunset the landscape glows; in the Basin see waterfalls cascade! While Colima Warbler leave by late July, August is prime time for biodiversity: see hummingbirds, Montezuma Quail, the start of fall migration, colorful and regionally-unique reptiles, and more.

From El Paso, guide Michael Marsden

## Australia: Best of the West

Sept. 16 – Oct. 1, 2017



Immerse yourself in awe-inspiring and seldom visited Western Australia. Explore Kakadu's world-class rock art and wildlife. Fly over the dramatic Bungle Bungle in the Kimberley Region, then explore its unique flora and fauna. View 1000s of Asian migrants in Broome, Australia's shorebird capital! Experience wildflowers, whales, and endemic plants and birds (including two species of Black Cockatoo) of the Southwest's heath scrub and towering eucalyptus forests.

From Darwin, with local guides & Greg Smith

## Yellowstone National Park

Sept. 17 – 24, 2017



Follow the Snake River through Grand Teton NP to Yellowstone, where we explore 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 and bear sightings, fall color, and perhaps the first snowfall — a naturalist's or photographer's dream! This is one of our most popular trips, replete with geysers, scenic beauty, and raptors, including possible Great Gray Owl!

From Jackson Hole, guide Woody Wheeler

# October, November & December

© Cape May Birders at Dawn by Dan Donaldson

## Cape May: Fall Migration

Oct. 15 – 22, 2017



Explore Cape May, famous for concentrations of migrating birds, tidal salt marshes, and Victorian charm. The town is a national historic site, with incredible Victorian architecture, as well as delicious seafood. Visit Cape May Bird Observatory, Cape May Point Hawk Watch, Forsythe NWR, and many different fresh and saltwater habitats. Enjoy sunrise beach walks for shorebirds and elegant Black Skimmer. Timed in part with the Cape May Birding Festival.

From Philadelphia, guide Dan Donaldson

## Northwest Argentina

Oct. 8 – 20, 2017



This tour blends nature with culture in a colorful region of the Andes in Northwestern Argentina. Bird your way through stunning landscapes, including high Puna and arid wine country. Explore pre-Incan ruins, enjoy lodgings at a working vineyard near Salta, stay under the shadow of Seven Color Mountain in Purmamarca, spot Vicuñas near the salt plain at Salina Grande, and search for spectacular Lyre-tailed Nightjar near Yala. Iguazu Falls post-tour option.

From Buenos Aires, with local guides & Peg Abbott

## Southern Ecuador

Nov. 6 – 18, 2017



Explore Ecuador, a peaceful, beautiful country that offers some of the best birding in South America. Stay at our favorite lodges in a mix of regions, including Buenaventura, Tapichalaca, and Copalinga. At Jocotoco Reserves, and Cajas and Podocarpus National Parks, experience Ecuador's remarkable wildlife and spectacular scenery and birds. Spot over 400 species of birds, including 40 or more hummingbirds! Enjoy time in Cuenca with lovely local markets.

From Quito, with local guides & Rafa Campos

## South Carolina: Southern Charm

Oct. 18 – 25, 2017



Experience history, nature, and culture in charming South Carolina. Explore from Savannah to Charleston, stopping at historic forts and Morris Island Lighthouse. Enjoy carriage rides, bird Magnolia Plantation, tour antebellum mansions, and dine at famous local restaurants. Tour Savannah NWR, enjoy time in charming Savannah, and experience the immense ACE Basin, a haven to endangered wildlife. Stroll charming Folly Beach and enjoy Charleston.

From Charleston, guide Pat Lueders

## Madagascar: 8th Continent

Nov. 30 – Dec. 13, 2017



Travel to the 8th Continent! Isolated from any continental landmass, Madagascar has followed its own evolutionary course, resulting in an island where every land mammal is endemic, as are nearly half the bird species. See iconic and charismatic bird species, some from families found only in Madagascar. Find endearing lemurs, tenrecs, sifakas, and bizarre chameleons. Witness spiny forests, towering baobabs, and Didierea octopus trees, as well as verdant rainforests.

From Antananarivo, with local guides & Carlos Sanchez

## Cuba: People to People

Dec. 7 – 16, 2017 (4th Departure)



Explore Cuba on a people-to-people adventure. Discover the countryside and historic sections of Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Havana. Witness rural geography in wilder parts of the island beyond the cities. Experience the scenic coastal areas, Vinales Valley, Sierra de Escambray, the Zapata wetlands, and Bay of Pigs that support 28 endemic birds. Meet ornithologists, biologists, artists, dancers, farmers, and teachers. Visit locals and learn how Cubans interpret their future and past.

From Miami, with local guides & host Andrew Haffenden



## Near & Far

© Peg Abbott and Her Dogs by John Roser

### Southeast Arizona



We love sharing our home! The Naturalist Journeys/Caligo Ventures office is located in one of the best birding hotspots in the USA: Portal, Arizona. We offer guiding in Portal and the Sierra Vista area, and we can book our favorite eco-lodges for you: the Casa de San Pedro, Cave Creek Ranch, or Portal Peak Lodge. So why not let us do all the work of planning a Southeast Arizona trip for you — it's our corner of the world, after all!

Arizona's Sky Island mountain ranges are home to nearly 30 specialty birds that range north from Mexico, including Elegant Trogon, Whiskered Screech Owl, Arizona Woodpecker, and Mexican Chickadee. Join us April 20 – 28, 2017 for a Guided Group Tour led by Pat Lueders and our local guides, or ask about an Independent Birding Venture from Tucson. Guides Bob Behrstock, Dodie Logue, and Peg Abbott live here and are ready to share their expertise. So whether it's day-guiding here in Portal, or planning a great circle trip from Tucson, contact our travel planners today!



### When to Visit



When is the best time to visit bird-rich Southeast Arizona?

The all-time prime time for keen birders is mid-April to mid-May, while our "second spring" in July and August ranks a close second, rich with Mexican rarities inherent to post-breeding dispersal. We offer tours in both these popular seasons, and Independent Birding Ventures year-round.

Few know just how beautiful it can be in late October and November. Cool temperatures ignite color in cottonwood trees along the San Pedro, and maples turn crimson in our stunning canyons. This is a great time of year for blending birding with interests in history and local attractions. Fall color, local festivals, food, and wine blend with birding ahead of the holidays — fun! And winter? Great for Sandhill Cranes, abundant raptors, and working on your longspur and sparrow list.



### Journey to the Galapagos



Looking Ahead... Feb. 25 – Mar. 4, 2018

Both our 2017 voyages are full!

Witness Ecuador's stunning volcanic archipelago with its extraordinary plants and animals. The wildlife is incredible and remarkably tame — don't be surprised if you have to step over a nesting Blue-footed Booby, or wait for a Galapagos Sea Lion to uncurl from your daypack. A treasured World Heritage Site, the Islands have been protected since 1834. Cruise the northern route and expect an intimate voyage focused on natural history, birding, snorkeling, and photography.

Each year we try to run two voyages, hosted by one of our birding guides in addition to expert local guides. We use a ship owned by a company committed to conservation. We have been almost every year since 1998 — we know the Galapagos well! Add independent guiding in Ecuador before or after.





# Grand Adventures: Safaris & Cruises

© Elephants in Mud by Peg Abbott

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



East Africa is the ultimate wildlife watching destination to see big mammals: Elephant, Wildebeest, Common Zebra, Buffalo, Impala, Gazelle, Hartbeest, Eland, Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Spotted Hyena, Vervet Monkey, Baboon, and many more. It is also one of the top birding destinations on the planet; from impressive Crowned Crane and Ground Hornbill to colorful Lilac-breasted Roller and Hartlaub's Turaco — we always tally an impressive list! Travel with master safari-guide Preston Mutinda and Peg Abbott this February at peak time: Wildebeest are calving and predator and prey interactions are intense.

Witness the splendor of Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks, the Serengeti, Olduvai Gorge, and Ngorongoro Crater as you search for abundant birds and mammals, and learn about the area's fascinating geology.

Stay in comfortable safari camps where you can enjoy all the creature comforts, yet stay close to the action. This trip is Naturalist Journeys owner Peg Abbott's top pick for the year!



From Arusha, guides Peg Abbott & Preston Mutinda

## Amazon River Cruise Mar. 17 – 26, 2017



From the inland port of Iquitos, venture into the wilds of the Amazon, cruising in comfort up two major tributaries of the Amazon: the Ucayali and Marañón. The Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve is one of the largest protected areas in all of Peru; rare birds and mammals find refuge here. On small boats launched from our luxury riverboat *La Estrella Amazonica*, venture deep into the Amazon rainforest.

Find Blue-throated Piping-guan, up to six species of macaws, numerous primates, massive flocks of migrating Fork-tailed Flycatcher, five species of kingfishers, Capped Heron, the enigmatic Hoatzin, and more. Look up our full species list online — this is a spectacular trip!

Immerse yourself in the living labyrinth of forests, wildlife, and people along the Upper Amazon Basin. Under the guidance of naturalists who were born and reared here, visit riverbank villages, local schools, and a revered Shaman.



From Lima, with local guides & Woody Wheeler

## Mexico: Sea of Cortez Cruise Mar. 25 – Apr. 1, 2017



Cruise into the protected waters of Mexico's Sea of Cortez. Crystal clear water abounds near the shorelines, fringed by red desert bluffs. Sail among the islands, once explored by conquistadors. Learn about the region's geology, kayak and paddleboard in search of sea life, and enjoy leisurely beachcombing.

Islands here are much like the Galapagos, a textbook for the study of speciation, which we see in lizards, plant life, and right from the start at Cabo, in some of Baja's endemic birds including Belding's Yellowthroat, Gray Thrasher, and Xantus's Hummingbird. March is breeding time for the region's sea birds: Brown and Blue-footed Boobies, Royal and Elegant Terns, beautiful Heerman's Gull, and a regional specialty, Craveri's Murrelet.

Active exploration, turquoise water and snorkeling, and a menagerie of seabirds and marine wildlife, whales, dolphins, and whale sharks await!



From Cabo San Lucas, guide Greg Smith



© King Penguins by Greg Smith

**Canada: Newfoundland & Labrador Cruise**  
July 15 – 25, 2017



Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador's waters on an unforgettable journey in search of a plentiful array of seabirds, stunning and dramatic glacial landscapes, and iconic Arctic mammals like Polar Bear, Walrus, and Caribou. Nutrient-rich ocean upwellings power food-chains that feed whales and multiple species of seal (Ringed, Hooded, Harbor, and Harp) and support massive breeding colonies of Atlantic Puffin, Northern Gannett, and Razorbill.

Cross from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland, watching for shearwaters, storm-petrels, and Northern Fulmar. Visit Gros Morne National Park, known for its fascinating geology and healthy population of Moose; explore Torngat Mountains National Park, the crown jewel of the Canadian National Park network; learn about Inuit culture. Visit Monumental Island and stop at the historic sites of Hopedale, Hebron, and l'Anse aux Meadows.

Immerse yourself in stunning landscapes, colorful towns, and charismatic birds and wildlife along the way. Each day brings adventures and a chance to go ashore for hikes and other exploring.



From Louisbourg, with local guides & Peg Abbott

**Botswana: Wildlife & Birding Safari**  
Sept. 16 – 27, 2017



Embark on a true African safari, where wildlife is pristine and days are timed to nature's rhythm.

Across the Okavango Delta and along the Chobe River, experience birds and mammals of different habitats, from vast savanna to deep water wetlands. Get amazingly close to predator and prey without disturbing their interactions.

Spend your first days in a comfortable mobile-tented camp. Imagine the richness of those wild nighttime sounds beneath the southern stars. Then spend time at two lodges that feature upscale comfort and have an ambiance of luxury — reminiscent of the camps visited by Hemingway and others in years gone by.

On past journeys we've had ample time with Lion, Leopard, Elephant, myriad birds, and rarer species such as Honey Badger and Rock Python. Extensions to Namibia and South Africa are possible.



From Maun, with local guides & Peg Abbott

**Antarctica: Birding & Wildlife Cruise**  
Nov. 30 – Dec. 18, 2017



Journey into the ice on an adventure beyond words as you embark upon the expedition ship *Akademik Ioffe*, a vessel designed to safely cruise the wilds of the Southern Hemisphere.

Visit the distinctly British Falkland Islands, the teeming shores of wildlife-rich South Georgia Island, and the icy Antarctic Peninsula. Witness penguin rookeries with 100,000+ nesting birds, beaches littered with seals, seabirds by the hundreds in the air and on nests, and whales, including Humpback, Minke, and Orca. Penguin species include Magellanic, Rockhopper, Macaroni, King, Gentoo, and Adeline. Petrels, albatrosses, shearwaters, prions, and storm petrels abound. Explore by Zodiak or optional kayaking.

Our voyage coincides with the arrival of the Austral spring as the region emerges from winter — it is an exceptional time to visit, beloved by photographers for the fresh, white snow.



From Ushuaia, with local guides & Greg Smith

# Testimonials



"We had a wonderful time in T&T! We saw 168 species of birds ... looks like about 100 are new adds to our life lists. Our stays at [Asa Wright Nature Centre] and [Blue Waters Inn] were accurate as promoted, and also from the online sources we reviewed. Our tour partners ... were excellent birders and a joy to tour with as well as socialize with after our day trips."

– Bill Tar

"I just want to thank you for everything and let you know that I had an amazing trip at [Asa Wright Nature Centre]! Mukesh was a fantastic guide and I owe my success in photography to him. Not only did he know where to find the birds, but would know what would be the best position to be in for lighting. ... we had lots of laughs."

– Carolyn Grayson

"Although very experienced travelers, this was our first organized tour and also first eco-holiday. [We] enjoyed it immensely."

– February 2015 Travelers

"Now that I'm back home and settled, I've been remembering what a wonderful time I had on the Yellowstone trip. I've never traveled with ... Naturalist Journeys and I found this trip one of the most well-managed and lead travel ventures that I have been on. And yes, I have traveled with [other big-name tour companies]. Thanks for a great trip."

– Madeline Miles

"Before we all go back to our daily lives, and our memories start to fade, I wanted to thank ... you for a truly spectacular trip to Brazil! Peg, your knowledge of birds is ... amazing, and your steady cheerfulness ... was critical to the success of the trip!"

– Kelly Amsberry

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**Willy Alfaro**  
Artist and photographer, Willy has guided tours in Costa Rica, Cuba, the U.S.'s East Coast, and Panama since 1992. 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.



**Dan Donaldson**  
Dan is an accomplished naturalist-birder from Northeast Ohio. Dan honed his birding skills working as a naturalist for a local park district; his full-time job is the director of the local

soil and water conservation district. With varied audiences from novices to experts, Dan incorporates much more than just identification in his tours and programs. His specialization in birding locales ranges from the Great Lakes to coastal destinations.



**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.



**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

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*.



**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 fantastic 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.



**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.



**Rafa Campos**  
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.



**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 on Dauphin Island and enjoys cooking, reading, and the challenge of a new adventure.



**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.



**Gustavo Canas-Valle**  
Gustavo is a professional birding guide, working with Naturalist Journeys in both Ecuador and Colombia. He has also led many trips to the Galapagos, the Andes, Amazonia, and more. Gustavo not only has expertise in birding, but also in botany, and is passionate about the history of South America. He has guided in Colombia since 1991 and has developed close relationships with many birders in the country.



**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 sur-

veys 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).



**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. 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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*Flame Tree at Asa Wright Nature Centre in  
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Asa Wright Nature Centre, historic Springhill  
Estate, artwork by Edward Rooks.*