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Plate-billed Mountain-
Toucan by Xavier Muñoz

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Dear Travelers,

Brochure time always points me to a change in seasons, perhaps that “back to school” rhythm we inherited as children. Often the first hint of fall inspires our travelers to plan their next winter getaway or grand adventure. As sister companies, Naturalist Journeys and Caligo Ventures combine talent to offer an extraordinary variety of trips to choose from, some of which do require advance planning. A few popular ones are already filling for 2020!

This summer, our Caligo Ventures office saw two important milestones: We celebrated our seventh season as the exclusive North American booking agent for Trinidad’s famed Asa Wright Nature Centre, and in June we wished our beloved Susanne Apitz a happy retirement and welcomed Sharon Guenther to the Caligo team. This fall Caligo is proud to offer new and exciting programming at the Centre, including our ongoing Celebrity Series, a new photography workshop, and new Go Slow tours designed for relaxing and soaking in time at the Centre. Fall is one of my favorite times at the Centre; each November, a fruiting tree at the end of the verandah brings stunning birds to almost within arm’s length—you just have to be there to see it!

On the Naturalist Journeys side, we are going strong and expanding our geographic reach thanks to your wonderful support. We’ve also had a few milestones this year, including the retirement of our longtime friend and guide Bob Behrstock and the celebration of one of our travelers who completed her 30th Naturalist Journeys trip in Peru with me this July ... wow!

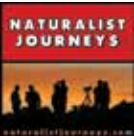
Within these pages you’ll find the brainstorming of Peg Abbott and Julie Fannon, with input from our guides, of course. We like to think of this brochure as a menu for birding and nature in some of Earth’s most special places. We work hard to retain our commitment to conservation with each tour, supporting local guides and communities.

Itching to get out there now? It’s not too late for a fall adventure—take a peek at pages 14 and 15 for trips with a few spaces available. In late September, guide Dave Mehlmán adds his conservation expertise to our spectacular Veracruz raptor migration tour. In November we still have space on our stunning Northwest Argentina or Southern Ecuador trips, and in December there is room on our Cuba bird survey tour. But not for long!

So grab this adventure menu and enjoy. Travel enriches our lives and it stretches time—it’s amazing what you can see and do in just a few weeks away.

My best,

P.S. Did you know that you can make nearly any of Naturalist Journeys’ itineraries private? Gather a group of friends or family and give us a call. Fun!



Caligo Ventures

Bucket List Birding in Trinidad & Tobago



Julie Fannon, Sharon Guenther, Peg Abbott & Susanne Apitz in Portal, Arizona, by Lee Dyal.

Explore This Issue

NEW!
Interested in finding tours new to our portfolio? Look for the NEW! flag in the Naturalist Journeys section of the brochure. These are brand new tours for 2020 that we are so excited to present to you. Call us to discuss these tours (or any of our trips, of course) and find out which one is right for you.

Lens-Friendly Birding

Starting this fall, we’re adding photographer-friendly birding tours to our repertoire—identified by the camera symbol next to the trip title. These tours are accompanied by a photography instructor and are for birders who want to get the most out of their camera. Look for Lens-Friendly Birding tours on pages 9, 19, 22, and the back cover.

Go Slow

New on the Caligo Ventures side, we’re offering two Go Slow tours to Trinidad’s Asa Wright Nature Centre this fall and plan to expand Go Slow tour offerings on the Naturalist Journeys side in the coming months. Enjoy short morning excursions and leisurely downtime in the afternoons. Look for the Go Slow symbol on page 9 for more details. Relax ... it’s your vacation after all!

Grand Landscapes Series

Some of Earth’s greatest places simply need to be experienced. These grand destinations are often not as wildlife-rich as most of our tours, but they are landscapes that are simply breathtaking, once-in-a-lifetime wonders that inspire awe in even the most seasoned of travelers. Look for our Grand Landscapes Series tours on pages 21, 28, and 29.



DISCOVER

TRINIDAD: THE BEST INTRODUCTION TO TROPICAL BIRDING
WITH CALIGO VENTURES



Caligo Ventures & Trinidad's Asa Wright Nature Centre

WORKING TOGETHER FOR CONSERVATION



Savor time at Trinidad's famed Asa Wright Nature Center (AWNC), an iconic destination for birders and naturalists bound for the tropics. This birding hotspot offers one of the finest introductions to Neotropical birding possible. Caligo Ventures makes your booking simple.

Caligo Ventures is the exclusive North American booking agent for the Centre, and proud conservation partner in support of the Centre's mission. The Centre protects 1500 acres of forested lands, offers a variety of educational programs to local and international visitors, conducts wildlife research, and supports community outreach, local employment, and guide training.

If you don't receive our eNews, we invite you to visit caligo.com to sign up.



Recent News



GENERAL MANAGER JUNE DEGALE-RAMPERSAD
June took over as the General Manager of the Asa Wright Nature Centre in 2018. She combines her love of nature with her background in accounting and business administration to instill a culture of pride and professionalism in the Centre staff. She has her MBA in Tourism & Hospitality Management.

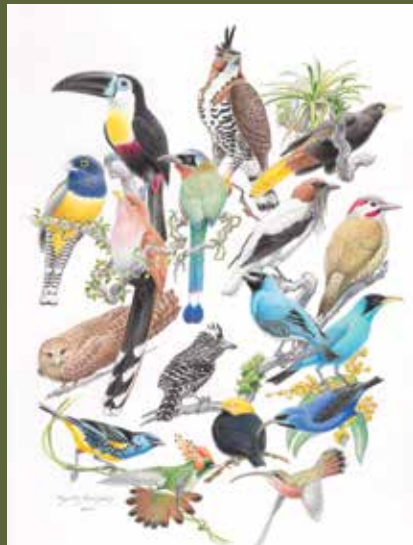


FRIENDS OF AWNC'S ANNUAL APPEAL
In June 2019, the Friends of Asa Wright Nature Centre launched its first annual campaign. While guest revenue is critical to the Centre's success, its goals have grown beyond what is provided through ecotourism alone. Donations are the Centre's most important funds—operating dollars to support all programs.

Give today! Visit donorbox.org/friends-of-the-asa-wright-nature-centre.



AWNC GROWS A NEW GREENHOUSE
In May 2019, the Centre constructed a long-planned greenhouse. Led by Landscape Coordinator Mukesh Ramdass, it houses hummingbird-attracting flowers, food for guests, and more. **Donation Dollars at Work:** The greenhouse was funded by a donation to the Friends of the Asa Wright Nature Centre.



KEITH HANSEN'S "BIRDS OF TRINIDAD"
Keith Hansen is a well-known artist and field guide author with a passion for birds. He has created a fabulous montage of Trinidad's iconic species to support efforts to shore up and rebuild AWNC's famous verandah and bar. We have all had such good times there! Now, you can see these birds in your own home *and* support AWNC. The Keith Hansen Gallery is selling prints of Keith's "Birds of Trinidad." These prints are a brilliant representation of some of our favorite birds. Prints in a variety of sizes and larger, special limited edition signed and numbered prints are available. Proceeds go directly to the Asa Wright Nature Centre and shipping can be arranged. **To order, please contact Caligo Ventures at 800-426-7781 or info@caligo.com.**

Trinidad & Tobago Tours

CALIGO VENTURES' GUIDED GROUP TOURS

Our premier product has always been classic two-island birding trips to Trinidad and Tobago. 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' tours support the local community and give you excellent pricing and value on a hassle-free vacation. We offer three types of tours:

- Our **10-Day, 2-Island Classic** tour explores both islands with time at the Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC) and either the beachside Blue Waters Inn (BWI) or the bird-rich Cuffie River Nature Retreat (CUF)
- Our eight-day **Best of Trinidad** tour pairs time at AWNC and Mt. Plaisir (MTP) on Trinidad's scenic northeast coast—a great place to see endemic Trinidad Piping-Guan, and in season, nesting Leatherback Turtles
- Our **7-Day, 2-Island Sampler** tour visits both islands, with stays at AWNC and CUF—a great choice for travelers with less time

Meet a Few of Our Guides



MAHASE RAMLAL



MUKESH RAMDASS



CHARRAN RAMDASS



DAVE RAMLAL



ROODAL RAMLAL



WE OFFER YEAR-ROUND TOURS

10-DAY, 2-ISLAND CLASSIC

Oct. 11 – 20, 2019
AWNC & CUF | \$2250

Oct. 19 – 28, 2019
AWNC & BWI | \$2250

Nov. 1 – 10, 2019
AWNC & CUF | \$2495

Nov. 23 – Dec. 2, 2019
AWNC & BWI | \$2495

Dec. 12 – 21, 2019
AWNC & BWI | \$2795

Dec. 28 – Jan. 6, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$3250

Jan. 11 – 20, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$3250

Jan. 17 – 26, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$3250

Jan. 28 – Feb. 6, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$3250

Feb. 6 – 15, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$3250

Feb. 10 – 19, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$3250

Feb. 27 – Mar. 7, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$3250

Mar. 5 – 14, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$3250

Mar. 11 – 20, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$3250

Mar. 21 – 30, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$3250

Mar. 30 – Apr. 8, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$2890

WITH SEASONAL BONUS TURTLE VIEWING

Apr. 15 – 24, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$2890

Apr. 21 – 30, 2020
AWNC & BWI | \$2890

7-DAY, 2-ISLAND SAMPLER

Jan. 3 – 9, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$2290

Mar. 27 – Apr. 2, 2020
AWNC & CUF | \$2290

BEST OF TRINIDAD

Oct. 5 – 12, 2019
AWNC & MTP | \$1795

Nov. 16 – 23, 2019
AWNC & MTP | \$1950

Feb. 21 – 28, 2020
AWNC & MTP | \$2550

WITH SEASONAL BONUS TURTLE VIEWING

Apr. 10 – 17, 2020
AWNC & MTP | \$2250

The Celebrity Series



BIRDING & ART 10-DAY, 2-ISLAND CLASSIC TOUR WITH KEITH HANSEN & PATRICIA BRICEÑO
November 13 – 23, 2019 | \$2995

Join wildlife artist and field guide illustrator Keith Hansen. Well-known to birders and artists, Keith is excited to share his illustration expertise with you. Keith is an excellent birder and can help you learn techniques to “capture” these feathered creatures on paper. Enhance your birding experiences by learning to render quick sketches. Demonstrations examine anatomy, form, lighting, perspective, and negative space. Keith offers sketching sessions during the week ... beginner or expert, all are welcome.



FABULOUS HUMMINGBIRDS & MORE! WITH SHERI WILLIAMSON & TOM WOOD
December 6 – 15, 2019 | \$3190

Join Sheri and Tom, directors of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory. Spend time at Cuffie River Nature Retreat on Tobago and immerse yourself at the Asa Wright Nature Centre on Trinidad. Trinidad has the highest hummingbird diversity in the West Indies. Geologically a part of South America, Trinidad's hummingbirds offer a glimpse into past ecological connections. Sheri includes lectures on hummingbird behavior and ecology. In the field, examine their relationships with plants and habitats.



CHRISTMAS AT THE ASA WRIGHT NATURE CENTRE WITH MARTYN KENEFICK
December 21 – 28, 2019 | \$2195

Join Caligo Ventures to enjoy holiday time at the world-renowned Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge. Enjoy ample time at the Centre to soak in the ambiance of the rainforest and all its riches. We're proud to have Martyn Kenefick, author of *Birds of Trinidad and Tobago* and Asa Wright Nature Centre board member, as our celebrity host. He presents his Birds of Trinidad slide show and joins the tour for some excursions.

Special Programming




 **“LIME” WITH THE BIRDS
GO SLOW TRAVEL IN TRINIDAD**
Oct. 24 – 30, 2019 | \$1590 & Nov. 11 – 17, 2019 | \$1750

Good news! The growing Slow Travel movement has made it to Trinidad with Caligo Ventures adding a relaxed-pace option to its menu of tours. While fast-paced travelers are just now learning Slow Travel secrets, Trinidad residents have known for a long time that going slow and savoring experiences is the way to go—they call it LIMING. It's a carefree Caribbean way of delighting in life and friends, and simply enjoying gathering together.

Enjoy a mix of morning field trips to classic locations, on site and nearby, then just relax, or join afternoon options that share skills of the Centre's wonderful staff. Learn from the Centre naturalists' special presentations on natural history. On short, relaxed outings try your hand at picking coffee, give back to nature by planting hummingbird-attracting shrubs with the landscape staff, watch a Trinidad-focused cooking demonstration, or visit the local Arima outdoor market.



 **PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BIRDERS
WITH HUGH SIMMONS**
November 2 – 8, 2019 | \$1950

More and more birders are traveling with cameras. With today's equipment, it's never been easier ... and photographers at all levels can always continue to build their skills. Imagine a week with like-minded companions in a small group (limited to 8), the fabulous birds that make Trinidad a world-class birding destination, and someone to help you advance your skills.

Join Hugh Simmons, a professional photographer and patient teacher, on this exciting trip designed for birders interested in improving their bird photography and learning how to better use their cameras to shoot birds, flowers, insects, landscapes, and more. Enjoy ample field time alongside lectures and demonstrations. Learn how to get the most out of your camera, and capture keepsake images of species like Tufted Coquette, Crested Oropendola, Trinidad Motmot, and those day-glow Purple and Green Honeycreepers that feed at arm's length off the Centre's famed verandah. Hosted by Caligo's Ventures' Peg Abbott.

Independent Travel to Trinidad & Tobago and Beyond

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 to offer 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.

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

In addition to Trinidad and Tobago, we currently feature Belize, Panama, Costa Rica, and Guatemala 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. Embrace the freedom and flexibility of independent travel! Plan a trip for two, or a few! Custom tours for small groups or families are also available.



FULLY INCLUSIVE INDEPENDENT OPTIONS

INDEPENDENT BIRDING VENTURES (IBVS)

Caligo Ventures’ IBVs are like “mini-tours,” with guides at AWNC and other lodges we help you select. You pick the start date, length, and pace. Travel with that special someone, a family member, or a group of friends.

We offer four different IBV options on Trinidad and Tobago, on a tiered system from Basic to Birder’s Intensive, each adding on activity and lodge options. Whether you prefer a relaxed-pace journey or want to turn up the birding intensity with outings to additional habitats or lodges, we can help you choose the IBV that’s right for you.

A RELAXING LODGE STAY

If a one-stop, unpack-and-relax vacation is your kind of travel, a Relaxing Lodge Stay is just the ticket. Caligo Ventures can help you experience all the wonders of the AWNC and other lodges, all without the scheduling of a group tour or IBV. Bird at your leisure or with a local guide and indulge in delicious meals. A Relaxing Lodge Stay is great for focused photographers, too! Add field trips as you please, after you’ve arrived and settled in.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE OR CALL
800-426-7781 FOR DETAILS**



EXPLORE

THE WORLD'S MOST INTRIGUING DESTINATIONS
WITH NATURALIST JOURNEYS



Fall 2019

Veracruz: River of Raptors

Sept. 25 – Oct. 5, 2019 | \$3790



Mexico's Veracruz is THE migration crossroads of the Americas, hosting the largest hawk migration spectacle on earth. Over ten thousand birds may pass overhead in a day! A bonus? Enjoy additional birding to find colorful residents like Red Warbler and Blue Mockingbird in pine-oak and cloud forests. Plus, enjoy Mexico and its rich culture and history. Visit the Museum of Anthropology in Xalapa, known for pre-colonial Mexican artifacts. Enjoy local foods and more.

*From Veracruz, with Dave Mehlman***Costa Rica's Caribbean Side**

Oct. 4 – 13, 2019 | \$3190



October is a migration time in Costa Rica, adding intrigue to its glorious array of tropical species. It also brings fine weather to the Caribbean side where we spend time at some of our favorite lodges, from lowlands to mountains and cloudforest. Watch for mammals and signature birds like toucans, aracarís, guans, and colorful tanagers. Lodges include Tapirus, Maquenque, Celeste Mountain, and Bosque de Paz. Enjoy the culture and sample local foods.

*From San José, with Michael Marsden***Panama: Intro to Biodiversity**

Oct. 14 – 22, 2019 | \$2699



Guest scientists Dr. Howard Topoff and Dr. Carol Simon, formerly of the American Museum of Natural History and City University in New York, share their expertise on tropical environments and biodiversity. In addition to fabulous birding, spend your days exploring the forests in search of mammals, frogs, insects, and fascinating trees and plants; evenings feature informative presentations on a wide variety of tropical biodiversity topics.

From Pan. City, w/ Carol Simon & Howard Topoff**Southeast Arizona Sampler**

Nov. 4 – 10, 2019 | \$2490



As other parts of the continent turn towards winter, Arizona enjoys warm November days with maples turning red, cottonwoods yellow, and sycamores sienna. Nights are crisp and often host impressive dark skies with inspiring star views. Southeast Arizona is home terrain for Naturalist Journeys and we look forward to sharing our favorite places! Watch glittering hummingbirds at feeding stations, thousands of Sandhill Cranes at Whitewater Draw, and more.

*From Tucson, with Michael Marsden***Hawaii Birding & Nature Cruise**

Nov. 9 – 16, 2019 | Starting at \$4195



Cruise between Moloka'i, Lana'i, Maui, and Hawai'i to discover a new side of Hawai'i, far from the touristy crowds. This cruise emphasizes marine life and good fun. Snorkel among undersea coral gardens teeming with tropical fish. Swim with gigantic Manta Rays on a night excursion. Explore the Humpback National Marine Sanctuary for whales and dolphins. Extend your trip to search for endemics on the Big Island: Palila, Elepaio, Nene, l'iwi, and more.

*From Moloka'i, with onboard expert guides***Journey to the Galápagos**

Nov. 10 – 17, 2019 | Starting at \$4700



Sail through the Galápagos, a stunning volcanic archipelago adorned with fascinating animals that inspired Charles Darwin and subsequent evolutionary biologists. The highly unique fauna of these islands is amazingly tame. We visit San Cristobal, Espanola, Santa Cruz, Bartolome, Plaza, and Floreana on an intimate cruise focused on birding, snorkeling, and photography. Afterwards, add time in Mindo, Ecuador, for a visual feast of hummingbirds and tanagers!

*From Quito, with Dan Donaldson***Cuban Ornithological Survey**

Nov. 1 – 13, 2019 | \$4890



Enjoy the opportunity to lend a hand in Cuba while encouraging conservation. On this tour, you assist professional researchers on a project under the guidance of Cuban field guide author Arturo Kirkconnell—an amazing chance for birders who have long hoped to visit Cuba. Document all of the accessible Cuban endemics while exploring and surveying the island's most important conservation areas. Each survey tour is limited to ten people; they book fast!

*From Havana, with Andrew Haffenden***Lens-Friendly Birding: Trinidad**

Nov. 2 – 8, 2019 | \$1950



Join Hugh Simmons, a professional photographer and patient teacher, to improve your photography skills and learn to use your camera to better shoot flowers, birds, insects, landscapes, and more. Enjoy ample field time alongside lectures and demonstrations. Get the most out of your digital, mirror-less, or higher-end all-in-one camera, and capture keepsakes of Tufted Coquette, Crested Oropendola, Trinidad Motmot, and Purple Honeycreeper that feed off the Centre's verandah.

*From Port of Spain, with Hugh Simmons***Northwest Argentina**

Nov. 2 – 14, 2019 | \$4990



Northwestern Argentina offers snow-capped Andean peaks over puna, grasslands, deserts clad in tall cacti, lush Yungas cloudforests, and thorny Chaco scrubland. Black-legged Seriema run through scrubby thickets, Rufous-throated Dippers bob in rushing rivers, and James's and Andean Flamingos strut on high saline lakes. Enjoy celebrated regional wines. Combine with Iguazu, the largest waterfall system in the world, to experience birds of the Atlantic Forest region.

*From Buenos Aires, with Carlos Sanchez***So. Ecuador: Birding & Nature**

Nov. 10 – 23, 2019 | \$4690



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 Andrea Molina***Cuban Ornithological Survey**

Dec. 5 – 17, 2019 | \$4890



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*From Havana, with Andrew Haffenden***Christmas at AWCN**

December 21 – 28, 2019 | \$2195



Enjoy the holidays at the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge on Trinidad. We're proud to have field guide author Martyn Kenefick as our celebrity host, presenting his Birds of Trinidad slideshow and joining on some excursions. His love of the AWCN and infectious enthusiasm make this a special experience. The pace of this trip is more relaxed and we can offer this at a special holiday price. Special meals, local fun, and great birding await!

From Port of Spain, with Martyn Kenefick



Antarctica's Mega Colonies

Dec. 31 – Jan. 17, 2020 | From \$21,195



Journey to Antarctica on an adventure beyond words upon the *Resolute*, a luxury expedition ship designed to cruise the Southern Ocean. On the beaches and tussock covered dunes of South Georgia, witness King Penguin colonies of more than 100,000 adult birds and their young; visit the recently-discovered one million bird Adelie Penguin colony on the Danger Islands. See beaches littered with seals, nesting albatrosses, and a wide variety of whales. Act now—the ship is almost full!

From Santiago, with onboard expert guides

SE Arizona: Winter Sky Islands

Jan. 4 – 10 & Jan. 11 – 17, 2020 | \$2590



Warm up your January and explore the sky island mountain ranges of Arizona. Witness tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes and up to 14 species of raptor wintering in the Sulphur Springs Valley, while also enjoying time to explore the historic town of Bisbee. Unpack and relax at the upscale Casa de San Pedro for the length of the tour—the perfect chance to rejuvenate with a relaxing week of birding, hikes, scenery, and local charm. Don't miss the Casa's daily homemade pie!

From Tucson, with Bob Meinke

Costa Rica Birding & Nature

Jan. 5 – 12, 2020 | \$3095



Few places rival Costa Rica's nature. Over a quarter of the country is protected, boasting some 900 bird species. Explore La Selva Biological Station, traverse the Continental Divide, and search for Northern Emerald-Toucanet, Black Guan, and Resplendent Quetzal in the Savegre Valley. At Rancho Naturalista watch Snowcap and mixed flocks of colorful tanagers. Taste local ice cream, visit a market, and sharpen your birding skills. Get the most out of your trip with our Pacific Coast extension.

From San José, with James Smith



Colombia: Birding the Andes

Jan. 20 – Feb. 1, 2020 | \$5190



Colombia is one of the richest countries in the world for birding. Explore varied habitats within the complex Andes and adjacent Cauca and Magdalena Valleys. The colorful array of tanagers and hummingbirds is beyond imagination! Exciting feeders, mixed flocks, and secretive antpittas await. Visit Tatama, Otun Quimbaya, and Los Nevados NP, famous eco-lodges, and Montezuma, Rio Blanco, and Canequagua Marsh reserves, and travel the renowned Buenaventura Road.

From Cali, with Xavier Muñoz

Belize Birding & Nature

Jan. 21 – 28, 2020 | \$3850



Close to home, yet exotic, Belize is replete with tropical nature and birds! Reawakened is the Maya tradition of caring for their biological wealth. Belize's forests are expansive enough to host Jaguars and lush enough for a rainbow of birds. We feature two of Belize's finest ecolodges: Lamanai Outpost and Chan Chich, offering outstanding birds and mammals, Maya ruins, and tasty food. Walk trails with expert guides, explore by boat, and enjoy night drives.

From Belize City, with Bob Meinke

Guatemala: Nature & Culture

Jan. 28 – Feb. 6, 2020 | \$3590



Discover Guatemala, a small, yet culturally vibrant and colorful country that once formed the core of Maya civilization. Here, take a stroll through the Spanish colonial town of Antigua Guatemala, taste the rich variety of cuisine, and marvel at the verdant volcanic landscape. In addition, we have chances to see the Resplendent Quetzal, a bird so beautiful it was revered by the Maya, as well as the Horned Guan, the feathered version of a unicorn.

From Guat. City, w/ Keith Hansen & Patricia Briceño

India: Red Pandas, Rhinos & Tigers

Jan. 10 – 22, 2020 | \$6390



Our TOP PICK for winter. Discover India's amazing birds, mammals, and landscapes in the rich habitats of this colorful country. Visit Singalia, Kaziranga, and Sundarbans NPs, three totally different environments. Look for Red Panda, Asiatic Leopard, Indian Elephant, Indian Rhinoceros, Bengal Tiger, Himalayan Black Bear, Red-headed Trogon, Great and Oriental Pied Hornbills, Long-tailed Broadbill, Indian Roller, Blue-naped Pitta, and more! The Kanha Tiger Reserve extension is a must.

From Kolkata, with Carlos Sanchez

Southern Costa Rica

Jan. 16 – 26, 2020 | \$3990



Southern Costa Rica has long been one of our most popular Costa Rica tours. Explore the Talamancas Mountains, the El General Valley, pristine forest at Esquinas Rainforest Lodge near Golfito, and the eastern side of the Golfo Dulce on the beach. Search for iridescent quetzals, beautiful hummingbirds, and vividly colored tanagers. Opt to extend your stay in the Corcovado/Osa Peninsula area for a few days of pampering at Luna Lodge.

From San José, with Michael Marsden

Panama: Birding & Nature

Jan. 20 – 28, 2020 | \$4090



Discover incredible birding and unique habitats in Panama—from mountains 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, indulge a bit at spectacular Canopy Lodge, with frenetic feeders and wild trails where rare species like Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo can be found!

From Panama City, with James Smith

Kenya Wildlife Safari

Jan. 28 – Feb. 4, 2020 | \$3690



Designed to complement our Tanzania or Uganda tours. See lush forest on the slopes of Mt. Kenya and Nakuru National Park, famous for its wetlands, both White and Black Rhinos, tree-climbing Lions, and a healthy Leopard population. We end at Amboseli National Park, one of Kenya's most scenic spots, with views of Mt. Kilimanjaro, springs, and wetlands contrasting against vast salt pans. See Elephant, Cheetah, Hyena, and witness the park's rich bird life.

From Nairobi, with Peg Abbott

“The trips are so well organized yet accommodate flexibility. Naturalist Journeys are experts at offering security and comfort and at the same time an adventuresome wildlife experience.”
Kathleen Pasierb, 2019 Belize Traveler

Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness

Jan. 30 – Feb. 11, 2020 | \$5995



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 Purplethroat, as well as Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, and some of six possible wild cats. Stay at Surama Village, an eco-tourism success story that may have an active Harpy Eagle nest! We also search for rare Sun Parakeet, iconic Hoatzin, and more.

From Georgetown, with Dave Mehlman



February 2020

Mountain Gorilla in Uganda by Herbert Byaruhanga

California Birds & Wine

Feb. 1 – 7, 2020 | \$2790



Enjoy wine, wetlands, and waterfowl in Central California. Spring is around the corner while Snow Geese, Sandhill Crane, swans, Bald Eagle, rare Tule Goose, and the most Eurasian Wigeon in the lower 48 congregate in wetlands and fields. Enjoy Lodi's exquisite Wine & Roses Hotel and look for specialties like Yellow-billed Magpie. Enjoy wine tasting in some of the best known Central Valley wineries, perfect for birds and birders.

From Sacramento, with David Yee

Tasmania's Endemics

Feb. 1 – 10, 2020 | \$4790



Search for Tasmania's endemic birds and mammals. We spend our days searching for the famed Tasmanian Devil, bizarre Platypus, stunning Pink Robin, Little Penguin, and the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot. We take time to explore Tasmania's National Parks, beautiful Bruny Island, and even spend time at our local operator's private reserve. This is an excellent opportunity to immerse yourself in wild Australia and add plentiful lifers to your list.

From Hobart, with Cat Davidson

Tanzania Safari & Birding

Feb. 4 – 16, 2020 | \$9425



East Africa is the ultimate big mammal destination: Elephant, Zebra, Giraffe, Rhino, Lion, and more. Tanzania also offers world-class birding, home to over 1,000 species. See Gray Crowned-Crane and Lilac-breasted Roller! Travel with a master safari guide as Wildebeest calve—prime time—and predator-prey interactions are intense. Picture this, backdropped by the splendor of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Add an incredible Kenya extension.

From Arusha, with Peg Abbott



Red Howler Monkeys by Lean Moore

Southern Belize: Pristine & Wild

Feb. 14 – 21, 2020 | \$3690



Enjoy an in-depth exploration of southern Belize, a small Central American country that offers an enchanting blend of Maya ruins, beautiful coastline, and lush tropical forests. We stay at two outstanding ecolodges, which allow us easy access to several habitats from submontane Caribbean pine forest to tropical riparian scrub and mangrove. Learn about forest ecology and conservation issues while seeking toucans, woodpeckers, and parrots at a relaxed and fun pace.

From Belize City, with Dodie Logue

Hawaii Birding & Nature Cruise

Feb. 15 – 22, 2020 | From \$5195



Timed for peak whale season, cruise between Moloka'i, Lana'i, Maui, and Hawai'i to discover a new side of Hawai'i, far from the touristy crowds. Snorkel among undersea coral gardens teeming with tropical fish. Swim with gigantic Manta Rays on a night excursion. Explore the Humpback National Marine Sanctuary for whales and dolphins. Extend your trip to search for endemics on the Big Island: Palila, Elepaio, Nene, l'iwi, and more.

From Moloka'i, with Greg Smith

Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness

Feb. 17 – 29, 2020 | \$5995

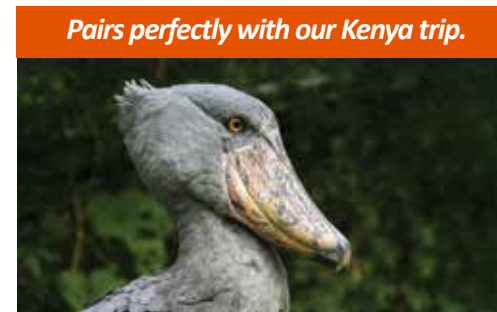


Discover Guyana, South America's hidden gem. This unspoiled wilderness offers an amazing experience—birds and mammals abound! Spot brilliant Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, wine and white Pompadour Cotinga, and elfin Dusky Purpletuft, as well as Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, and some of six possible wild cats. Stay at Surama Village, an eco-tourism success story that may have an active Harpy Eagle nest! We also search for rare Sun Parakeet, iconic Hoatzin, and more.

From Georgetown, with Dave Mehlman

Uganda: Fabulous Birds & Mammals

Feb. 5 – 15, 2020 | \$4990



A spectacular experience awaits in Uganda, where golden savannah meets verdant jungle. Where else can you see Lion prowling open plains, track Mountain Gorilla in lush forest, and cruise papyrus-fringed lakes in search of Shoebill? Visit Kibale Forest to track Chimpanzee and up to twelve other primate species. See some of Africa's most beautiful and iconic birds, including Albertine Rift endemics: hornbills, turacos, bustards, kingfishers, bee-eaters, and more.

From Entebbe, with Pat Lueders

Panama: Birds & Mammals

Feb. 8 – 16, 2020 | \$4090



Partake in an exciting adventure focused on both Neotropical mammals and the many exciting birds that reside in Panama. We tailored this route to find many of the mammals of this biodiverse country: monkeys, coatis, and tamanduas by day and Kinkajou, various opossums, and bats at night. Birding is dynamic, with a rich array of species. Join us at the renowned Canopy Tower and Lodge. Learn new skills with expert guides. Find last year's species list on our website.

From Panama City, with Robert Gallardo

Journey to the Galápagos

Feb. 9 – 16, 2020 | \$8050



Cruise the Galápagos, Ecuador's stunning volcanic archipelago and a UNESCO World Heritage site, on a luxury yacht—a new experience for us. Home to fascinating animals, these islands inspired Charles Darwin and other evolutionary biologists. We follow the northern route on an intimate cruise focused on birding, snorkeling, and photography. Guides Carol Simon and Howard Topoff are biologists and animal behavior specialists.

From Quito, w/ Carol Simon & Howard Topoff

Mexico's Butterflies & Birds

Feb. 18 – 25, 2020 | \$3590

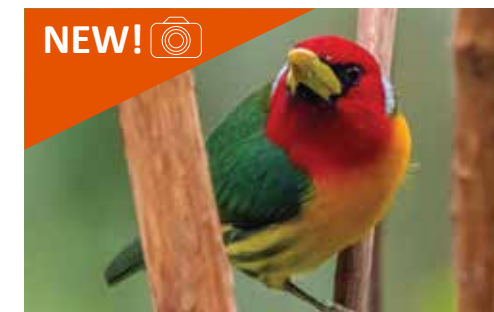


Witness a great migration spectacle: the wintering grounds of the Monarch Butterfly. Over 20-million swarm the highland pines. Search for Sierra Madre Sparrow, Strickland's Woodpecker, Black-pollled Yellowthroat, Transvolcanic Jay, Russet Nightingale-thrush, Golden-cheeked Woodpecker, and more. Enjoy great food and amazing local crafts. Stay in unique hotels and bird the grounds, relax in thermal springs, or enjoy short walks to the local plaza.

From Mexico City, with Woody Wheeler

Lens-Friendly Birding: Ecuador

Feb. 22 – Mar. 2, 2020 | \$2995



Ecuador is famed for its biodiversity and is one of the premier bird photography destinations in South America. Hummingbirds feature heavily on this tour—fantastic feeder set-ups allow for excellent photo opportunities. Additionally, photograph other colorful tropical birds, including various bright tanagers, toucans, trogons, woodpeckers, and even the vividly scarlet Andean Cock-of-the-rock. Opt to extend to Sani Lodge in the Amazon.

From Quito, with Javier Zurita

Cuba: Nature & Culture

Feb. 25 – Mar. 4, 2020 | \$4490



Explore Cuba on a legal nature and culture tour! Observe many of Cuba's endemic birds, including the diminutive Bee Hummingbird, gaudy Cuban Trogon, and melodic Cuban Solitaire, with stunning island scenery as a backdrop. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Havana, Viñales, and Bay of Pigs. Learn first-hand how Cubans look to their future and how they interpret their past by meeting with local biologists, teachers, and artists.

From Havana, with Bob Meinke



March 2020

Hummingbirds in Colombia by Linda Paine

Belize Birding & Nature

Mar. 7 – 14, 2020 | \$3850



Close to home, yet exotic, Belize is replete with tropical nature and birds! Reawakened is the Maya tradition of caring for their biological wealth. Belize's forests are expansive enough to host Jaguar and lush enough for a rainbow of birds. We feature two of Belize's finest ecolodges: Lamanai Outpost and Chan Chich, offering outstanding birds and mammals, Maya ruins, and tasty food. Walk trails with expert guides, explore by boat, and enjoy night drives.

From Belize City, with James Smith

Short Costa Rica

Mar. 7 – 14, 2020 | \$2895



This new Costa Rica tour combines time at two of our favorite lodges: Maquenque Eco-lodge and Bosque de Paz Lodge. Each is remote, offering you an immersion in nature. One is a lowland site surrounding a tropical lagoon, with boat trips and a huge array of species; the other, a mountain setting with forest trails and feeders that attract elusive hummingbirds, Black Guan, and even Paca! A great, easier-paced (two lodge) end-of-winter getaway.

From San José, with Dan Donaldson

Platte River Cranes

Mar. 8 – 14 & Mar. 22 – 28, 2020 | \$2190



Witness the magical spectacle of migration as half a million Sandhill Cranes descend upon Nebraska's Platte River in late winter, the largest gathering of cranes anywhere in the world. Marvel at skies full of migrating Snow Geese and ponds brimming with crisply-plumaged ducks in breeding dress. We start in Lincoln, giving you the chance to explore the city's vibrant art galleries, museums, and restaurants before we take in the unforgettable crane display.

From Lincoln, with Ed & Sil Pembleton



Sea of Cortez Cruise, courtesy UnCruise Adventures

Costa Rica: Monteverde & More

Mar. 19 – 29, 2020 | \$3990



A long favorite itinerary returns! On this Costa Rica birding and wildlife tour, explore the lush Monteverde cloudforest in search of the dazzling Resplendent Quetzal and bizarre Three-wattled Bellbird. Immerse yourself in tropical wonder at Celeste Mountain Lodge in the shadow of volcanoes. Discover the Caño Negro area, rich in charismatic waders, including the towering Jabiru. Then, opt for a drive to search for potoos, owls, and perhaps even Ocelot or Giant Anteater.

From San José, with Carlos Sanchez

Mexico's Sea of Cortez

Mar. 21 – 28, 2020 | \$4795



Cruise the protected waters of Mexico's Sea of Cortez, where crystalline waters fringe red desert bluffs. Search for Baja's endemic birds: Belding's Yellowthroat, Gray Thrasher, and Xantus's Hummingbird. Watch for Blue-footed and Brown Boobies, Heermann's and Yellow-footed Gulls; even Craveri's Murrelet nest here. Explore by kayak or paddleboard, watching for sea life. Active exploration, turquoise waters, and a menagerie of seabirds, colorful fish, and whales await!

From Cabo San Lucas, with Greg Smith

South Texas Birding & Nature

Feb. 23 - Mar. 1 & Mar. 22 - 29, 2020 | \$2250



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, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Red-crowned Parrot, and more. Find rare Whooping Crane at Rockport. Enjoy lovely lodgings at the Inn at Chachalaca Bend and the Alamo Inn.

From Corpus Christi, with Michael Marsden

Amazon River Cruise

Mar. 13 – 21, 2020 | Starting at \$6498



Travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest. 1,300+ bird species, 40,000 plant species, two species of river dolphin, and a plethora of primates are found in this lush, ever-changing realm known simply as "The Amazon." Immerse yourself in the labyrinth of wildlife, forests, and people along the river. Our boat offers unrivaled comfort and lets us responsibly travel deep into the waterways and remote corners of the Upper Amazon Basin.

From Lima, with Bob Meinke

So. Ecuador: Birding & Nature

Mar. 13 – 26, 2020 | \$4890



Explore Ecuador, a peaceful 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 400+ species of birds, including 40 or more hummingbirds! Enjoy time in Cuenca with local markets and Cajas National Park.

From Quito, with Andrea Molina

Colombia's Santa Marta Endemics

Mar. 15 – 23, 2020 | \$4150



Explore Colombia's endemic-rich Caribbean coast, where palm-lined beaches fringe snowy summits, and avian diversity is high. Ascend the Sierra Nevada to El Dorado Lodge, then back to coastal Tayrona NP. Seek 20+ endemics, 25+ 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 a safe and easily accessible destination.

From Barranquilla, with Lynn Tennefoss

Guatemala: Tikal & Guacamayas

Mar. 22 – 29, 2020 | \$2750



Imagine a rainforest in Central America so vast and so pristine that it still holds populations of mammals like Jaguar and Baird's Tapir. Imposing ancient temple pyramids at Tikal rise out of this lush forest to further add interest and mystique. A rich profusion of colorful tanagers, toucans, parrots, and manakins and the audacious Ocellated Turkey abound in the verdant landscape. Find all of this and so much more in the "Selva Maya" of Guatemala.

From Guatemala City, with Rick Weiman

Cuba: Nature & Culture

Mar. 24 – Apr. 1, 2020 | \$4490



Explore Cuba on a legal nature and culture tour! Observe many of Cuba's endemic birds, including the diminutive Bee Hummingbird, gaudy Cuban Trogon, and melodic Cuban Solitaire, with stunning island scenery as a backdrop. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Havana, Viñales, and Bay of Pigs. Learn first-hand how Cubans look to their future and how they interpret their past by meeting with local biologists, teachers, and artists.

From Havana, with Dave Mehlman

Chilean Fjords Cruise

Mar. 28 – Apr. 10, 2020 | Starting at \$6495



The vast Patagonian ice-sheet is the third largest ice-mass on the planet. It is a remnant of Earth's most recent ice age and dominates the landscape, ecology, and geology of Patagonia. Immense glacial systems cut through towering mountains and ancient boreal forests tell a story of an evolving planet. Seabirds abound! Explore by Zodiac and enjoy hikes in the company of expert guides. We discover it all from the comfort of the *Resolute*.

From Ushuaia, with onboard expert guides



Guyana & Trinidad: Birding & Nature

Apr. 1 – 15, 2020 | \$6190



Take a wild adventure to Guyana and Trinidad. First stop: Guyana. This unspoiled wilderness, off the radar for many travelers, offers an amazing experience ... birds and mammals abound! Next stop: Trinidad's Asa Wright Nature Centre. Spend time at the world-famous Centre, exploring the trails and relaxing on the verandah. Last stop: Grand Riviere. Witness nesting Leatherback Turtles on Trinidad's northern coast—our hotel is right on the beach.

From Georgetown, with Pat Lueders

Morocco Birding & Nature

Apr. 14 – 24, 2020 | \$3690



Discover Morocco. Explore Marrakech's famous Medina and Souk with your guide, journey across the highest pass in the High Atlas Mountains, bird the breathtaking Sahara, walk palm-fringed wadis for migrants, search for Egyptian Nightjar, Desert Warbler, Crowned and Spotted Sandgrouse, Hoopoe Lark, Cream-colored Courser, Fulvous Babbler, Lanner Falcon, and more. Witness sunrise over the high sand dunes. Food is delicious and we soak in all of Morocco's rich nature and culture.

From Marrakesh, with Peter Jones

Texas Hill Country

Apr. 17 – 22, 2020 | \$2090



Amidst the open landscape of the Edwards Plateau, explore Texas Hill Country and fabulous birds. Stay at Neal's Lodge—it's a one-stop, unpack, and enjoy tour. Specialties include Black-capped Vireo, Golden-cheeked Warbler, Olive Sparrow, Long-billed Thrasher, Crested Caracara, and more. Enjoy clear rivers lined with Bald Cypress, brilliant spring wildflowers, Lost Maples State Park, and other hotspots. At dusk, witness a river of bats emerge from a cave—spectacular!

From San Antonio, with Pat Lueders

Lens-Friendly Birding: Thailand

Apr. 20 – May 3, 2020 | \$4390



Pittas, broadbills, and kingfishers! Thailand and Vietnam's avian gems beckon! Exploring tropical forest in Southern Vietnam starts the trip. Then, off to Thailand with its abundance of exquisite birds and amazing mammals like Asian Elephant. Search for breeding Blue, Hooded, Blue-winged, Mangrove, and Malayan Banded Pittas, as well as colorful broadbills and kingfishers. A short flight takes us to picturesque Phuket for more pittas, hornbills, and stunning scenery.

From Ho Chi Minh City, with Nick Upton

Texas Coast & Big Thicket

Apr. 23 – May 1, 2020 | \$2390



Long recognized as one of the best places to be during spring migration, the Upper Texas Coast sees over two dozen warbler species pass through, along with vireos, thrushes, orioles, and other passerines. Shorebirds, rails, skimmers, pelicans, and other coastal species abound. With northerly winds or rain, watch for a "fallout," where migrants fill wooded areas along the coast to add excitement to this tour. Add some pine-forest southern specialties—wow!

From Houston, with James Smith

Texas' Big Bend

Apr. 24 – May 1, 2020 | \$2490



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 red and orange. Visit at the peak of spring migration as Eastern, Western, Mexican, and Rocky Mountain birds converge—nearly 450 species have been recorded! Gray, Black, and Zone-tailed Hawks are specialty raptors. Find coati, javelina, lizards, cacti in bloom, and more.

From El Paso, with Michael Marsden



Lesvos, Greece: Migration!

Apr. 25 – May 2, 2020 | \$2790



One of the best locations in Europe for observing spring migration, the beautiful Greek island of Lesvos offers varied habitats, from rocky mountains and extensive pine forests to fertile olive groves and coastal wetlands, prime to explore. Additionally, Lesvos has remained remarkably unspoiled. Witness inspiring scenes of white-painted villages, walk through fields of wildflowers, and enjoy authentic cuisine—and best of all, your visit is timed with the birds. Check out last year's species list!

From Mytilene, with Peg Abbott

Spain: Birding & Nature

Apr. 25 – May 7, 2020 | \$4890



Spain boasts some of the richest and most exciting birding in Europe due to its climate, location on a migratory pathway, and variety of habitats. We span across the granite mountains of Gredos, cork-oak forests and steppes of Extremadura, and the extensive wetlands of Doñana, ensuring a wide variety of species. Additionally, we make time to experience the many cultural, architectural, and culinary delights that this lovely country has to offer.

From Madrid, with Carlos Sanchez

Texas' Big Bend

May 2 – 9, 2020 | \$2490



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From El Paso, with Michael Marsden

Ohio: The Biggest Week

May 6 – 13 & May 13 – 20, 2020 | \$2490



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. See 25+ species of warblers in vibrant spring plumage that have been recorded in the region. Visit Crane Creek, Magee Marsh, and Ottawa NWR; our local guide helps you avoid the crowds and find special places.

From Cleveland, with Dan Donaldson

Washington's Olympic Peninsula

May 9 – 17, 2020 | \$TBD



Explore mountains and ocean, forests and meadows, glaciers and tide-pools in Olympic National Park. Visit Lake Quinalt, Lake Crescent, and the Dungeness Peninsula. Experience the only temperate rainforest in the contiguous 48 states, one of the most scenic coastlines in the world, and the glacially-carved splendor of the Olympic Mountains. Seek Tufted Puffin, Harlequin Duck, Sooty Grouse, Rock Sandpiper, Vaux's Swift, and Chestnut-backed Chickadee.

From Seattle, with Woody Wheeler

Australia's Outback Queensland

May 21 – 31, 2020 | \$5490



Internationally-significant for Cretaceous marine and terrestrial dinosaur fossils, and home to a large variety of range-restricted extant bird and mammal specialties, Queensland is an amazing destination. Visit collections of marine fossils, try your luck at fossicking, search for mammal specialties like the Purple-necked Rock-wallaby, and watch for range-restricted grasswrens, Grey Falcon, Red Goshawk, Bourke's Parrot, and huge flocks of Budgerigar and Plum-headed Finch.

From Mount Isa, with Tonia Cochran

June 2020

Grizzly Bear by Greg Smith

Australia's Cape York Specialties

May 31 – Jun. 9, 2020 | \$4995

Pairs perfectly with our Queensland or Darwin tours.

Australia's isolation and harsh environments have led to some of the world's most unique wildlife. Search for koalas, rosellas, bowerbirds, fairywrens, kookaburras, and lyrebirds. Look for nocturnal creatures like Sugar Glider, Rufous and Masked Owls, Marbled Frogmouth, and Large-tailed Nightjar. Explore lush forests and beaches at Iron Range NP and savannas and wetlands at Lakefield NP.

*From Cairns, with Steve Davidson***Kakadu, Darwin & Kimberly**

Jun. 11 – 19, 2020 | \$4490

Pairs perfectly with our Cape York tour.

Australia's Top End awaits! Spectacular scenery, indigenous rock art, and amazing boab trees beckon, while 200 bird species, including range-restricted Gouldian Finch, Hooded Parrot, Rainbow Pitta, and Banded Fruit Dove, add life birds to our list. Mammals include Short-eared and Wilkin's Rock-wallaby, Antelope and Black Wallaroo, Black Flying-fox, and Dingo. Enjoy Kakadu's vast wetlands and the Kimberly's Lake Argyle.

*From Darwin, with expert local guides***Classic Alaska: Birding & Wildlife**

May 31 – Jun. 11 & Jun. 7 – 18, 2020 | \$6590



Alaska's wild heart and ecological integrity make it a wilderness jewel. Enjoy endless daylight, breeding birds, mammals with young, and few insects. Visit Anchorage, Nome, Denali, and Seward. Explore tundra, search for Bluethroat and Bristle-thighed Curlew, loons and shorebirds. Seek Moose and bear in Denali, see nesting puffins, Kittlitz, and Marbled Murrelet in Kenai Fjords.

*From Nome, with Peg Abbott | James Smith***Alaska's Glacier Country Cruise**

Jun. 12 – 19, 2020 | Starting at \$6295



Cruise Southeast Alaska aboard the luxurious *Safari Explorer*. Unpack once, then enjoy ample time to hike, kayak, see abundant seabirds, or just relax. Skiff to Dawes Glacier to see ice calve. Immerse yourself in the beauty, birds, and wildlife of Glacier Bay NP. Spot Humpback, Orca, and Minke Whales among other marine mammals—a perfect trip to experience Alaska's rich wildlife and breathtaking scenery in comfort.

*From Juneau, with Greg Smith***Yellowstone: Birds, Bears & Wildlife**

Jun. 10 – 17, 2020 | \$2990

NEW!

June is perfect to visit Yellowstone; vast herds of calving elk attract predators to the Lamar Valley and other prime areas. See Black and Grizzly Bears, wolves, Golden Eagle, and more. Birds are nesting and easier to find as they sing and call: see Pine Grosbeak, Western Tanager, Mountain Bluebird, Lazuli Bunting, and Harlequin Duck. Badger and Coyote dens have young—everywhere, life is vibrant!

*From Bozeman, with Carlos Sanchez***Scottish Highlands & Islands**

Jun. 12 – 24, 2020 | \$5390

Pairs perfectly with our Iceland tour.

Based from the lovely Mountview Hotel, explore snow-capped peaks, extensive moors, and soaring coastal cliffs. Search ancient Caledonian Pines for Crested Tit and Scottish Crossbill. Cruise for gannets and puffins. Stroll rolling scenery for rare Capercaillie. Explore Cairngorm NP for "Red Grouse" and Eurasian Dotterel. See Loch Ness and Culloden Battlefield. Visit Mull and Iona to explore the islands.

From Inverness, with Michael Mardsen

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Naturalist Journeys Stock

Scotland, Faroe Islands & Iceland

Jun. 13 – 24, 2020 | Starting at \$7395

Pairs perfectly with our Iceland tour.

Discover stunning islands on this North Atlantic cruise. Scotland offers a rich tapestry of history, culture, and rugged beauty. The Faroe Islands are famous for their natural beauty, steep mountains, and the largest storm-petrel colony in the world. Home to ice-covered volcanoes, immense glaciers, and geothermal lagoons, Iceland is a stark, volcanic land with a warm heart.

*From Edinburgh, with Peg Abbott***Queensland's Wet Tropics**

Jun. 21 – 29, 2020 | \$TBD

Pairs perfectly with our Darwin tour.

Bird habitats around Cairns for Australian Brush Turkey, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Superb and Wompoo Fruit-Doves, and Lovely Fairy-wren. Search for Southern Cassowary! Explore the Atherton Tablelands for Long-nosed Bandicoot, Sugar Glider, Platypus, Australian Bustard, and Emu. Cruise the Daintree for Azure and Little Kingfisher, Large-billed Gerygone, Fairy Martin, and possibly Great-billed Heron.

*From Cairns, with expert local guides***Trinidad: Intro to Biodiversity**

Jun. 20 – 28, 2020 | \$2490



June is a fantastic time to witness the richness of life and all its complexities on Trinidad. This is a fast and fun study of tropical biology and ecology. See Trinidad's famed rainbow of birds, while cool rains bring out a kaleidoscope of life, from land crabs to katydids to Tegus and more. Biologists Carol Simon and Howard Topoff lead this tour and make learning fun. It's Tropical Ecology 101—with no exams!

*From Port of Spain, w/ Carol Simon & Howard Topoff***Iceland Birding & Nature**

Jun. 25 – Jul. 4, 2020 | \$TBD

Pairs perfectly with our Scotland tours.

Geysers, waterfalls, glaciers, mountains, meadows, and coasts. See the dramatic Snæfellsnes Peninsula, ferry to Flatey Island, explore Lake Myvatn for Gyr Falcon and Merlin. Bird the Northeast Coast's Northern Gannet colony at Laganes; see Atlantic Puffin at a BirdLife Iceland site. Take in stunning glacial scenery at Vatnajökull. Explore the scenic South Coast, for Arctic Tern and Red-throated Loon.

*From Reyk. w/ Daniel Bergmann & Gerard Gorman***PLAN AHEAD****Svalbard: Kingdom of the Polar Bear**

June 8 – 17, 2021 | \$TBD

The Svalbard archipelago is one of the most dramatic places on earth. Just 600 miles south of the North Pole, it is a land of rugged mountains, Arctic pack-ice, and ancient glaciers. Experience one of the last great wildernesses on Earth. Nothing can prepare you for your first sighting of a wild Polar Bear. Plus, witness huge populations of sea birds, as well as Barnacle Goose, Red Phalarope, and more. To secure a charter, we must survey our interest in this exciting adventure now (by the end of August!). Get on the "possible list" today!

From Oslo, with Greg Smith



Great Green Macaw by Doug Greenberg

July 2020

Birding & Nature at Zapata Ranch

Coming Summer 2020 | \$TBD



Join renowned birder and author Ted Floyd for an unforgettable week in Colorado's San Luis Valley. Based at TNC's Zapata Ranch, home to everything from Long-eared Owl to Lewis's Woodpecker. Explore alpine meadows, "bridal veil" falls, riparian groves, wetlands, and austere deserts. Take time to understand and appreciate the birds in their environment, and enjoy butterfly, photography, and celebration of the rich history of the valley.

From Denver or Albuquerque, with Pat Lueders

Papua New Guinea

Jun. 30 – Jul. 9, 2020 | \$8950



Papua New Guinea has one of the most varied avifauna in the world. Across the highlands and lowlands we search for trillers, logrunners, babblers, warblers, fairy-wrens, fantails, monarchs and robins, honeyeaters, finches, mynahs, drongos, butcherbirds, bowerbirds, cassowaries, birds of paradise, parrots, cockatoos, kingfishers, and hornbills—yes!

From Port Moresby, with Steve Davidson

Arctic: Lazy Bear Lodge

Jul. 10 – 17, 2020 | \$TBD



Adventure abounds in Churchill where Beluga Whale visit Hudson Bay in huge numbers and Polar Bear can be seen with flowers as well as on ice! Summer brings the best chance to see bears, Beluga, Arctic and boreal birds, seals, Arctic Hare and Fox. Opt to kayak with Belugas! Explore the tundra in bloom, visit historic sites, and experience the culture and heritage of this remote site from our cozy and authentic northern wilderness lodge.

From Winnipeg, with John Carlson



Zebra Greeting by Peg Abbott

Belize: Green Season

Jul. 17 – 24, 2020 | \$TBD



Pairs perfectly with our Panama tour.

Discover Belize's biological treasures and cultural roots on this green season tour. We emphasize birding, but also explore natural history and Maya heritage ... and some simple, relaxing fun. Enjoy extended time at each of our two lovely lodges—Lamanai Outpost and Black Rock—to ease travel and soak in the habitats at these special places. Awake to the chorus of forest-falcons, tinamous, and motmots, and search for parrots, toucans, trogons, and more.

From Belize City, with Robert Gallardo

Panama & The Wild Darién

Jul. 24 – 31, 2020 | \$TBD



Pairs perfectly with our Belize trip.

Panama's Darién is a mythical place, replete with fantastic birds and wildlife. Enjoy safari-style tents (private bath) and knowledgeable local guides. This fabled region is where wildlife from two continents blends. Rich habitats host Capped Heron, Black Oropendola, Black-collared Hawk, Great Green Macaw, Dusky-backed Jacamar, and Sapphire-throated Hummingbird. Visit as rains release a burst of biodiversity with a green season discount! Seen on our 2019 trip: Harpy AND Crested Eagles.

From Panama City, with Robert Gallardo

Arizona Monsoon Madness

Jul. 25 – 31, 2020 | \$2390

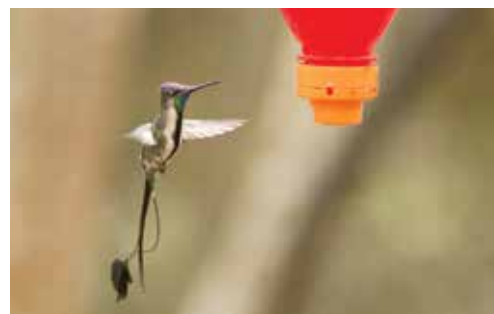


Monsoon rains turn SE Arizona green. During this "second spring" see up to 14 different hummingbirds, hear Botteri's and Cassin's Sparrows, and spot breeding birds of Mexican affinity like Montezuma Quail. Explore cool canyons for Elegant Trogon, mountain forests for Red-faced and Olive Warblers. Discover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

From Tucson, with Carlos Sanchez

Northern Peru Endemics

Jul. 11 – 22, 2020 | \$3890



Explore Northern Peru, a jigsaw of mountains and deeply sliced canyons, for a treasure trove of landscapes and birds. Visit high Andean cloud forests laden with verdant mosses and exquisite orchids for feeding flocks and the mythical Long-whiskered Owl. Witness Marvelous Spatuletail, Royal Sunangel, and 40+ other hummingbird species. Bird at Waquanki Lodge for barbets, fruiteaters, and toucanets—a fun and proven birding route with endless possibilities.

From Lima, with Andrea Molina

Oregon Birds & Botany

Jul. 16 – 24, 2020 | \$3290



Bird and botanize in the mountains and valley wetlands of the Columbia Plateau. Explore the shores of the Columbia River, where Lewis and Clark history abounds. Take in the breeding birds, montane wildflowers, and spectacular mountain scenery of the remote Blue Mountains and Wallowa Mountains, and the delightful offerings of the Walla Walla wineries, from the comfort of three elegant historic inns and lodges, known for their comfortable rooms and superb dining.

From Pasco, w/ Bob Meinke & Steve Shunk

Uganda: Birds & Gorillas

Jul. 16 – 26, 2020 | \$TBD



Pairs perfectly with our Kenya tour.

A spectacular experience awaits in Uganda, where golden savannah meets verdant jungle. Where else can you see Lion prowling open plains, track Mountain Gorilla in lush forest, and cruise papyrus-fringed lakes in search of Shoebill? Visit Kibale Forest to track Chimpanzee and up to twelve other primate species. See some of Africa's most beautiful and iconic birds, including Albertine Rift endemics: hornbills, turacos, bustards, kingfishers, bee-eaters, and more.

From Entebbe, with Gerard Gorman

Kenya Wildlife Safari

Jul. 27 – Aug. 9, 2020 | \$TBD



Pairs perfectly with our Uganda or Botswana tours.

Our owner, Peg Abbott, has made over a dozen trips to Kenya, a place she treasures for its wealth of birds and wildlife in diverse and scenic landscapes. Designed to show off East Africa's incredible wildlife—Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Jackal, Genet, Zebra, Elephant, Gazelles. Our route includes western Kenya's Kakamega Forest and bird-rich rift-valley lakes at Baringo, Nakuru, and Naivasha, plus world-class wildlife viewing in the Maasai Mara, part of the Serengeti ecosystem.

From Nairobi, with Peg Abbott

Canada Fins & Fiddles Cruise

Jul. 28 – Aug. 7, 2020 | Starting at \$4995



Cruise the Canadian Maritimes, featuring small fishing villages, rich musical traditions, and remote ports. See a staggering abundance of seabirds, seals, and whales. Visit fabled Sable Island, home to beautiful wild horses. Sail towards the mouth of the St. Lawrence to look for Humpback, Minke, and perhaps Blue Whale. See Northern Gannet and Atlantic Puffin breeding areas. Enjoy daily shore excursions that highlight maritime Canada.

From Louisbourg, with TBD

“The Casa de San Pedro was charming, clean, and quiet, with the best breakfasts I have ever had at a B&B. It suited our group perfectly.”

*Christine Perdue,
2019 Arizona Traveler*



August 2020

Hyacinth Macaws by Xavier Muñoz

Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars & More!

Aug. 5 – 15, 2020 | \$5590



The Pantanal rivals Africa for mammals and birds. New this year, we visit both sides of the Pantanal to discover wildlife in a rich mix of savannas, forests, wetlands, and large rivers. Delve deep into animal behavior with our guides. Search for Brazilian Tapir, Maned Wolf, Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, Jaguar, Harpy Eagle, Greater Rhea, Hyacinth Macaw, and Toco Toucan. We stay at charming cattle ranches and cruise the Cuiaba River to see Jaguar.

From São Paulo, with Bob Meinke

Labrador, Torngats & Greenland

Aug. 7 – 18, 2020 | Starting at \$5995



Cruise through Newfoundland and Labrador's dramatic glacial landscapes. Watch for shearwaters, storm-petrels, and Northern Fulmar. Explore Gros Morne NP, known for fascinating geology and Moose; see Torngat Mountains NP, the crown jewel of the Canadian National Park network; learn about Inuit culture. Watch for Walrus, Caribou, Polar Bear, and marine mammals. Spend three days exploring from Nuuk to Kangerlussuaq on Greenland's coast.

From Louisbourg, with onboard expert guides

Scottish Highlands & Islands

Aug. 7 – 19, 2020 | \$TBD



Bird the Scottish Highlands! Based from the lovely Mountview Hotel, explore snow-capped peaks, extensive moors, and soaring coastal cliffs. Search ancient Caledonian Pines for Crested Tit and Scottish Crossbill. Cruise to Troup Head for gannets and puffins. Stroll rolling scenery for rare Capercaillie. Explore Cairngorm NP for "Red Grouse" and Eurasian Dotterel. See Loch Ness, Culloden Battlefield, and more. Visit Mull and Iona to explore the islands.

From Inverness, with expert local guides

Arizona Monsoon Madness

Aug. 10 – 16, 2020 | \$2390



Monsoon rains turn SE Arizona green. During this "second spring," see 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 for 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.

From Tucson, with Pat Lueders

Alaska Sampler

Aug. 10 – 18, 2020 | \$4750

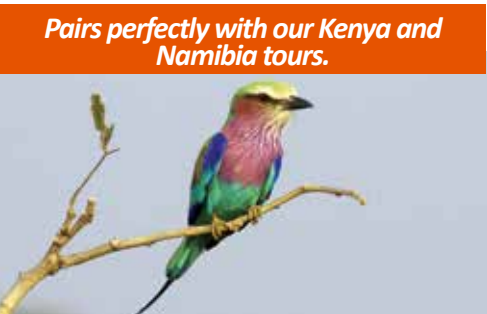


August is a grand time to visit Alaska! Mammals have shed their coats, birds are fledging young, and bears and ptarmigan indulge on ripe berries. Explore Denali as waterfowl gather in tundra ponds and Moose polish their antlers. Search for Gyrfalcon and Dall Sheep. Cruise Kenai Fjords NP at Seward to view nesting islands full of puffins, shearwaters, and jaegers. See glaciers calving, Humpback feeding, and Harbor Seals seeking refuge from Orca.

From Anchorage, with Dan Donaldson

Ultimate Botswana

Aug. 10 – 24, 2020 | \$TBD



The first of our two Botswana safaris for 2020. Wildlife is plentiful and days follow nature's rhythm. Across the Okavango Delta, Moremi National Park, and Chobe River, experience birds and mammals of various habitats, from golden savanna to luxuriant wetlands. Get amazingly close to large mammals without disturbing their interactions. This Ultimate Botswana trip adds time in Nxai Pan NP, the Kalahari, and on a luxury houseboat on the Chobe River.

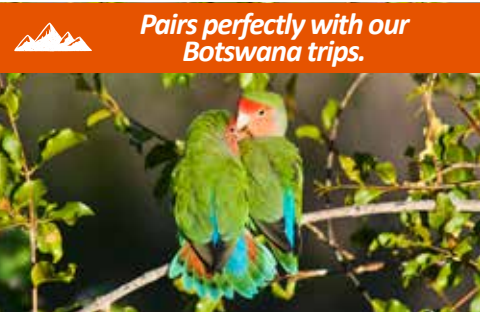
From Maun, with Greg Smith



Saddle-billed Stork by Greg Smith

Namibia: Birds, Wildlife & Landscapes

Aug. 25 – Sept. 4, 2020 | \$3790



Namibia hosts a dramatic arid landscapes that include massive red dunes, granite outcrops, an isolated, iconic inselberg (the Brandburg), and colonial Swakopmund on the scenic coast. The Namib is the oldest desert in the world, with oases for a rich and sometimes odd array of mammal, plant, and birdlife. Oryx, Blesbok, hornbills, Rockrunner, Herero Chat, Dune Lark, birds of prey, and more await! Highlights include time at the vivid red dunes of Sossusvlei, a contrast to coastal Walvis Bay.

From Windhoek, with Greg Smith

Isle Royale & Hawk Ridge

Coming August 2020 | \$TBD



Enjoy an immersion in North Woods natural history on Michigan's incredible Isle Royale, the largest freshwater island in the world. First we explore Minnesota's north shore from Duluth; spend time on Hawk Ridge at the peak of raptor migration to see streams of raptors pass through. Then, spend five nights at Rock Harbor Lodge on Isle Royale. Enjoy interpretive outings by boat and on trails, hike beckoning forests, and paddle the scenic coastline.

From Duluth, with TBD



Antarctica, The Falkland Islands & South Georgia Island

Nov. 27 – Dec. 17, 2020 | Starting at \$21,795

The trip of a lifetime! This is our favorite Antarctic cruise. Visit the Falklands to learn their fascinating history, get close to Rockhopper Penguins, and watch seabirds in astonishing numbers feed in rich Southern Ocean waters. Explore South Georgia, home to massive penguin rookeries, beaches littered with Elephant and Fur Seals, and nesting albatrosses. Set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula, our final destination. Icebergs in other-worldly shapes fill the water, so full of sea life—see whales, including Humpback, Minke, and Orca, and Leopard Seal. Explore ashore with expert guides, cruise in Zodiacs, and kayak the rich waters.

From Santiago, with John Carlson

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PEG ABBOTT

Peg is the owner and lead guide of Naturalist Journeys. She has been designing, guiding, and organizing natural history tours for 40 years, working for the National Audubon Society and other organizations before launching Naturalist Journeys in 1998. She has traveled to all seven continents and has a keen interest in conservation. Her interests include all aspects of natural history and geology. After 20 years near Yellowstone, Peg now lives in Portal, Arizona.



JOHN CARLSON

John is from Montana and has a strong interest in wildlife and birds of northern realms and both polar regions. He has his BA in Zoology from the Univ. of Montana and MS in Zoology and Physiology from the Univ. of Wyoming. He has done Antarctic work and research since 1994 and has conducted seabird research in the Bering Sea and Baffin Bay. He is a Wildlife Biologist for the Bureau of Land Management where he focuses on Greater Sage-Grouse management.



TONIA COCHRAN

Dr. Tonia Cochran is the owner of a Tasmania-based tour company. Tonia has over 20 years experience in ecotourism in Australia and she designs most of the birding and wildlife itineraries for her company's guests. She is a qualified biologist with a broad knowledge of Australian marine and terrestrial fauna and flora and draws on her years of field experience and academic and teaching background to design and lead exceptional tours throughout Australia.



BOB MEINKE

Bob started birding in 1979, while an ecology undergraduate in northern California. Upon completing his PhD, he joined the faculty at Oregon State University, where he and his students work in plant conservation biology. When not botanizing, Bob and his wife Kelly, also an avid birder, travel extensively, having tracked birds and other wildlife from India, Fiji, New Guinea, and Australia to Iceland, Ecuador, Brazil, and southwest Africa. They share a particular interest in the avifauna of Central and South America.



ANDREA MOLINA

Andrea is an Ecuadorian bird guide who has been guiding since 2006. She started as a local guide at the Bellavista Reserve cloud forest in Ecuador and then was recruited by Neblina Forest as a guide in 2010. Since then, Andrea has trained in Brazil, Peru, and other locations in Ecuador. Her good energy and kind touch with clients, as well as her good ears and great eye for birds, ensures her groups have an excellent experience. Andrea lives in Ecuador with her family.



XAVIER MUÑOZ

Xavier's background is in tourism business administration and he is also a professional bird-naturalist guide. Co-founder of Neblina Forest in 1994, Xavier collaborates with his peers in Ecuador and the USA, including Fundacion Jocotoco and Rainforest Trust; for Xavier, ecotourism and conservation walk together. Xavier has worked with Naturalist Journeys for over 20 years, leading tours in Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Trinidad and Tobago. He lives in Ecuador with his family and horses.



STEVE DAVIDSON

Steve has had a love affair with birds since childhood. He currently works for Birdlife Australia on a part-time basis, involved in ongoing bird survey work, as a regional coordinator for the Orange-bellied Parrot Recovery Team, and has been involved in Swift Parrot national surveys in Tasmania and on the mainland. Steve lives in Melbourne, Victoria, and has travelled extensively throughout Australia chasing birds; to that end he has seen over 650 species in the country.



DAN DONALDSON

Dan is an accomplished naturalist-bird guide from Northeast Ohio. He honed his skill working for a local park district for 25 years; his full-time job is the director of the local soil and water conservation district. Dan is also an adjunct geology and natural history professor at Cleveland State University. His specialization in birding locales ranges from the Great Lakes to coastal destinations like Cape May, from the Maritime Provinces of Canada to the Florida Keys.



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 Central America's stunning variety of habitats.



ED & SIL PEMBLETON

The Pembletons have led field trips for 30+ years. Ed worked for the National Audubon Society and as director of the Leopold Education Project, promoting Aldo Leopold's land ethics philosophy. Ed's photos appear in books and national magazines. Seliesha has written children's wildlife books, worked at the Smithsonian Institution, and was director of environmental studies at Hard Bargain Farm. She has taught environmental education in Japan. The couple enjoys birding, hiking, gardening, and canoeing.



CARLOS SANCHEZ

Born in Miami, Florida, Carlos has had a fascination with wildlife since his childhood. In college he began to bird in earnest throughout Florida, South America, Spain, and even Australia. He has also been a resident guide at lodges in both Ecuador and Brazil. 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 for Naturalist Journeys to some of our most-prized locations.



CAROL SIMON & HOWARD TOPOFF

Carol and Howard have been study leaders on natural history trips for over 30 years. Both are formerly professors at the City University of New York and Research Associates at the American Museum of Natural History. Howard has spent 40+ years researching the social behavior of animals. Carol is broadly trained in ecology, behavior, and evolution. Her research on the social behavior of reptiles has taken her to many areas of North and Central America.



GERARD GORMAN

Gerard is an experienced birding and wildlife guide, based in Europe where his knowledge of the wildlife sites of the region is second to none, having visited every country from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Gerard is the author of *Central and Eastern European Wildlife and Birding in Eastern Europe*, among others. His passion is woodpeckers, and he is regarded as an authority on these special birds, authoring the acclaimed book *Woodpeckers of the World*.



KEITH HANSEN & PATRICIA BRICEÑO

Keith is a renowned wildlife artist, capturing birds and other wildlife in innovative yet accurate portrayals for a wide range of books and other publications, art shows, and private commissions. Patricia is a fabric artist with an eye for color, fabric, and texture that influences all her art. Keith and Patricia's compassionate positive spirit, and sense of fun are contagious. Together they share their passion for the natural world with their groups.



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. Dodie splits time between the southwest and the midwest, where she has turned her farm back into native prairie and wetland. She is involved with Citizen Science projects including the MN Breeding Bird Atlas, a variety of bird surveys, trogon counts, and Christmas Bird Counts. She loves nothing better than a day in the field hiking, observing, and getting ideas for her paintings.



GREG SMITH

Greg has been leading natural history and birding tours to all seven continents for over eleven years. He retired after 27 years with California State Parks where he worked as an ecologist, and then as a Superintendent of eight park units, where he focused on conservation and habitat preservation. Greg is an avid and accomplished photographer. He is integral in the planning and administration of Naturalist Journeys as our West Coast Representative. He lives in Morro Bay with his wife, Karen.



JAMES P. SMITH

Originally from Sheffield, England, James discovered a love for guiding in Israel in 1995 where he helped establish the Kibbutz Lotan Center for Birdwatching. Since then, he's led hundreds of tours throughout the Northern Hemisphere. He looks forward to expanding his guiding into Central America with Naturalist Journeys (watch for us to add Israel to our line-up soon). James is an accomplished illustrator and has also co-authored *A Guide to the Birding Hotspots of Israel*. James resides in Massachusetts with wife Susannah and son Matan.



LYNN TENNEFOSS

Lynn Tennefoss is a general naturalist with a strong interest in birds and geology. Lynn helps with Naturalist Journeys' special projects as well as many of the logistics of our U.S. tours, and has led or co-led trips to Trinidad, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, Big Bend, Oregon Coast, Minnesota's Boundary Waters, the American Southwest, and more. When not traveling, Lynn consults with nonprofit organizations, providing strategic planning, organizational assessment, and meeting facilitation services.



PAT LUEDERS

Pat has led tours in St. Louis and the Midwest for more than 15 years. Her love for travel has taken her around the world. Pat also conducts workshops for birders on a variety of topics and is the coordinator of many Citizen Science projects, including the Great Rivers Trumpeter Swan Watch. Pat serves on the board of the Audubon Society of Missouri, is a member of the Missouri Migratory Bird Advisory Team, and participates in a bird banding program.



MICHAEL MARSDEN

Michael has been an avid birder since his childhood in England. Michael lives in San Benito, Texas, an ideal base for his interest in the wildlife and history of South Texas. As well as regular tours in the U.S./Mexico borderlands, Michael has guided birding trips to Cuba, Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama and has travelled extensively in Europe and the Americas. He met Peg Abbott along Arizona's San Pedro River, and he now guides with us in Texas and beyond.



DAVID MEHLMAN

Dave is a naturalist with interests in birds, migration, ecosystems and natural disturbances, plants, and gardening. He holds a PhD from the Univ. of New Mexico. Dave worked for The Nature Conservancy for 25+ years as director of its Migratory Bird Program. He has researched, implemented conservation projects, and led tours in Latin America and the Caribbean. An avid birder, Dave enjoys teaching about natural habitats and local cultures. He has published papers in scientific and popular journals.



NICK UPTON

Nick has been pursuing birds since the age of six after being shown a Dartford Warbler by his father on a family holiday. After traveling and birding in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, Nick settled in Thailand over twenty years ago and now has over a decade of experience in leading bird tours throughout Asia. Widely recognized as the leading guide for Thailand, he can find difficult species, interpret ecology of the birds as well as the conservation issues many species face.



WOODY WHEELER

Woody is a master birder, a certified interpretive guide, and owner of a birding and natural history firm in Seattle. He has worked for The Nature Conservancy, Audubon, and Seattle Parks Foundation and is author of *Look Up! Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window*. 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. Woody retires in 2020, so be sure to book one of his trips soon!



DAVID YEE

David started birding at the age of 10. By high school, birding was his passion. He went to college at UC Santa Cruz, majored in biology, and bird science was always his focus. David went on to become a full-time chemist, but birding remained his passion, and according to his wife, his obsession. He has authored the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of San Joaquin County*. He was the Regional Editor of North American Birds, Northern California Region. He has travelled extensively, and enjoys guiding throughout the US, Mexico, Central America, and Southeast Asia.



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