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WINGS 2012

Join WINGS in 2012 as we celebrate 40 grand years of tours to great birding destinations around the world!

In addition to our trips to tried and true sites in more than 50 countries, our comprehensive 2012 program offers a wide selection of new tours, all of them the product of careful planning and research by our leaders and office staff. The variety and depth of our offerings is a reflection of our passion for our favorite regions and birds: WINGS leaders often spend months, even years, getting to know their preferred regions thoroughly, and the itineraries we create show to advantage not just the area's special birds but also the natural and cultural settings in which they occur. Our local ground agents and professional office staff work hard to translate the leaders' field expertise into tours that are unfailingly full of birds, safe, and a lot of fun.



The song of the lark greets early birders in South Africa. Photo: Steve Rooke.

Along with our regularly scheduled tours, WINGS also provides private guiding services for individuals and groups. If birding where and when you want, alone or in the company of friends, is appealing, please give us a call. We'll be more than happy to arrange a tour that suits your needs and circumstances.

Full details of all our tours can be found at our newly redesigned and expanded website, wingsbirds.com. If you don't have ready access to the internet, or if you have any questions at all, call or write to us here at the WINGS office in Tucson. We'll be happy to help—and look forward to getting to bird with you soon.

Southern California in Winter

January 16 to 22, 2012



Agricultural fields near the Salton Sea regularly host Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, and the irresistible Burrowing Owl.

Photo: Steve Howell.

Christmas Bird Counts in southern California consistently tally many of the highest totals in the US, complete with regional specialties and wintering rarities. Although nights and early mornings can be cold, our days are pleasantly mild, and birds are, to put it in a word, everywhere.

Though known popularly for its traffic and movie-star antics, most of Southern California consists of striking coastline, rugged mountains, and epic desert vistas. Our short tour will begin in the coastal habitats of the Los Angeles area, move over the Laguna Mountains through the Anza-Borrego Desert to the Salton Sea and the Imperial Valley, and return to conclude in the coastal lowlands of San Diego. The great variety of habitats sampled will produce an impressive list of birds amid some spectacular scenery. **Jon Feenstra** leads.

Italy: From Venice to Florence

January 22 to February 4, 2012

Our new tour of northern and central Italy focuses on the special experience of Italy in winter, when the colors and sounds of nature are perhaps even more beautiful in their subtlety—and all the more easily enjoyed without the hustle and bustle of the “high season.”



Winter finds the wetlands and plains of central and northern Italy awash in birds that have bred in northern Europe and have come south to winter on the marshes and lagoons. All of the reserves we'll visit are very close to some of the most renowned cities in Europe, including Florence, Venice, Siena, and Ravenna. Even the most famous museums, churches, and historic sites are remarkably uncrowded in the winter, letting us discover their treasures at our own leisurely pace. **Rick Wright** and **Marco Valtriani** lead.

Where but Italy can birders enjoy hordes of wintering birds in the morning—and some of Europe's finest Romanesque architecture in the afternoon?

Photo: Rick Wright.

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Guyana

January 28 to February 8, 2012

Guyana just may be South America's best-kept birding secret, with an impressive list of endemics, some of them recently split. The government is working with indigenous peoples to create a sustainable ecotourism economy, an experiment in conservation on the grandest possible scale.



Long overshadowed by its better-known neighbors to the west and the south, English-speaking Guyana, on the northeast coast of South America, includes vast expanses of unbroken forest among its wide range of habitats. The sun rises relatively late here, just north of the equator, making it possible to take advantage of dawn birding without keeping extreme “bird-er’s hours,” and the country’s impressive system of rivers makes for easy travel by boat to many of the prime birding areas. This tour is a fine introduction to the continent’s birds and a unique opportunity to enjoy the region’s many endemics. **Gavin Bieber** and local guides lead.

A trip down one of Guyana’s vast rivers combines comfort and speed with outstanding riverside birding.

Photo: Rick Wright.

Mexico: Baja California’s Cape Region

February 7 to 14, 2012

This complete natural history tour will investigate plants, reptiles, mammals, and insects, while we’re entertained by the spectacle of mixed flocks of wintering passerines, multitudes of shorebirds, and even seabirds that make the southern Baja Peninsula one of Mexico’s most appealing birding destinations.

Connected to North America by a 770-mile peninsula, the Cape Region of Baja California is in some ways a familiar place, with some of the area’s plants and animals also found in California or the Sonoran desert of Arizona and west Mexico. Yet there are many endemic plants and animals



Yellow-footed and Heermann's Gulls are among the handsomest of the many seabirds that frequent the southern parts of Baja California.

Photo: Rick Wright.

Ecuador: The Eastern Foothills of the Andes

February 12 to 21, 2012

Ecuador is a magical name for birders, and this new tour takes us from above treeline down to the rich jungles of Amazonia—with hordes of tropical birds along the way.



Small groups of colorful Turquoise Jays wander through the forests of eastern Ecuador.

Photo: Gary Rosenberg.

The scenic Andes of eastern Ecuador are incredibly rich in birds, combining high paramo habitats that are home to Andean Condors and Rufous-bellied Seedsnipes with lush temperate and subtropical forests alive with spectacular tanagers and fancy hummingbirds. This short tour samples the exciting diversity of birds at multiple elevations in the eastern Andes, from the high paramo to the Amazonian foothills, all from the comfort of some of the region's best and birdiest ecolodges. **Jon Feenstra** leads.

Hawaii: Rainbow of Birds

February 29 to March 9, 2012

The Hawaiian Islands are the world's most isolated archipelago. Only a few land birds have managed to colonize the islands, but from that humble beginning there has evolved an avian radiation without parallel.

We'll seek Kauai's endemic birds in Kokee State Park, and those of the Big Island in the beautiful native *koa* and *ohi'a* forest of Hakalau National

Tours by Date

The dates listed here are accurate at press time, but tours and schedules may change at times. For up-to-the-minute information, visit the WINGS website, wingsbirds.com, or call the WINGS office for the latest on itineraries and prices.

January 2012

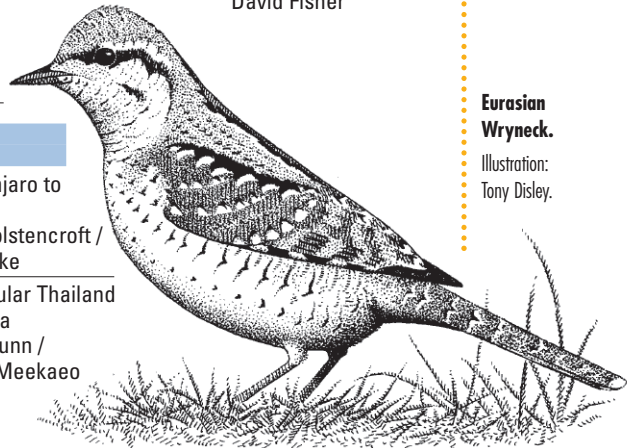
Jan 5-15	Ecuador: La Selva Lodge	Gavin Bieber
Jan 7-15	Mexico: San Blas	Steve Howell
Jan 10-25 (extension to Feb 1)	Kenya: Kakamega to the Coast	David Fisher / Edwin Selembo
Jan 16-22	NEW TOUR Southern California in Winter	Jon Feenstra
Jan 22 – Feb 4	NEW TOUR Italy: From Venice to Florence	Rick Wright / Marco Valtriani
Jan 28 – Feb 8	NEW TOUR Guyana	Gavin Bieber

February 2012

Feb 3-8	Minnesota in Winter	Chris Wood
Feb 4-11	A Winter Week in Southeastern Arizona	Will Russell
Feb 4-12	Ecuador: A Week in Paradise	Jon Feenstra / Steve Howell
Feb 6-23	India: Ranthambhore, Bharatpur, Nainital, and Corbett	Paul Holt
Feb 7-14	NEW TOUR Mexico: Baja California's Cape Region	Rich Hoyer
Feb 10-25	Ethiopia: The Roof of Africa	Steve Rooke / Merid Gabremichael
Feb 10-26 (extension to Mar 4)	Vietnam	Richard Craik
Feb 11-17 (extension to Feb 19)	Texas: The Rio Grande Valley	Gavin Bieber
Feb 12-21	Ecuador: The Eastern Foothills of the Andes	Jon Feenstra
Feb 12-28 (extension to Mar 2)	Thailand: The North	Jon Dunn
Feb 25 – Mar 4	Mexico: The Lacandon Rainforest and Maya Ruins	Steve Howell / Rich Hoyer
Feb 25 – Mar 10	Sri Lanka	Deepal Warakagoda
Feb 29 – Mar 9	NEW TOUR Hawaii: Rainbow of Birds	Narca Moore-Craig / Rob Pacheco
Feb 29 – Mar 10	Venezuela: The Tepuis and Imataca Forest Reserve	David Fisher

March 2012

Mar 1-13	Tanzania: Kilimanjaro to the Serengeti James Wolstencroft / Steve Rooke
Mar 3-13	Thailand: Peninsular Thailand and Gurney's Pitta Jon Dunn / Yotin Meekaeo



**Eurasian
Wryneck.**
Illustration:
Tony Disley.

Mar 7-11	The Netherlands in Winter	James Lidster
Mar 9-17	The Dominican Republic	Gavin Bieber
Mar 9-24	Venezuela: The Andes, Llanos, and Coast Range	David Fisher
Mar 10-24	Costa Rica in March	Rich Hoyer
Mar 17-22	Nebraska: The Platte River – Cranes, Waterfowl, and Prairie-Chickens	Paul Lehman
Mar 17-25	Mexico: Colima and Jalisco	Steve Howell
Mar 19-26 (extension to Mar 30)	Panama: Spring at the Canopy Tower	Gavin Bieber
Mar 22 – Apr 1	Morocco in Spring	James Lidster
Mar 25 – Apr 11	Bhutan	Paul Holt
Mar 31 – Apr 7	Jamaica	Rich Hoyer

April 2012

Apr 6-15	Texas: The Rio Grande Valley in Spring	Gavin Bieber
Apr 11-24	Jordan: Spring Migration and a Little Archaeology	Jon Feenstra / Bryan Bland
Apr 12-20	Texas: The Upper Coast	Jon Dunn
Apr 12-22	Morocco in Spring	James Lidster
Apr 15-28	Taiwan	Paul Holt
Apr 16-30 (extension to May 3)	Egypt: Birds and History	Bryan Bland
Apr 18-25	Michigan: Migration in the Upper Peninsula	Derek Lovitch
Apr 19-28	Greece: Lesvos	Killian Mullarney / Ian Lewington
Apr 21-27	Georgia and South Carolina: Birding the Civil War	Jon Dunn / Giff Beaton
Apr 21-29	Georgia: The High Caucasus	Steve Rooke
Apr 22-29	Florida: The South, the Keys, and the Dry Tortugas	Gavin Bieber

May 2012

May 2-11	Germany: Birds and Art in Brandenburg and Saxony	Rick Wright
May 4-12	Arizona: Owls and Warblers	Gavin Bieber
May 5-12	Estonia	Antero Topp / James Lidster
May 7-20	Migration in the Midwest	Jon Dunn
May 9-17	Ukraine: Birding the Crimea	Paul Goriup / Natasha Goriup
May 10-28	Central Asia: Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan	Steve Rooke
May 12-21	Bulgaria	James Lidster
May 13-21	France: Birds and Art in Provence	Rick Wright
May 20 – Jun 9	China: Sichuan	Paul Holt / Wang Qingyu
May 22-31	Czech Republic: Birds and Music	Bryan Bland
May 27 – Jun 5 (extensions to Jun 8 and Jun 10)	Alaska: Gambell	Jon Dunn / Rich Hoyer / Paul Lehman
May 27 – Jun 10	Mongolia	James Lidster



Montezuma Oropendola.

Illustration: Peter Burke.

June 2012

Jun 10-22 (extensions from Jun 7 and to Jun 25)	Alaska: Majesty of the North	Gavin Bieber / Jon Dunn
Jun 13-27 (extension to Jul 1)	Kenya	Brian Finch / Edwin Selemo
Jun 14-25	Montana: The Big Loop	Radd Icenoggle / Jon Dunn
Jun 25 – Jul 4	Peru: The Northeast	Rich Hoyer
Jun 28 – Jul 7	Ecuador: Napo Wildlife Center	Steve Howell
Jun 30 – Jul 8	Iceland	Yann Kolbeinsson



July 2012

Jul 5-14	Peru: The North	Rich Hoyer
Jul 7-15	British Columbia in Summer	Gavin Bieber
Jul 8-16	Ecuador: A Week in Paradise	Steve Howell
Jul 21 – Aug 1	Brazil: The Pantanal and Cristalino Jungle Lodge	David Fisher
Jul 22 – Aug 2 (extension from Jul 20)	Oregon in Summer	Rich Hoyer
Jul 30 – Aug 7	Arizona: Second Spring	Jon Dunn



August 2012

Aug tba	Brazil: Cristalino Jungle Lodge Butterflies and Birds	Rich Hoyer / Jim Brock
Aug 3-9	Oregon: Birds and the Shakespeare Festival	Rich Hoyer
Aug 4-18	China: Lhasa and the Tibetan Plateau	Paul Holt
Aug 24 – Sep 7 (extension to Sep 12)	Colombia: Andean Endemics	David Fisher
Aug 31 – Sep 8	Alaska: Fall Migration at Gambell	Paul Lehman

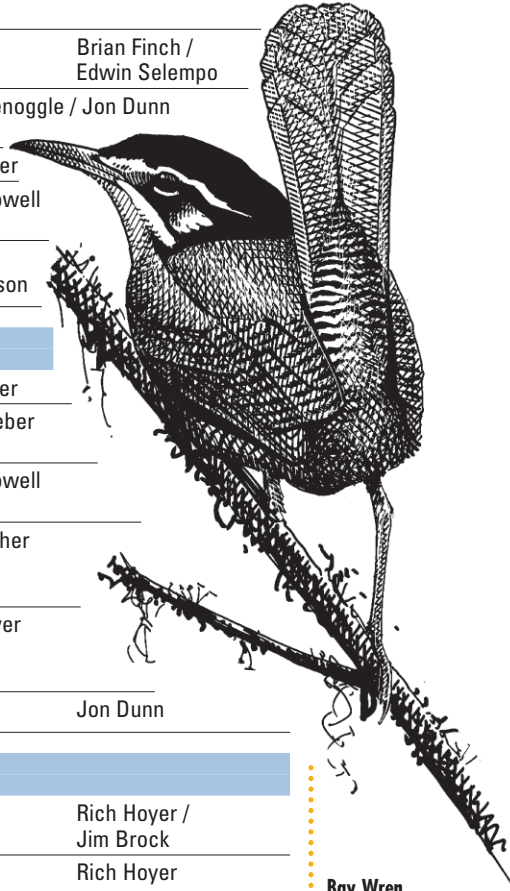
September 2012

Sep 1-15	South Africa: Kalahari to the Cape	Steve Rooke
Sep 4-16	Austria: Birds and Music	Bryan Bland
Sep 4-16	Arizona and Utah: Fall Migration in the Canyonlands	Jake Mohlmann
Sep 5-15	California: The South, Santa Cruz Island, and the Salton Sea	Jon Dunn
Sep 7-22	Madagascar	Brian Finch
Sep 8-15	Canada: A Week on Grand Manan	Rick Wright
Sep 9-16	Maine: Acadia National Park and Monhegan Island	Derek Lovitch / Will Russell
Sep 23-29	New Jersey: Cape May	Jon Feenstra
Sep 30 – Oct 11	Australia: Tasmania, Victoria, and the Plains-wanderer	David Fisher



October 2012

Oct 11-23	Australia: South Australia and Northern Territory	David Fisher
Oct 16 – Nov 3	Peru: Manu and Machu Picchu	Rich Hoyer
Oct 23 – Nov 3	Australia: Queensland and New South Wales	David Fisher



Bay Wren.
Illustration:
David Beadle.

Oct 26 – Nov 11 Ethiopia: The Roof of Africa Steve Rooke / Merid Gabremichael

Oct 28 – Nov 13 Chile: Tierra del Fuego to the Atacama Desert Gavin Bieber

November 2012

Nov 3-17 Ghana: The Gold Coast to the North Robert Ntakor / James Lidster

Nov 14-28 Kenya Brian Finch / Edwin Selemo

Nov 17-23 (extension to Nov 28) Panama: Fall at the Canopy Tower Gavin Bieber

Nov 17-24 Argentina: The High Andes David Fisher

Nov 24 – Dec 9 Argentina: The Pampas, Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego David Fisher

Nov 25 – Dec 3 Mexico: The Yucatan and Cozumel Steve Howell

December 2012

Dec tba Arizona: Winter Birds Jake Mohlmann

Dec 1-15 China: The Southeast in Winter Wang Qingyu / Paul Holt

Dec 1-8 New Mexico in Winter Gavin Bieber

Dec 9-16 Argentina: A Week at Iguazú Falls David Fisher

Dec tba Zambia Rod Cassidy

Dec 21-31 Mexico: Oaxaca at Christmastime Gavin Bieber

Dec 21 – Jan 8 The Sub-Antarctic Islands of New Zealand and Australia Steve Howell

Dec 23 – Jan 6 India: Gujarat and the Rann of Kutch Paul Holt



African Paradise Flycatcher.

Illustration:
Dale Zimmerman.

Tours by Region

The US and Canada

Alaska	.....	Fall Migration at Gambell Gambell Majesty of the North Gambell Leader in Residence
Arizona	.....	A Winter Week in Southeastern Arizona Arizona and Utah: Fall Migration in the Canyonlands Owls and Warblers Arizona Second Spring Arizona Winter Birds
British Columbia	.....	British Columbia in Summer
California	.....	The Southern Coast, Santa Cruz Island, the Salton Sea, and the Mojave Desert Los Angeles Big City Weekend Southern California in Winter
Florida	.....	The South, the Keys, and the Dry Tortugas
Georgia	.....	Birding the American Civil War: Savannah to Charleston
Hawaii	.....	Rainbow of Birds
Maine	.....	Acadia National Park and Monhegan Island
Michigan	.....	Migration in the Upper Peninsula Migration in the Midwest: The Eastern Wood Warblers
Minnesota	.....	Minnesota in Winter
Montana	.....	The Big Loop
Nebraska	.....	The Platte River, Cranes, Waterfowl, and Prairie-Chickens
New Brunswick	.....	A Week on Grand Manan
New Jersey	.....	Cape May
New Mexico	.....	New Mexico in Winter
Ohio	.....	Migration in the Midwest: The Eastern Wood Warblers
Ontario	.....	Migration in the Midwest: The Eastern Wood Warblers
Oregon	.....	Oregon in Summer Birds and the Shakespeare Festival
South Carolina	.....	Birding the American Civil War: Savannah to Charleston
Texas	.....	The Rio Grande Valley The Rio Grande Valley in Spring The Upper Coast
Utah	.....	Arizona and Utah: Fall Migration in the Canyonlands



Hudsonian Godwit.

Illustration:
Michael O'Brien.

Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean

- Costa Rica Costa Rica in March
- Dominican Republic The Dominican Republic
- Jamaica Jamaica
- Mexico **NEW TOUR** Baja California's Cape Region
Colima and Jalisco
Oaxaca at Christmastime
San Blas: Mangroves and Forests
The Yucatan and Cozumel
The Lacandon Rainforest and Maya Ruins
- Panama Spring at the Canopy Tower
Fall at the Canopy Tower

South America

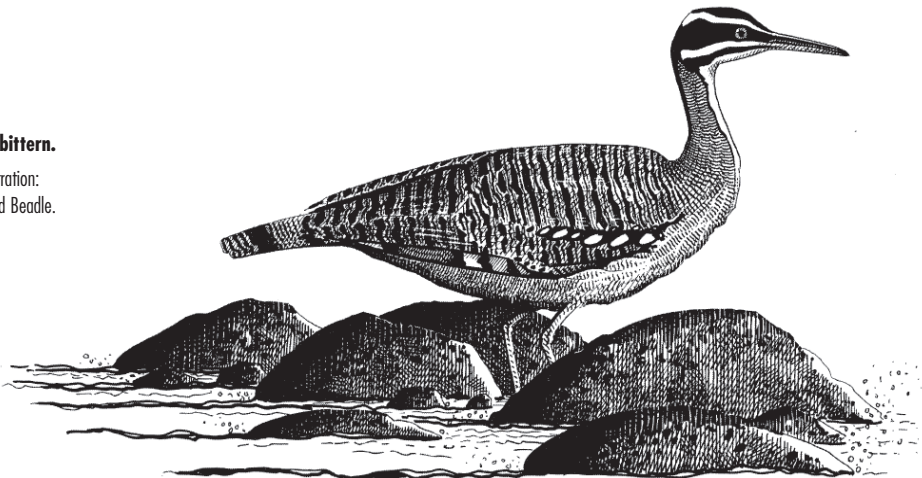
- Argentina A Week at Iguazú Falls
The High Andes
The Pampas, Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego
- Brazil Cristalino Jungle Lodge: Butterflies and Birds
The Pantanal and Rio Cristalino Jungle Lodge
- Chile Tierra del Fuego to the Atacama Desert
- Colombia **NEW TOUR** Andean Endemics
- Ecuador **NEW TOUR** Napo Wildlife Center
A Week in Paradise
The Eastern Foothills of the Andes
La Selva Lodge
- Guyana **NEW TOUR** Guyana
- Peru Manu and Machu Picchu
The North
The Northeast
- Venezuela The Andes, Llanos, and Coast Range
The Tepuis and Imataca Forest Reserve

Europe and the Middle East

- Austria Birds and Music
- Bulgaria Bulgaria

Sunbittern.

Illustration:
David Beadle.



Czech Republic	Birds and Music
Egypt	Birds and History
Estonia	Estonia
France	Birds and Art in Provence
Georgia	The High Caucasus
Germany	Birds and Art in Brandenburg and Saxony
Greece	Lesvos
Iceland	Iceland
Italy	From Venice to Florence
Jordan	Spring Migration and a Little Archaeology
Morocco	Morocco in Spring
The Netherlands	The Netherlands in Winter
Ukraine	Birding the Crimea



Africa

Ethiopia	The Roof of Africa
Ghana	The Gold Coast to the North
Kenya	Kenya Kakamega to the Coast
Madagascar	Madagascar
Morocco	Morocco in Spring
South Africa	Kalahari to the Cape
Tanzania	Kilimanjaro to the Serengeti
Uganda	Shoebills to Gorillas
Zambia	Zambia



Great Bustard.

Illustration:
Ian Lewington.

Asia

Bhutan	Bhutan
China	Lhasa and the Tibetan Plateau Sichuan The Southeast in Winter
India	Gujarat and the Rann of Kutch Ranthambhore, Bharatpur, Nainital, and Corbett
Kazakhstan	Central Asia: Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
Mongolia	Mongolia
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka
Taiwan	Taiwan
Thailand	Peninsular Thailand and Gurney's Pitta The North
Uzbekistan	Central Asia: Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
Vietnam	Vietnam

Australia and the Pacific

- Australia Queensland and New South Wales
South Australia and Northern Territory
Tasmania, Victoria, and the Plains-wanderer
Sub-Antarctic Islands
- New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands

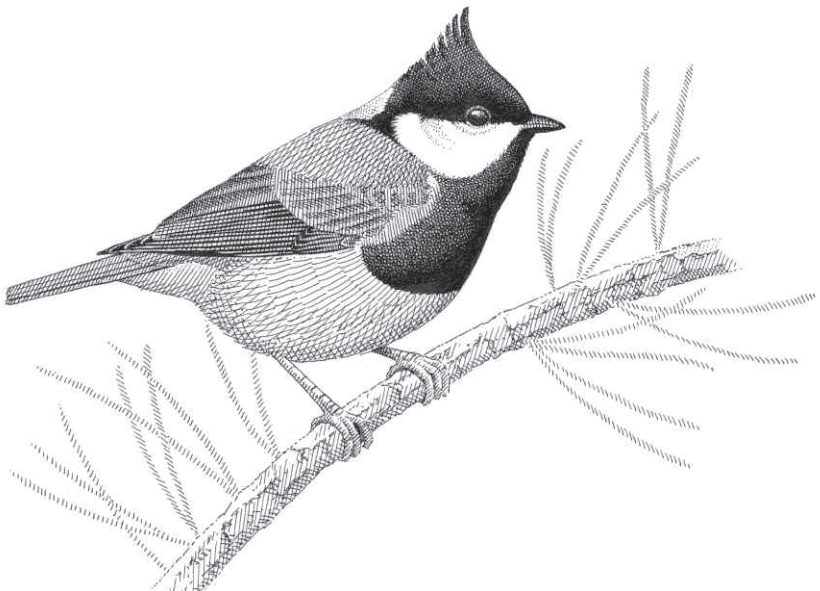
Cruises

The Sub-Antarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand

Whole Landscape Tours

WINGS leaders and staff combine their passion for birds with expertise in a surprising range of other fields, from butterflies to architecture, from botany to music. Our “Birds and...” tours are designed to appeal to birders with wide-ranging curiosity and to traveling partners whose interest in birds is balanced by a fascination with the cultural or natural historical dimensions of our destinations.

- Birds and Art France: Birds and Art in Provence
Germany: Birds and Art in Brandenburg and Saxony
Italy: From Venice to Florence
Jordan: Birds and a Little Archaeology
Romania: Birds and Medieval Monasteries
- Birds and Butterflies Brazil: Cristalino Jungle Lodge Butterflies and Birds
- Birds and Drama Oregon: Birds and the Shakespeare Festival
- Birds and History Georgia and South Carolina:
Birding the American Civil War
India: Birds and History
- Birds and Music Austria: Birds and Music
Czech Republic: Birds and Music



Rufous-naped Tit.

Illustration:
Tony Disley.

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Wildlife Refuge. Adding to the native splendor are the many introduced birds, most of which do not appear to harm the endemics. Weather permitting, we'll also voyage into the deeper waters off-shore to look for pelagic birds and whales, to snorkel, and to enjoy the play of rainbows in the mist. **Narca Moore-Craig** leads.



Ecuador: The Napo Wildlife Center

June 28 to July 7, 2012

Giant River Otters snort with curiosity and King Vultures soar overhead as we paddle along a quiet river, and the forest comes alive at dawn with wood-creeper, toucans, cotingas, parrots, and antbirds. This is Ecuador's Napo Wildlife Center.

A magical combination of great comfort and bird diversity, the Wildlife Center sits amid pristine Amazonian rainforest in Yasuni National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Built and administered by the native Añango Quichua community, this fine new lodge on the south bank of the Napo River offers access to over 550 bird species. This is, simply put, one of the world's finest wildlife experiences. **Steve Howell** and local guides lead.

Oregon in Summer

July 22 to August 2, 2012, with pre-tour Pelagic Extension from July 20

There's a lot more to Oregon than most of us imagine. Lush forests and picturesque coastlines dominate west of the Cascade Mountains, but the south and east are radically different, with dry conifer forests, desert-like shrub steppe, and stark vistas of canyons and fault block mountains.

The thousand-year-old forests of Hakalau are an important reserve for native Hawaiian birds.

Photo: Rich Hoyer.



A dapper Black-tailed Tityra watches his watchers.

Photo: Steve Howell.

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Oregon's sagebrush steppes are worlds apart from the crashing surf of the coast—but every bit as beautiful.

Photo: Rich Hoyer.

sides of the Cascades, and open expanses of sagebrush in the eastern deserts. **Rich Hoyer** leads.

Maine: Acadia National Park and Monhegan Island

September 9 to 16, 2012

The coast of Maine is a treasure: beautiful, rugged, but also accessible. Our short tour visits two of our favorite places, Mount Desert Island—best known as the site of Acadia National Park—and Monhegan Island.

On Mount Desert, we'll spend our time seeing the sights that have been enjoyed by generations of summer residents and take a boat onto the Gulf of Maine in search of seabirds and whales. Monhegan has very few motor vehicles, and quiet footpaths lead through spruce forest and clearings to high rocky headlands and tiny coves. Autumn here can concentrate landbird migrants, attract off-course vagrants, and provide some of the most pleasant birding anywhere. **Derek Lovitch** and **Will Russell** lead.

Monhegan's headlands are the rugged backdrop to a fine autumn migration.

Photo: Derek Lovitch.



Leader News

Best congratulations to Celina Blouin and **Gavin Bieber**, who were married by their friend Mich Coker in early September. Turnabout is fair play, it seems, and Gavin will be officiating at Mich's wedding in the Masai Mara this December. Also in attendance at the Kenya event: Cat and **Greg Greene**.



Photo: Jo Heindel

The sixth edition of **Jon Dunn's** National Geographic *Field Guide to the Birds of North America* will be released in November. This time around (finally), the cover names Jon as an author, recognizing his tremendous role in nurturing this splendid guide over the years.

Jon Feenstra will be making an extensive tour of Tanzania this autumn.



On a May trip to Ghana, **David Fisher** found the country's first Franklin's Gull and took the first ever photographs of Nkulengu Rail. Just a month later he discovered land-locked Ethiopia's first Arctic Tern.

Rich Hoyer is spending two autumn months at Brazil's famed Cristalino River Lodge. Stay tuned to the new "From the Field" section of the WINGS website to learn what treasures Rich's stay turns up.



Steve Howell's photographic guide *Petrels, Albatrosses, and Storm-Petrels of North America* will be published in January. Steve spent considerable time scouting new tours and new accommodations in South America this summer, in Peru with Rich Hoyer and in Amazonian Ecuador with Jon Feenstra.

Jake Mohlmann has just returned from a month in Borneo, where he was helping a friend engaged in primate research.

Steve Rooke was one of four Bird Brains of Britain competing this year in the British Birdwatching Fair's traditional (and grueling) live quiz; his specialty subject was Birds of Kazakhstan. Most of the Sunbird leaders and Steve Howell were on hand to greet clients at the popular Sunbird stand.



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Leader News

Rick Wright has torn himself away from south-east Arizona for a move to northern New Jersey, where Alison has accepted an appointment at Montclair State University. Their arrival coincided with that of Hurricane Irene, which miraculously left their new lodgings dry.



Private Tours

Each year, WINGS arranges a number of private tours for groups and individuals. 2011 found our Senior Leaders birding famous destinations and little-known sites on six continents. In addition to flexible scheduling and even more personal attention, birders on private tours benefit from their leader's ability to tailor the route and itinerary to the participants' needs, whether that means concentrating on a "target" list or taking the time for a complete natural history experience. You can request your own private tour at any time, for yourself, your friends, or your bird club, by calling or e-mailing us here at WINGS.