



*Denver Audubon Staff member Suzy Hiskey loves engaging individuals in efforts toward the stewardship of our local wildlife and habitats. She is passionate about conservation, community science, and research, and strives to set an example starting with her own home: reducing waste, composting, and promoting native plantings in her yard to create diverse habitats in a suburban environment.*

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## *To Inspire Action, Denver Audubon Devotes Staff to Conservation*

At the September 2019 board meeting, board members approved a reorganization of staff responsibilities to increase and support efforts in conservation and stewardship. In January of 2020, Suzy Hiskey begins transitioning to the Conservation Coordinator position, with a focus on communicating conservation stories and actions in newsletters, social media, and at all Denver Audubon programs. She will enhance collaborations with other metro-area conservation nonprofits and government agencies, and strategically move Denver toward becoming the most bird-friendly metro area in the nation. Suzy will continue supporting school programs during the transition in 2020.

In 2015, Suzy earned her Biology degree at Metro State University of Denver, by completing classes in Conservation Biology, Field Ornithology, Ecology, and Animal Behavior. Prior to Denver Audubon, she worked professionally in libraries, and in the fields of education and public service.



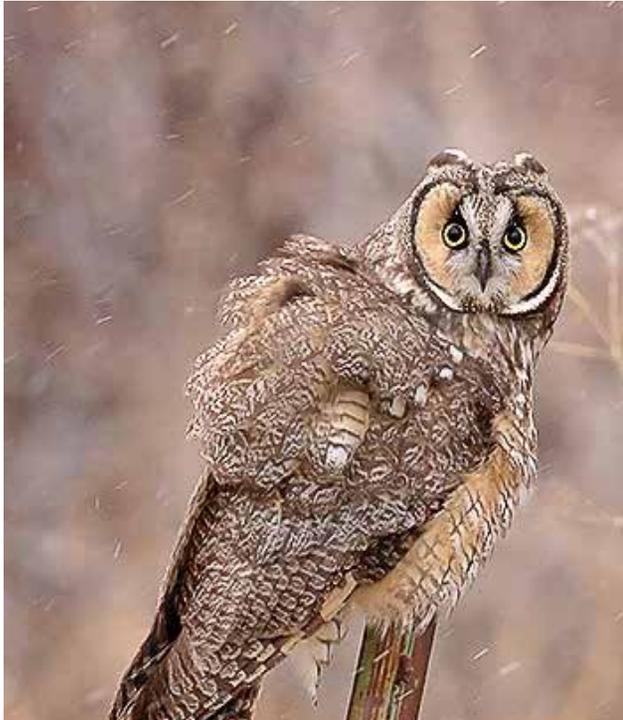


Photo By Bob Karcz, Previous STV winner

# SHARE THE VIEW

**Join Denver Audubon  
February 18, 2020  
To Honor Colorado Photographers**

Share the View has ended for 2019. Winners will be announced in the March - April Warbler

**Colorado Photographer's Gala**  
*Wednesday, February 18, 2020*  
 6:30-8:30 pm

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University of Colorado South Denver campus  
 (formerly The Wildlife Experience)  
 10035 Peoria Street, Parker CO 80134

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***A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to one image featured in Colorado Life Magazine.***

Photo By Ginger Wick, Previous STV winner

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# CONSERVATION REPORT *by Polly Reetz*

We all enjoy hiking, camping, and watching birds and other wildlife in our magnificent Colorado landscapes – on national, state, county and municipal open spaces and parks. My personal favorite: Rocky Mountain Arsenal. It is close and hosts a plethora of interesting birds. As more and more people move to Colorado, they gravitate to these open spaces, and recreation starts to take a toll on the land and the wildlife it supports. At some point, human activities impede wildlife's normal movements and functions. New trails, built to accommodate hikers, bikers and horseback riders fragment the last big parcels of wildlife habitat. People recreate at all hours of the day and night, disturbing nocturnal species with their lights and noise. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) push into previously undisturbed areas in the backcountry.



The new Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife has identified the management of the intersection of recreational uses and wildlife conservation as one of his major priorities. As a group focused on bird conservation, we should look hard at proposed recreational (and other) developments and try to quantify and prevent impacts on bird populations and habitats. At the rate the state's human population is growing, this will be a challenge. It's not just fracking, folks! We are part of the problem too.



## HABITAT IMPACTS BY HUMAN ACTIVITY:

### Impacts of Recreation

**The US Forest Service** recently published the results of a study that examined the impacts on elk of four recreational uses: ATVs, hiking, biking and horseback riding. Scientists found that elk avoided areas where humans were recreating, which resulted in habitat compression. ATV use was most disruptive to elk, followed by mountain biking; hiking and horseback riding came in 3rd and 4th. Does that make birdwatchers feel better? Well, maybe. When exposed to these activities, elk spent more time moving rather than feeding or resting.



**The town of Vail** is wrestling with a controversy over whether to build affordable housing in an area used by bighorn sheep. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has provided some guidance on this issue but believes that mitigation will be difficult.



**Studies by Dr. Richard Knight (now retired) at CSU** indicate that trails can have a substantial impact on breeding bird communities. People using trails create an adjacent zone that birds avoid; this increases substantially if walkers bring their dog along.

**The elk herd in the Eagle Valley** has declined substantially, and Parks and Wildlife officers believe that heavy recreational use of the area has contributed to this decline.



### More Water in Bear Creek Lake?

Meanwhile the US Army Corps of Engineers has evidently begun a study of the feasibility of storing an additional 20,000 acre-feet of water in Bear Creek Lake. As at Chatfield, they are proposing to reallocate space behind the dam from flood control to water supply. The Colorado Water Conservation Board is pushing for the additional storage and is recruiting water providers who would want to “put in” their water. So far Brighton, Dacono, Evergreen, Loveland and a couple of small water districts have indicated interest. One of the biggest “clients” of the water storage project would be the State itself – over 6,000 acre-feet would be dedicated to a conservation pool that could supply more water downstream in Bear Creek, among other objectives.

***"The City Council needs to hear that you value the resources existing in the Park & want them preserved."***



Increased storage would undoubtedly mean the removal of many acres of valuable riparian habitat (75% of Colorado’s wildlife depend on riparian habitat at some point in their life cycle).

Bear Creek Lake and environs are leased from the Corps of Engineers by the City of Lakewood to create Bear Creek Lake Park, and the Park Manager is on the advisory team for this project. Audubon members and resi-

dents of Lakewood who value the Park’s habitats for birds should make their voices heard loud and clear. The City Council needs to hear that you value the resources existing in the Park and want them preserved. Though it won’t be anytime real soon, the Corps will hold a public “scoping” meeting to gather public comments. Watch your newspapers for the announcement! They will try to finish the project permitting in 3 years.

Now that Proposition DD has passed, there might be money available for more such projects. Audubon members should be pushing for watershed planning, stream restoration, conservation and other ways to husband our scarce water that maintains stream health rather than encourage dams and diversions.



### SURVIVAL BY DEGREES:

National Audubon recently published a report that looks at how vulnerable birds are to climate change across North America. The study shows that stabilizing warming at a global average of 1.5 degrees C. (2.7 F.) would reduce vulnerability and threats for many species. Using



massive amounts of data and a new, updated scientific analysis, Audubon scientists related observations for 604 species with climate and habitat conditions at these locations. They

then used sophisticated models to capture the unique composition of each species’ suitable range. Further, they mapped and compared the projected current and future ranges to estimate loss and gain under different climate change scenarios. It’s a formidable but fascinating study that all birders should read:

[www.audubon.org/survivalbydegrees](http://www.audubon.org/survivalbydegrees)

***What we can do: lobby our legislators to keep Colorado on the road to convert to renewable energy. Find ways to reduce your energy footprint (walk instead of drive, when possible). Protect bird habitats. And record your observations for use in future studies!***



Extreme fall weather affected birds across the metro area. **Diane Hutton** emailed, “Feeding the House Sparrows and their backyard activity has proven to attract some interesting visitors from time to time. A Clay-colored Sparrow visited my Aurora yard for 15 days. I first saw this small sparrow on Oct 27th during a very cold and snowy day. I looked thru field guides and apps to confirm my ID for this late migrant. I liked the description in Merlin that included ‘incredibly cute.’ I would agree. This Clay-colored Sparrow was last seen on Nov 10th. This was thru three snowy storms and several very cold temps.” Diane’s pictures show a cold-looking sparrow!

Perhaps the weather moved Woodhouse’s Scrub-Jays into town: **Lynn and Liz Willcockson**, on Sept. 15, saw one “in our south Denver yard for most

of the day. This is a FIRST for us.” Then on Nov. 15 **Graham Ray** saw four “Scrub-Jays in my 10’x 20’ backyard. I checked over and over and listened and even checked with binoculars but there they were in the middle of Stapleton!”

**Bea Weaver** (Littleton) has “had a Harris’s Sparrow feeding several times in the day in the back yard, on three different days during the week ending Nov. 16.”

On the other hand, **Cindy Valentine**

(Castle Pines) says, “We have seen a dramatic decline in certain forest birds. The most common birds in our new house were Steller’s Jays, Pygmy Nuthatches, woodpeckers, chickadees (Mountain). This summer and now fall we have not seen a single Steller’s Jay and rarely one Pygmy Nuthatch. Since I do the feeder bird counts, it is a dramatic change. I usually had 4-5 Steller’s Jays and probably 20+ pygmies recorded in last year’s daily count. I read in Science Journals’ bird survey of North America that they found the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bird decline was in forest birds—they specifically mentioned Steller’s Jays.

“We have had severe weather this year including a bad hail storm that could have reduced bird populations.”



Clay-colored Sparrow by Diane Hutton



Cold Sparrows by Diane Hutton

**Urling** and I think that our bird count has dropped, after a May freeze that zapped flower buds on berry bushes, a very cold day (13 degrees) on Oct. 13, and then a couple of heavy snowstorms. No acorns or sumac berries. We briefly had a dozen Spotted Towhees, now down to one, occasionally.



Spotted Towhee by Hugh Kingery

Fewer chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers, and sparrows. But we do host a nice contingent of Townsend’s Solitaires which have found abundant berries (cones) on the Rocky Mountain Junipers.

From Highlands Ranch, **Don Hall** reported “the complete lack of House Sparrows, European Starlings, and Rock Pigeons. I haven’t seen even one at my feeders in the last several months. On the other hand, I see numerous Bushtits. Perhaps the same flock come back repeatedly to my feeders- especially the suet.”



Red-breasted Nuthatch by Dick Vogel

Others also see Bushtits; **Patty Echelmeyer** (WheatRidge) had a flock at her suet feeder Nov. 13; she hadn’t seen them for about two weeks.

In contrast, **Karen Metz** lives in the ponderosa pine part of Franktown. “It’s been two years since I have known about Evening Grosbeaks being at my home. This afternoon I heard their calls when I arrived at home Nov. 7. I also found my tray of black oil sunflower seeds empty (and it usually isn’t emptied quickly), so perhaps they had been at the feeder before I came home.

“The pine cone crop is abundant and surely could be attracting them here. Red-breasted Nuthatches and Red Crossbills have been abundant and attracted also by the cone seeds in recent months.”

Lingering hummingbirds caught the attention of many.

From Oct. 8-16, reports came of Broad-tailed, and a few Black-chinned, from **Randy Nelson** (Parker), **Jill Holden** (Roxborough), **David Suddjian**



Black-backed Lesser Goldfinch by Tom and Dominique Loucks

(Ken Caryl), **Peggy Hupp** (Castle Rock), and **John Ealy** (Roxborough). Karen saw on Oct. 10, two that “came and fed side by side at one of the feeders at 6:50 am. I had put the feeders out at 6:47. I keep swapping them out before the nectar freezes. Both are Broad-tailed. I don’t know if they can survive as the temperature drops even further. Who knows where they came from and what weather they have already been through? I know very little about how long a hummingbird can stay in torpor, and I am presuming that after some good nectaring, they will go into torpor.”

Other reports included one from **Tom and Dominique Loucks** (Greenwood Village) Sept. 24: “Dominique spotted this bird on sunflowers outside our kitchen window. It looked like it had a solid black neck and back and, when we went to ‘goldfinch’ in the new Sibley (p. 445), we saw that there is a black-backed variation of Lesser Goldfinch, hailing mostly from Texas.” The black-backed form occurs regularly in Colorado and throughout its range.

**Rosemary Shields** sent a picture of a Sharp-shinned Hawk that visited her Lakewood yard in November.

**Barbara Fahey** moved recently. She reported, Nov. 15, “The bouncing ball hoot serenades us every night at our new home in west Boulder. Starting in the deep of night after the Great Horned Owl flies off on the hunt, our neighborhood sentinel begins his haunting call. The Eastern Screech-Owl has made his year-round home in the cavities of old trees on Mapleton Hill and we are the richer for it.



Sharp-Shinned Hawk by Rosemary Shields

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“The Eastern Screech-Owl eats small animals, including birds and mammals as well earthworms, insects, frogs and lizards. This owl is agile enough to prey on bats which are plentiful in our neighborhood. They nest in cavities, but never dig one for themselves. Instead they depend on holes created or enlarged by woodpeckers, fungus, or rot. Eastern Screech-Owls readily accept nest boxes, including those built for Wood Ducks and sometimes nest in wood piles, mailboxes, or crates left on the ground.



Eastern Screech Owl  
by Wolfgang Wander - Wikipedia

“Listen for his repetitive hoot next time you’re up late at night in eastern Colorado woodland.” Or any urban/suburban neighborhoods with lots of old trees such as maples.

Finally, **Frank Coons** says, “I use Sloan’s Lake as my ‘backyard’ a half block away; in two weeks’ time, my Northern Shoveler count went from 8 to 350. Probably not a huge surprise, but fun.”

*Your contributions write this column. Thanks to you in urban and suburban Denver who sent in all these intriguing reports. Send a note or post card to P.O. Box 584, Franktown 80116, or Email me: ouzels8@aol.com.*

## Denver Audubon/Front Range Birding Seed Sale Partnership: A Portion of all Seed Sales Will be Donated to Denver Audubon

Denver Audubon and The Front Range Birding Company have partnered to make backyard bird feeding easy and affordable. You will be supporting Denver Audubon as a portion of all seed sales - all year- will be donated to Denver Audubon. Be sure to take advantage of Front



Range Birding's "Seed Vault Program." You can buy as much as you like up front and pick up fresh seed anytime. Seed Vault purchases never expire! There's no need to pre-order. Just stop by the Front Range Birding Company store and let them know you are there for Denver Audubon. Front Range Birding Company: 10146 W San Juan Way #110, Littleton, CO 80127 303-979-Bird (2473)

## LWF SUBMISSIONS DUE BY END OF JANUARY, 2020

### The Lois Webster Fund (LWF) is Now Open for Project Proposals

The amount available for awarding this year is \$12,286. Proposals must meet the LWF mission’s concern for Colorado Non-game Wildlife Research and Education. Rules and Guidelines are available online on the Lois Webster Fund page of the Denver Audubon website. Submissions are due by the end of January, 2020. In addition to your own potential interest, please let others know of this wonderful opportunity to further advance knowledge of issues concerning Colorado’s Non-game Wildlife.



# Leave a Legacy

## *Educate Generations - Protect Birds and Habitats into the Future Include Denver Audubon in Your Will, and Other Gift Planning Options*

Denver Audubon offers an opportunity for you to make a gift or bequest to leave a legacy and a lasting impact. The goal of planned giving is to help you plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family and Denver Audubon. We invite friends who share a commitment to educating all ages about birds, other wildlife, and habitats to consider making a personal investment in the future of our programs. There are several ways you can make these planned gifts to charity and enjoy tax and income benefits:

- **Specific, Residuary and Contingent Bequests**
- **Retirement Accounts and Pension Plans**
- **Insurance**
- **Securities**
- **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)**
- **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)**

Please consult with your financial planner and attorney to assure you receive the best financial advantages and that your intentions are carried out fully.

We would be glad to discuss any planned giving option with you – in confidence and without obligation. For more information, please call 303-973-9530 or e-mail Karl Brummert, Executive Director, at [kbrummert@denveraudubon.org](mailto:kbrummert@denveraudubon.org)

## *Please Let Us Know*

We often receive bequests from people whom we have never had the opportunity to thank. If you include Denver Audubon in your estate plans, please let us know. We value the opportunity to express our gratitude in person to let you know that your gift is greatly appreciated now and for future generations of people and birds to come. Those people who have notified us of their intention to make a bequest to Denver Audubon are invited to our Legacy Circle. Legacy Circle special events and activities highlighting the work we accomplish together will keep you connected to the “legacy” that you have planned for us.

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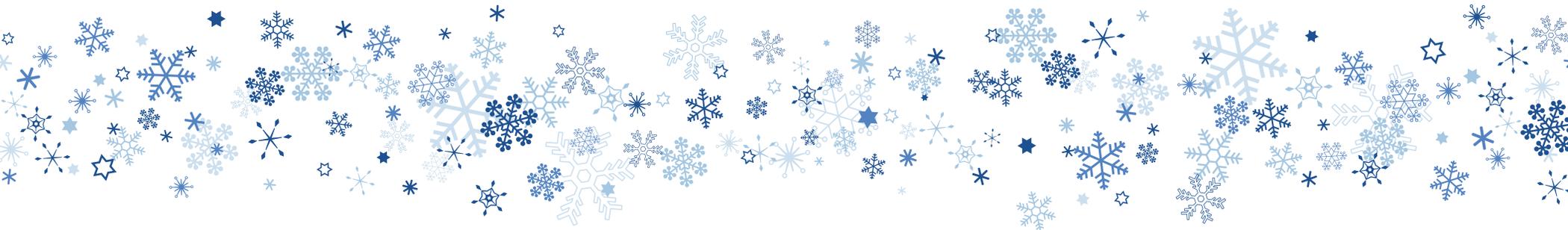
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Photo by Dick Vogel

# QUICK GLANCE - UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS & PROGRAMS

## JANUARY - FEBRUARY



JAN 1	TUE	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	FEB 1	SAT	BIRDING INSIGHTS ADULT WORKSHOP: TALON TALK
JAN 4	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING	FEB 2	SUN	RAPTORS OF THE NORTHERN FRONT RANGE
JAN 5	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS	FEB 2	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS
JAN 9	THU	CONSERVATION IN COLORADO (TENTATIVE)	FEB 7	FRI	LUNCH BREAK BIRDING AT COMMONS & CONFLUENCE PARKS
JAN 11	SAT	CENTRAL PARK	FEB 15	SAT	LEAVE NO TRACE: SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF OUTDOOR ETHICS
JAN 12	SUN	WASHINGTON PARK	FEB 15	SAT	COMMUNITY SCIENCE COUNTS! GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
JAN 18	SAT	BELMAR PARK	FEB 15	SAT	WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT
JAN 25	SAT	YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB FIELD TRIP: DABBING DUCKS & GREBES	FEB 15	SAT	KENNEDY GOLF COURSE
JAN 25	SAT	CHATFIELD STATE PARK	FEB 29	SAT	CHATFIELD STATE PARK
JAN 25	SAT	RAPTORS OF THE NORTHERN FRONT RANGE			
FEB 1	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING			
FEB 1	SAT	COMMUNITY SCIENCE COUNTS! GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT			

**FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THESE FIELD TRIPS,  
VISIT [WWW.DENVERAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/](http://WWW.DENVERAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/) OR CALL 303-973-9530**

## QUICK GLANCE - DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

### Spring Magic in Nebraska

**Thursday, March 26 – Sunday, March 29, 2020**

Each spring, more than 80 percent of the world's population of sandhill cranes converges on Nebraska's Platte River Valley. Along with them come millions of migrating ducks and geese in the neighboring Rainwater Basin - covering the vast expanse of open sky with millions of flapping wings and a chorus of calls. At the same time, in the grasslands of Nebraska, male sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chickens are vying for the attention of hens. Their raucous lek displays include clucks, whoops, gobbles, exposed tail coverts and balloon-like air sacs flashing orange and yellow. Get ready for spring magic in Nebraska!

*\$1250 per person (double occupancy). Single rooms not available at Crane Trust.*

*Includes a donation to Denver Audubon. See detailed itinerary at <https://reefstorockies.com/destinations/north-america-2/united-states/spring-magic-in-nebraska-2020/>.*

*Register by contacting Sheridan Samano, 303.860.6045, email [Sheridan@ReefsToRockies.com](mailto:Sheridan@ReefsToRockies.com).*

### Birding in Newfoundland, Canada

**July 15 to 21, 2020**

Thousands of Atlantic Puffins! This is just one of the many highlights of a trip to Newfoundland in July. Black-legged Kittiwakes, Common Murres, Thick-billed Murres, Razorbills, Black Guillemots and Northern Gannets are all nesting at this time and are easy to see from shore and from our boat trip in these easternmost waters of North America. Top this off with up-close looks at humpback whales, moose and caribou and you will find yourself not wanting to leave this island adventure!

*Price: \$2,290 per person for 8 participants*

*Trip Leader: David Trently*

*Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [charles@pibird.com](mailto:charles@pibird.com)*

*Detailed Itinerary and more Information at:*

*<https://www.pibird.com/newfoundland-audubon>*



Atlantic Puffins by Bob Gobeille

### South Africa: Birding and Wildlife Safari: Kruger National Park & More October/November 2020

The provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga on South Africa's eastern seaboard boast some of the country's finest birding and exceptional mammal viewing. An impressive 500 plus species of birds occur in the region, reflecting the wonderful natural diversity of the area.

South Africa's modern infrastructure (lodges and good roads) supports productive birding and travel throughout the region.

This trip covers the classic African savanna of the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Kruger is famous as the best spot for a South African Safari, and this tour should find well over 300 bird species and 40 plus mammal species. This tour of eastern South Africa offers the very best of African bird watching and wildlife viewing. Tours to Kruger National Park often get all of the big 5 mammals, including Southern White Rhinoceros, African Bush Elephant, African Buffalo, African Lion and African Leopard.



Four-colored Bushshrike by Keith Valentine

*Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [charles@PIBird.com](mailto:charles@PIBird.com)*

**Remote and Wild India: Himalayan Foothills Birding and Mega Wildlife and Birding at Kaziranga National Park**

**November 1 to 13, 2020**

This tour offers some of the most interesting birding and wildlife viewing in remote parts of India. The tour will go to the Himalayan foothills (including Corbett National Park) and Kaziranga. This tour will offer spectacular landscapes, fantastic world-class birding (likely over 400 species) and great mammal watching. The Himalayan Foothills part of the tour provides us access to the foothills of one of the world's most spectacular mountain ranges. The highlight of the tour will be



Slaty-Backed Forktail Photo By Leio De Souza

a visit to Corbett National Park. Corbett is one of the richest areas in Asia for birding with close to 600 species recorded. Besides the birding, Corbett National Park is also famous for mammals. Kaziranga: Kaziranga, in the Brahmaputra River Valley, is dominated by landlocked water bodies known as beels, extensive grasslands and small patches of woodland. Avifaunal diversity is incredible, with a bird list of over 480 species. Mammal densities at Kaziranga are equally spectacular. Most importantly, the grasslands support over 70% of the world's population of Indian One-horned Rhinoceros.

*Price: \$3,590 (estimate) per person for 6-8 trip participants*

*Trip Leader: Leio De Souza*

*Additional Extensions Available: Northern India for Tiger and Taj Mahal (from Delhi) and more (please call to discuss). We may also be able to organize an extension for the Amur Falcon migration (with nearly one half million individual birds) flying over and darkening the sky over a single reservoir.*

*Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [charles@pibird.com](mailto:charles@pibird.com)*

*Detailed Itinerary and More Information at:*

*<https://www.pibird.com/india-audubon> (not yet ready)*

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**Costa Rica's Northern Wildlife Hotspots  
November 7 to 14, 2020**

Join Sheridan Samano for this unforgettable 8-day exploration of Costa Rica's northern wildlife hotspots. Highlights include Rio Celeste and Tenorio Volcano National Park, Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge, and Rincon de la Vieja National Park. This trip is scheduled to correspond to an increased likelihood of witnessing an olive ridley sea turtle arribada ("mass arrival") at Ostional Wildlife Refuge.

*Price: \$2985 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement for private accommodations: \$840*

*Inclusions: accommodations, meals starting with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 8, private ground transportation, two full-time naturalist guides (Frank Garita from Costa Rica and Sheridan Samano from R2R), activities and entrance fees as listed, and gratuities. A donation to support sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica will be made on behalf of all participants.*

*Exclusions: international flights, passport/visa fees, optional activities, travel insurance, and items of a personal nature.*

*Register by contacting Sheridan Samano, 303.860.6045, email [Sheridan@ReefsTo-Rockies.com](mailto:Sheridan@ReefsTo-Rockies.com).*



Olive Ridley Sea Turtle By Steve Jurvetson - Wikipedia

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## QUICK GLANCE - DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - CONT.

### Indonesia's Exquisite Birds of Paradise

**November 10 to 19, 2020**

Whether you are a mere nestling who is new to birding, a fully-fledged birder, or a seasoned twitcher, this 10-day/9-night ornithological adventure through the remote, rainforest-clad islands of northern Raja Ampat and North Maluku is a fantastic opportunity to add some significant numbers to your life lists. No other feathered family is as beautiful, or displays such diversity of plumage, extravagant decoration, and courtship behavior as the ostentatious Bird of Paradise. Embark: Ternate; Disembark Sorong  
*Price: \$5990 per person based on double occupancy (all-inclusive except domestic flights, crew tips and alcohol – includes guides). The surcharge to have a single private room is 75% (subject to cabin availability). Optional extension to Borneo for orangutans also available.*

*Register by contacting Sheridan Samano, 303.860.6045, email [Sheridan@ReefsToRockies.com](mailto:Sheridan@ReefsToRockies.com).*

*See detailed itinerary at <https://reefstorockies.com/indonesias-exquisite-birds-of-paradise/>.*

### Texas: Rio Grande Valley Winter Birding Break

**February 7 to 12, 2021**

This winter trip concentrates on the key birding sites in the Lower Rio Grande River Valley, from the Gulf Coast upriver to Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park. We stay

all five nights in Harlingen, which is well situated as a base for reaching the major regional birding sites.

*Price: \$1,890 per person, with a group size of 5 to 8 participants*

*Trip Leader: Jesse Huth*

*Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [charles@pibird.com](mailto:charles@pibird.com)*

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Bird of Paradise by Mark A. Harper - Wikipedia



Golden-fronted Woodpecker by Bill Schmoker

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