

## Going Places

Following is a partial listing of nature and bird-oriented tours scheduled for the months of April-October, 1977. It has been compiled from information supplied by tour sponsors and *American Birds* is not responsible for any subsequent alterations in plans or prices. Recent fluctuations in dollar values and uncertainties regarding air fares means that in some cases quoted prices are approximate only.

An amazing array of fascinating tours is set forth below; readers should have no trouble finding the tours that are just right for them. Tour sponsors are listed by key initials: full names and addresses, to which all inquiries should be addressed, will be found at the end of the listings. Most have additional tours not listed here.

### APRIL, 1977

- 1 — Trinidad and Tobago, 12 days. Nature, birds. Leaders, Russ Mason, Nina Steffee. \$785 from Miami. FCT.
- 1 — Texas Coast, 14 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Luther Goldman. \$583. WNT.
- 2 — Texas, 14 days. Birds, natural history. Leaders, Jim Lane and Wallace Bailey. Corpus Christi to Houston. \$935. MAS.
- 9 — Costa Rica, 15 days. Birds. Leader, Steve Hilty. \$1195 from Miami. BB.
- 14 — Tropical Texas, 4 days. Birds. Leader, price N.A. MT.
- 15 — Jamaica, 10 days. Natural history, birds. Approx. \$995 from Miami. Leader, Charles Leck. NAS.
- 15 — Texas Coast, 9 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, Rose Ann Rowlett. VENT. \$650 from Houston.
- 16 — Texas - Big Bend, 9 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Luther Goldman. \$295. WNT.
- 16 — India, Nepal, 29 days. Birds. Leader, Ben King. \$3195 from New York. BB.
- 24 — Texas, 20 days. Birds. Leader, Ben Feltner. Price N.A. MT.
- 25 — Texas, 15 days. Beaumont to Rio Grande and Hill country. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Roger Tory Peterson, John Rowlett, Victor Emanuel. \$1195 from Beaumont, VENT.
- 25 — Trans-Texas, 14 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, Rose Ann Rowlett. \$895 from Houston. VENT.
- 26 — Arizona, 15 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Luther Goldman. \$444. WNT.
- 30 — California, 16 days. Birds. Leader, Rich Stallcup. \$795 from San Francisco. BB.

### MAY, 1977

- 7 — Arizona, 14 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, Dale Zimmerman. \$695 from Tucson. RR.
- 10 — Mexico. 10 days. Birds. Leaders, George Miksch Sutton, Jack Tyler, Warren Harden. \$440 from Guadalajara. HEC.
- 13 — Scottish Highlands, 17 days. Naturalist's Tour. Leader, Augus B. Erskine. \$2000 from New York. Repeated May 27. HET.
- 14 — Virginia, North Carolina, 15 days. Birds. Leader, Don Messersmith. Price N.A. WNT.
- 14 — Southeastern Arizona, 9 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, Rose Ann Rowlett. \$695 from Tucson. VENT.
- 15 — Arizona, 14 days. Birds, natural history. Leaders, Doris Mager, Steve Fickett. \$795 from Tucson. FCT.
- 16 — Arizona, 10 days. Birds, natural history. Leaders, Jim Lane, Dave Clapp. \$845 from Tucson. MAS.
- 18 — Big Bend, Texas, 10 days. Birds. Leader, Peter Koch. \$495 from Midland. RR.
- 19 — Mexico, 10 days. Birds. Leaders, Jack Tyler, Warren Harden. \$600 from Dallas. HEC.
- 21 — Nicaragua, 8 days. Birds. Leader, Dr. Jaime Pujals. \$1195 from Miami. BB.
- 21 — Arizona, 8 days. Birds. Leader, Phil Norton. \$595 from Tucson. BB.

24 — Arizona, 11 days. Birds. Leader, price N.A. MT.

24 — Texas, Big Bend, 8 days. Birds, natural history. Leaders, Victor Emanuel, John Rowlett. \$595 from El Paso. Repeats Oct. 16 \$495 from San Antonio. VENT.

25 — Spain, 18 days. Birds. Leader, Annette Cretien. \$995 from Madrid. RR.

25 — Peru, 26 days. Birds. Leader, Ted Parker. \$2695 from Miami. BB.

28 — Alaska, 16 days. Birds. Leaders, Ben King, Terry Hall. \$2195 from Seattle. BB.

28 — Russia, 26 days. Birds, ecology, wildlife reserves. Leaders, Christopher Leahy, Thomas Maden. \$3200 from New York. MAS.

28 — Galapagos Islands, 14 days. Wildlife, birds, by boat. From \$1155 from Miami, \$1260 from New York. Also Aug. 20, Oct. 29. Various leaders. HET.

## JUNE, 1977

1 — Alaska, 17 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Davis Finch, Will Russell. Price N.A. NB.

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5 — Northeast Mexico, 7 days. Cloud forest birds. Leader, Fred Webster. \$170 from Gomez Farias, Tamaulipas. GSS.

10 — Kenya, 21 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, John Williams. \$3164. WNT.

12 — Europe, 13 days. Bird sanctuaries. Leader, Annette Cretien. \$895 local. RR.

14 — Churchill/Winnipeg, 10 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Jim Lane and another. \$750 from Winnipeg. MAS.

17 — Britain and Outer Islands, 17 days. Nature, people, history, by yacht. Leaders, H. Shapiro, Thomas D. Nickelson, Francois Vuilleumier, Garrett Olmstead. \$2495 up. AMNH.



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- 22 — Russia, 15 days. Birds, wildlife, culture. Leaders, N.A. \$1450 from New York. Repeated Sept. 7. O.
- 23 — Western Europe, 21 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Don Baldwin, Doris Mager. \$1880. FCT.
- 25 — Peru, 26 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Peter Alden and another. About \$2900 from Miami. MAS.
- 25 — England, Wales, Scotland, 24 days. Birds, sanctuaries. Leader, N.A. \$1870 from New York. RR.
- 25 — Northwest Pacific, 11 days. Birds. Leader, price, N.A. MT.
- 26 — Austria, Northern Italy, 24 days. Birds, culture. Leader, Bob Worthing. \$1295 from New York. NJAS.

JULY, 1977

- 1 — Cape Breton, Newfoundland, 14 days. Birds. Leaders, Russ Mason, Nina Steffee. \$895 from Halifax. FCT.
- 3 — Northwest Canada, Coppermine River, 12 days. Wilderness trip, birds, wildlife. Leader, a naturalist. \$1650 from Yellowknife. Repeated July 17. NWE.
- 3 — Yukon, Nahanni River, 12 days. Wilderness trip, birds, wildlife. Leader, N.A. \$1500 from Watstson Lake, Yukon. Repeated July 17, 31 NWE.
- 4 — Arctic Canada, Bathhurst Inlet, 8 days. Wildlife, birds. Leader, N.A. \$1325 from Yellowknife. NAS.
- 5 — West Virginia, 15 days. Ecology. Leaders, Chuck and Helen Conrad. Price, N.A. WNT
- 5 — Colorado, 12 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Jim Lane and another. About \$840 from Denver. MAS.

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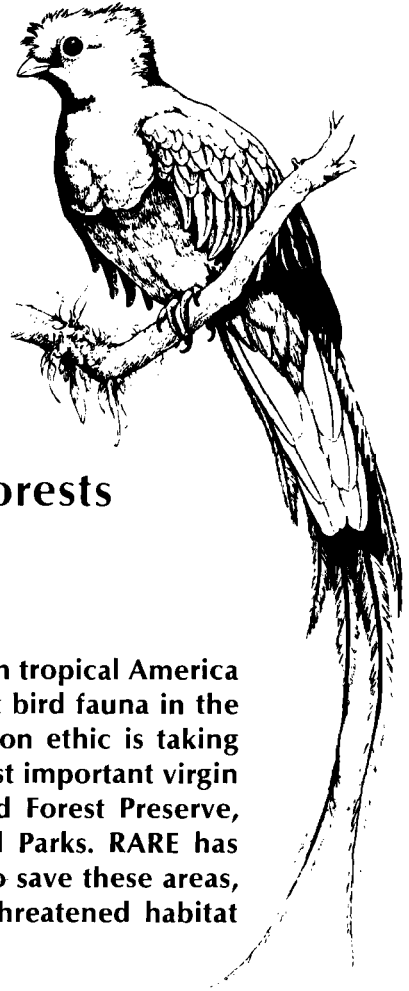
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PANAMA—GUATEMALA	July 23-Aug. 13	Steve West
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6 — Churchill, 7 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Davis Finch, Will Russell. Price N.A. NB.

6 — Samoan Islands, 21 days. Yacht cruise. Anthropology, nature. Leaders, N.A. \$1750 from California. TOC.

8 — East Africa, 19 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, George Plimpton, Adrian Luekhurst. \$2950 from New York. VENT.

10 — Colombia, 23 days. Birds. Leader, Steve Hilty. \$1795 from Miami. BB.

14 — East Africa, 14 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Burt and Rose Monroe. \$1995 from New York. 14-day extension \$590. FCT.

14 — Alaska, Pribilof Is., 14 days. Wildlife, birds. Leader, Florence Krall. Approx. \$1485 from Seattle. Repeated July 21. Leader, William Jahoda. NAS.

15 — Australia, 21 days. Birds, wildlife. Limit 12. Leader, Dr. Charles D. Fisher. Price, N.A. MT.

16 — Olympic Peninsula, 9 days. Birds. Leader, Terry Wahl. \$595 from Seattle. RR.

16 — Maine, Gasp8, 12 days. Birds. Leader, Bob Conn. \$795 from Bangor. RR.

21 — Iceland, 17 days. Birds. Leader, Brynjar Viborg. \$1581 from New York. RR.

23 — Panama and Tikal, 22 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Steve West. Price, N.A. WNT.

25 — British Columbia, Alaska, 14 days. Yawl cruise. Scenery, nature. Leader, N.A. \$700 from Sidney, B.C. Repeated July 10, Aug. 10, 21, Sept. 7. (Ten day trips \$500). TOC.

— Northwest Canada, 7 days. Weekly departures from Yellowknife. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Glen and Trish Warner, \$1280. FCT.

## AUGUST, 1977

1 — Sri Lanka (Ceylon), 17 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, Noble Proctor. \$1860 from New York. NAS.

1 — Colombia, 9 days. Birds. Leader, Steve Hilty. \$995 from Miami. BB.

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- 6 — Southeast Arizona, 8 days. Birds, natural history. Leaders, Rich Stallcup, Arthur Earle. \$250. PRBO.
- 10 — Venezuela, 7 days. Birds. Leader, Dr. Jaime Pujals. \$695 from Miami. BB.
- 10 — Trinidad, French Guinea, 11 days. Birds, butterflies, jungle wildlife. Leader, N.A. \$1449 from New York. Repeated Oct. 10. HET.
- 11 — New Guinea, 22 days. Birds. Leader, Brian Coates. \$3195 from San Francisco. BB.
- 22 — Switzerland, Germany, Holland, 22 days. Birds, culture. Leader, Bob Worthing. \$1295 from New York. NJAS.
- 29 — Britain, 12 days. Birds, culture. Leaders, Davis Finch, Will Russell. Price, N.A. NB.
- 31 — Malaysia and Hong Kong, 28 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Ben King. Price, N.A. WNT.
- Tikal, Guatemala, 10 days. Birds, natural history, Mayan ruins. Leader, Christopher Leahy and others. Price, N.A. MAS.
- 21 — California, 15 days. Birds. Leader, Rich Stallcup. \$975 from San Francisco. BB.
- 24 — California, 15 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Jim Lane and another. San Diego to San Francisco. About \$970. MAS.
- 27 — Bermuda, 7 days. Bird migration, natural history. Leaders, N.A. About \$765 from Boston. MAS.
- 28 — Monhegan Island, Maine, 8 days. Birds. Leaders, Davis Finch, Will Russell. Price, N.A. NB.
- 28 — Australia, 21 days. Wildlife, birds. Leader, Stanley Quickmire. Approx. \$2400 from Los Angeles. Extension to New Guinea, 10 days. Price N.A. NAS.
- 8 — Panama, 15 days. Birds, wildlife. Leader, price, N.A. MT.
- 15 — Brazil/Argentina, 35 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, N.A. About \$4620 from Miami. MAS.
- 16 — Zambia, 29 days. Birds. Leader, Robert Dowselt. \$3185 from New York. BB.
- 29 — Australia, 21 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders, Russ Mason, Nina Steffee. \$2995 from Honolulu. 7-day extension New Zealand. \$850. FCT.
- SEPTEMBER, 1977
- 12 — Canadian Islands, 11 days. Birds. Leaders, Davis Finch, Will Russell. Price, N.A. NB.
- 18 — Maine-Nova Scotia, 10 days. Birds. Leader, Price, N.A. WNT.
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## The Last Word

This is the second issue of *American Birds* in succession that has been slimmer than usual, with the major emphasis on the detailed population studies of representative tracts of land that we call Winter Bird-Population Studies and Breeding Bird Censuses. We hasten to assure our readers, particularly new subscribers, that these issues are not typical of what they will find in our pages in the months to come.

There are many ornithologists, particularly those who are primarily ecologists concerned with populations and the environments that sustain them, who believe that these studies are the most important of all the field work that we publish. They point to the increasing use of such studies in environmental impact statements, and the steady growth in numbers of institutions and of census-takers who are involved with this work. It is by means of such studies that we are beginning to understand where our continent's bird populations are, and more importantly, why.

There is no doubt, however, that a great majority of our readers consider that the issues featuring these studies are the least readable issues of the year. We suspect that numbers of readers simply will not make the (not inconsiderable) effort it takes to pore over page after page of detailed floristic analyses, long lists of bird species measled

with figures, and a format so standardized as to be almost hypnotic. We have been told that studies such as these — no matter how valuable — are of such limited general interest that they should be published in much smaller editions — somewhere else.

Be that as it may — for this year at least we are continuing publication: this is the fortieth anniversary of the Breeding Bird Census. It will reward the serious (and determined) reader with insights not easily gained anywhere else. What kind of bird associations breed in a weedy field in Colorado (Censuses 104-7), or a Maple Thicket in Utah (Census 114), or a Mixed Hardwood Forest in Alabama (Census 50), or in a residential neighborhood in Ontario (Census 167)? How life-supportive is an Urban Park in California (Census 133) as compared to an Alaskan tundra (Censuses 141-2), or a marsh in the Florida Everglades (Census 144)? Each of the 170 censuses printed here tell us something not only about habitats, but the species that inhabit them.

Now that these two catch-up issues (December, 1976, and January, 1977) are behind us, *American Birds* will begin to give evidence of the promised improvement in content and appearance promised earlier. Our next, March issue, will assuredly be the finest we have yet published, and those that