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Going Places

Trips and Tours, 1982

FOLLOWING IS A partial listing of bird oriented and natural history tours scheduled for March–December, 1982. *American Birds* has compiled the listing from information supplied by tour sponsors and is not responsible for cancellations or alterations. Since air fares and dollar currency exchange are subject to change, fees quoted may be considered approximate.

In addition to the tours listed here, most sponsors offer more (some *many* more) trips omitted here because of space limitations. These limitations have caused us to omit trips of less than 8-9 days, with rare exceptions, many of which are of great interest.

Tour sponsors are indicated by key initials at the end of each listing; full addresses will be found at the end of the December listing. Readers who wish further details through catalogs, bro-

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1 — Western U.S. and Mexico, 27 days. Camping tour in 3 segments or complete package. Birds, marine mammals, plants, geography. Leader, Dennis Paulson. From San Diego \$2420 (package). BT.

5 — Costa Rica, 14 days. Birds in variety of habitats. Leaders, David Brewer and Terry Pratt. From San Jose, \$988 TFN.

6 — Great Britain, 22 days. Birds, ecology, cultural history, scenery. Leaders, Bryan and Betty Bland. From New York \$2828. NAS-GR.

6 — New Zealand, 23 days. Natural history. Leader, Ronald Richardson. From Los Angeles \$3228. PEC.

11 — Israel, 14 days. Natural history. Leader, T.B.A. From New York \$2195. NAS.

16 — Taiwan, Hong Kong and Okinawa, 21 days. Birds. Leaders, Peter Chen, Michael Webster and Douglas McWhirter. From T.B.A. \$2395. BB.

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28 — Texas, 15 days. Birds of plateaus, valleys and coast. Leaders, Doug McRae and Terry Pratt. From Austin \$1214. TFN.

APRIL, 1982

1 — Malaya, 19 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Dennis Yong. From Kuala Lumpur \$1835. MBT.

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17 — Morocco, 15 days. Birds. Leader, Tim Sharrock. From London £820. SUN.

17 — Peoples' Republic of China, 30 days. Birds. Leaders, Ira Joel Abramson and others. From Los Angeles \$3595. BB.

17 — Spain, 14 days. Natural history. Leader, Herbert Axell. From New York \$1925. NAS.

17 — Texas, 9 days. Second half Apr. 26, 9 days. Birds, mammals, natural history. Leaders, Ben Feltner and Linda Roach. From McAllen \$775. From Houston \$670. \$1375 (package). PER.

18 — Morocco, 8 days. Birds. Leader, Tim Sharrock. From London, \$1695. WI.

18 — Majorca, 8 days. Birds. Leader, Peter Grant. From London £390. SUN.

25 — Sea of Cortez, 10 days. Tropical birds, marine mammals, desert flora. Leaders, Walt Anderson and Garv Hoefler. From San Diego \$1090. NEI.

29 — Cuba, 11 days. Ivory-billed Woodpecker tour. Leader, Wally George. From Miami \$950. BB.

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3 — Churchill and Southern Manitoba, 12 days. Repeated June 17. Birds of prairie and tundra habitats. Leaders, Joe Van Os and, Tom French. From Winnipeg \$1550. JVO.

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27 — Papua New Guinea, 21 days. Birds Leader, David Bishop. From Los Angeles \$2395. BB.

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17 — Washington state, 14 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Luther Goldman. From Seattle \$ T.B.A. WNT.

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22 — Maine, 7 days. Windjammer vacation. Natural history and recreation. Leader, Bill Baranyay. From Rockland, Maine \$430. NJA.

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3 — Australia, 35 days. Birds, natural history. Leader, Len Robinson. From Los Angeles \$4550. QT.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

A letter by Karen Nickey in the May 1981 issue of *American Birds* called attention to what she believed to be a contradiction in an article by John T. Ratti (*AB* 34: 860-866). This contradiction I believe resulted from the interpretation of Ratti's reference to "overlapping populations [of flickers]". Although "overlapping" was not the best choice of words, it is incorrect to equate overlapping with sympatric. The populations of flickers in question are essentially allopatric with well-defined zones of contact where hybrids result (allopatric hybridization). An excellent discussion of this subject (also using flickers as an example) can be found on pages 194-197 of Mayr's *Principles of Systematic Zoology*. These hybrid zones indicate that one species of flicker is involved and the three former species are correctly reduced to subspecies.

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To the Editor:

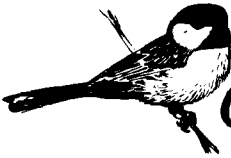
In response to the letter by Karen Nickey (*Am. Birds* 35: 345), I offer the following explanation. Speciation is a continuous but slow process, and many unusual situations exist that do not conform nicely to our definitions. By definition, subspecific populations of the same species are not sympatric while in breeding condition. However, this statement requires some

qualification. Subspecific populations evolve in allopatry, and often these populations, through range expansion, become sympatric with the parent species. If the ranges overlap to the extent that the majority of the members of both populations are in contact, loss of subspecific characters will be fairly rapid due to interbreeding. On the other hand, the range of subspecific populations may overlap only on the periphery of their distribution. This marginal contact may provide enough evidence that the populations are truly subspecies (by observation of frequent interbreeding in *zones* of contact), but the majority of the members of the populations may remain allopatric if the zone of sympatry is relatively small and static. Thus, a large percentage of individuals will maintain those morphological characteristics used initially to classify the populations. In this case we have evidence of conspecific status, but the majority of the members of each population still meet the general definition of subspecies. I believe this example is similar to the flicker situation referred to in Ms. Nickey's letter.

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To the Editor:

Working on a Winter Bird-Population Study in South Florida in 1975 I found a considerable discrepancy between visual observations and netting captures (*AB* 30: 1075)



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