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2005

Short Trips for Target Species

North Dakota Prairie Birds

Le Conte's, Baird's, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows; Sprague's Pipit, six species of grebes, and woodland songbirds such as Mourning Warbler and grosbeaks; Ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks, and much more. Schedule your personalized tour now. Contact: Buffalo Commons Birding Safaris, 2704 10th Avenue NW, Mandan, ND 58554; (701) 228-5271 or (701) 663-4980; tlgibson@ndak.net; barnhart@btinet.net.

Abaco, Bahamas

Bahama Parrot, Bahama Woodstar, Western Spindalis, Bahama Swallow Bahama Yellow-throat, Black-faced Grassquit, Greater-Antillean Bullfinch, Bahama Mockingbird; breeding tropicbird, Sooty Tern, Brown Noddy. 22 Bahamian specialties in all. Led by Ron Pagliaro. One two- and three-day packages available year-round. Contact: Abaco Outback, 5530 NW 21st Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309; (242) 367-5358; info@abacooutback.com.

Hawk-Owl & Gyrfalcon Tour

These and several other difficult northern specialties including Great Gray Owl and Spruce Grouse. From Duluth, MN. Mike Hendrickson leads

December 28, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

Contact: Bob Odear at OBServ Tours, Inc., 3901 Trimble Road, Nashville, TN 37215; (615) 292-2739; observtours@bellsouth.net; www.observtours.com.

Boreal Owl and Spruce Grouse

Extreme northeast corner of Washington is the site. Once the Boreals start vocalizing the timing is dictated by the best moon phase prior to the heavy snows making leaving the highway too difficult. From Spokane. Mark Houston leads.

October 7-11, 2005.

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper and Kurilian Sky Lark

Southwestern British Columbia and Northwestern Washington are shorebird bonanzas with annual visits by Asian vagrants. Also visit islands for the resident Skylarks. Howard Armstrong leads.

Oct 2-6 2005.

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Caribbean

Cuba—Zapata Peninsula, and The Mountains and Forests of Western Cuba

Western, central, and southern endemic habitats, and visit the southern (Caribbean) coast, offering excellent opportunities to see most of Cuba's endemics and an excellent variety of other species. Led by Brett Walker and Arturo Kirkconnell.

5-14 January 2006 and 17-28 January 2006.

Contact: Gary Markowski; (860) 350-6752; Cubirds@aol.com; CBSP P.O. Box 355, New Milford, CT 06776.

Canada, North America, ABA Area

Alaska Outer Islands and Russia

Cruise from Nome to Homer, Alaska, aboard the Clipper Odyssey. Whiskered Auklet, other alcids, and various seabirds, along with the possibility of ABA-area rarities. Visit King Island, both Little and Big Diomedes, Osrov Ytyrgan, St. Lawrence, St. Matthew/Hall Islands, and the inner Aleutians.

19 July-2 August 2005.

Contact: Clipper Cruise Line, (800)814-9393 x6813 or (800) 456-0020; csperry@intrav.com or groupres@intrav.com.

Point Reyes National Seashore & Monterey Bay

Join David Wimpfheimer in the exploration of Point Reyes National Seashore and Monterey Bay with its stunning biodiversity. Explore estuaries, and sandy beaches for migrant shorebirds and regional specialties along with a visit to the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and Pinnacles National Monument.

17-24 September, 2005.

Contact: Siemer & Hand Travel, 750 Battery St. Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111 (800) 451-4321; (415) 788-4000; fax (415) 788-4133; travel@siemerhand.com.

Mexico

Northeast Mexico: Veracruz "River of Raptors."

Witness the world's greatest raptor migration, where single day counts have exceeded 700,000 birds! More than 325 species possible, including 30 raptors, 20 hummingbirds, and 35 warblers. Led by Bob Straub and Adrian Binns.

24 September-6 October 2005.

Contact: Jaeger Tours, [215] 364-4407; binns@jaegertours.net; www.jaegertours.net.

Mazatlan and the Durango Road

After explorations near Mazatlan for coastal species we'll move to the high, arid plain east of the Sierra Madre Occidental. These mountains offer a marked change in flora, and hence, in the birds. The prize endemic of the trip is Tufted Jay among the 35+ endemics. Led by PD Hulce.

November 6-13, 2005.

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Central and South America

Brazil's Birds and Biodiversity

Visit the Atlantic Forest, Alta Floresta, Chapada National Park, and the world famous Pantanal. Itatiaia National Park for Atlantic Forest endemics. Hyacinth and other macaws.

14-30 September, 2005.

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Cruising in the Chilean Fjords

NOW with exciting post-cruise to Antarctica.

Cruise the remote, icy waters off southern Chile. The Chilean Inside Passage offers a chance to see Chilean seabirds. Stop at Torres del Paine National Park and voyage into the Beagle Channel. Clipper naturalist will lead walks. Post-trip to Antarctica at greatly reduced price if combined with Chilean Fjords.

29 October-12 November 2005.

Dates for post-cruise Antarctica please CALL.

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Costa Rica and Panama

Cruise on the Yorktown Clipper from Costa Rica to Panama, including this region's great engineering spectacle, the Panama Canal. This is an excellent introduction to tropical birding, with multiple daily stops in both countries for birding along rich lowland rainforest trails. Expert onboard naturalists. Very birdy pre- and post-cruise extensions available.

16-24 November 2005 and 10-18 February 2006.

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Europe

Scotland: Highlands and Shetlands

A two-week trip to one of the most scenic parts of the world to explore the birds, mammals and flora of Scotland's highlands including the Caledonian forest and Cairngorms as well as the seabird colonies of the Shetlands. Led by Adrian Binns.

24 June-9 July 2005.

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Exploring the Celtic Isles

Cruise the beautiful Celtic Isles aboard the Clipper Adventurer with pre-trip (Dublin) and post-trip (Edinburgh) as options. Clipper naturalists will show you the birds and explain the rich natural and human history of the region.

1-10 July 2005.

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West Cornwall and Isles Of Scilly

Uncommon migrants include Yellow-browed Warbler, Red-backed Shrike, Richard's Pipit, Lapland Bunting, Wryneck, Ring Ouzel, Black Redstart, and Wood Lark. In recent times, rarities found in this region: Pechora Pipit; Lanceolated, Spectacled, Radde's, Dusky, Pallas's, Arctic, Booted, and Paddyfield Warblers; Penduline Tit, Little Bus-

tard, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, American Robin, Common Yellowthroat Grey-cheeked, Siberian and White's (Scaly) Thrushes; Short-toed and Booted Eagles. Resident species include Red-billed Chough, Cetti's Warbler, and Little Egret. Led by Neil Donaghy and John Swann.

20 October-2 November 2005.

Contact: Neil Donaghy, Celtic Bird Tours, 84 Coity Road, Bridgend CF31 1LT, Wales, UK; telephone (+44) 01656 645709; cell (+44) 07971 983227; Birds@celticbirdtours.org.uk; www.celticbirdtours.com.

Pacific Ocean

Hawaii

Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island—each markedly different. We visit rainforests and deserts and explore a variety of habitats at elevations ranging from sea level to more than 12,000 feet, seeing a vast number of bird species, both endemic and introduced. Rob Pacheco and other professional birders will lead this group.

8-18 March 2006.

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Eastern Australia

More endemic bird species (238) than any other country, and nearly all of Australia's remaining 500. We start in Cairns, the tropical and highland rainforests, and the savanna grasslands of northern Australia then to the cloud forests of Lamington NP. Continuing on to New South Wales, to the Eucalypt forests at Sydney, coastal heathlands, and the Mallee Bushlands farther west. We finish the trip Tasmania.

1-19 November 2005.

Contact: Tropical Birding, 17 Toucan Tropics, 26 Willow Road, Blouberg Rise 7441, South Africa; tel/fax +27-21-556-4124; cell: +27-83-296-0147; info@tropicalbirding.com; www.tropicalbirding.com.

Africa

Birding in Tanzania

Visit Arusha and Tarangire National Parks, the Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti Plains, and Lake Victoria for spectacular Tanzanian birds and wildlife with Marc Baker.

23 October-5 November 2005.

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South Africa

"Fairest Cape to Kruger." The southwest contains two habitats: the heath like fynbos and the semi-desert Karoo. Both systems hold a host of endemic species (58 endemic and near-endemic birds). Sensational birds, such as endemic bustards and at least 30 species of endemic larks and chats. In its northeast, experience bush and savanna vegetation similar to that in East Africa, and species diversity increases dramatically. Expect at least 400 species, and 450 or more are possible.

12-25 November 2005.

Contact: Tropical Birding, Africa and Asia Division, +27 (0) 82-400-3400; fax +27-21-556 4124;

www.tropicalbirding.com; tropicalbirding@telkomsa.net.

Exploring the Rivers of West Africa

Explore the birds and wildlife of the Casamance, Kian West National Park, and Abuko Nature Reserve aboard the 34-guest luxury yacht Calisto. View Carmine Bee-eaters, Yellow-billed Storks, and Paradise Flycatchers alongside baboons, warthogs, marsh mongoose, and roan antelopes. Cruise will also include stops at Mopji and a flight to Timbuktu and exploration of the Dogon region.

December 29 - January 13, 2006 and February 3 - 18, 2006.

Contact: Travel Dynamics International, 132 East 70th St. New York, NY 10021; (800) 257-5767; www.traveldynamicsinternational.com; sales@traveldynamicsinternational.com.

Antarctica

Antarctica and the Falkland Islands

Join the crew of the Clipper Adventurer in the icy waters of the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula. Scenery and abundant wildlife, including pen guins, seabirds, and marine mammals, along with some endemic birds of the Falkland Islands, will be the highlights.

20 November-5 December 2005 and February 2006.

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Stejneger's Petrel
Bulwer's Petrel
Greater Shearwater
Wedge-tailed Shearwater
Manx Shearwater
Streaked Shearwater
Cory's Shearwater
Little Shearwater
Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel
Red-billed Tropicbird
Red-tailed Tropicbird
Masked Booby
Brown Booby
Magnificent Frigatebird
Great Frigatebird
Parakeet Auklet
Crested Auklet

- **Central California Seabird trips from Monterey, Bodega Bay, and Fort Bragg: August, September, and October**

- **New expedition journeys for 2006 with Debra Shearwater:**

- **February 13-20:** Rain Forests, Reefs, & Mayan Temples: Belize, Guatemala, & Honduras

- **March 11-18:** Baja & Sea of Cortez
Whalewatching & Birding

- **June 3-14:** North Atlantic Arctic:
Scotland, Faroes, Iceland, & Spitsbergen

- **June 14-21:** North Atlantic Arctic:
Spitsbergen Journey

- Debra returns to Antarctica: **February 2-February 20, 2007:** The Grand Journey—Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, & The Falklands Islands

- New to our schedule! **March 10-April 12:**
Atlantic Odyssey—Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, Tristan da Cunha, St. Helena, Ascension, & Cape Verdes Islands

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