

Going Places

Following is a partial listing of nature and bird-oriented tours scheduled for the months of January-June, 1974. 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.

JANUARY

6—Panama. 14 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Chris Leahy and Robert Ridgely. \$890 from Panama City. MAS.

8—Venezuela 17 days Birds, nature Leaders, Peter Alden and Mrs. Robert T Thomas. Price not announced. MAS.

10—South Africa. 33-day air safari. Nature Leader not announced. \$2043 plus air fare MT. Repeated Feb. 7.

10—South and East Africa. 49-day air safari Birds, nature in South Africa. Swaziland, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Kenya. Tour leader plus local experts. \$3521 plus air fare. Repeated Feb. 7. MT.

11—Nayarit, Mexico. 7 days. Birds. Leader, Jack D. Tyler, Carl Amason. Begins, ends in Guadalajara. \$395 plus air. (An extension of Dec. 28 Central Highlands tour). RR.

17—South Africa, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Kenya. 28-day air safari. Nature. Tour leader plus local experts. \$1947 plus air fare. Repeated every two weeks. MT.

18—Brazil. 14 days. Birds, nature. Leaders not announced. About \$995 from New York NAS.

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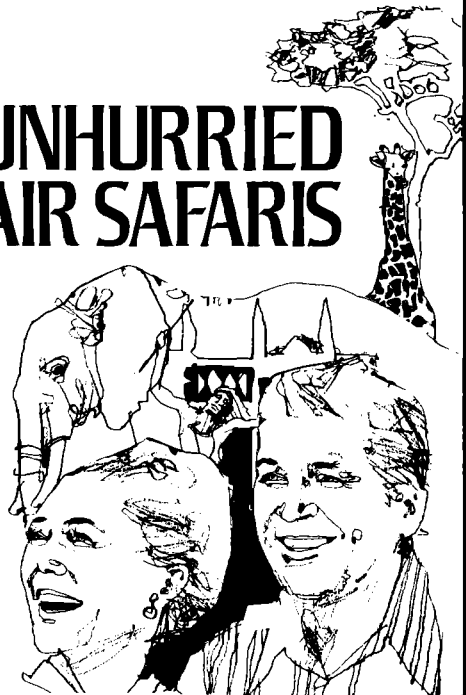
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20—Yucatan 21 days Birds Leaders, Robert C. Conn, Ethel Harris, Ben Feltner. \$1195 from Mexico City. RR.

21—Guatemala. 12 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Chris Leahy and Guy Tudor. Price not announced. MAS.

FEBRUARY

7—Surinam. 10 days. Birds. Leaders, Tom Davis and Guy Tudor. Price not announced. WT.

8—East Africa. 20 days. Birds, nature. Leaders not announced. \$1519 plus air fare. Repeated Mar. 8. MT.

9—Guatemala, Costa Rica. 21 days. Birds, nature, archaeology, Leaders. Russ Mason, Nina Steffee. Price not announced. FCT.

11—East Mexico. 14 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Peter Alden and Chris Leahy. Price not announced. MAS.

15—Colombia, Ecuador. 14 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Dr. Alexander Skutch. \$1550 from Cali. RR.

17—South Africa, Rhodesia, Kenya. 22-day air safari. Nature. Leaders not announced. \$1383 plus air fare. Repeats Mar. 3, May 26. MT.

23—Surinam, French Guiana. 12 days Birds, nature. Leaders, Herb and Olga Clarke Price not announced. Optional extension to Brazil. FCT.

MARCH

2—Venezuela. 18 days. Birds, nature Leader, Dr. Alexander Skutch. \$1195 from Caracas. RR.

5—South America West Coast. 27 days "Lindblad Explorer" cruise. Leader not announced. \$2820 and up from New York, plus air fare. LT.

15—Madagascar. 24 days. Birds, nature Leaders, Don Turner and Peter Alden Price not announced. MAS.

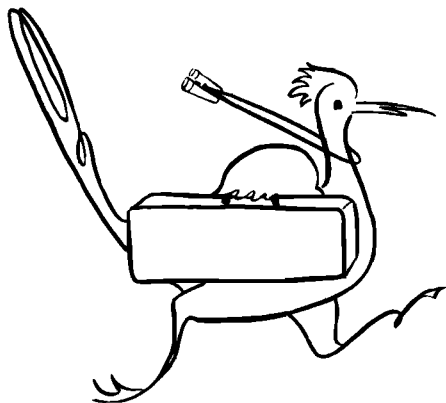
15—Florida. 14 days. Nature. Leader not announced. About \$475 from New York NAS.

16—Guatemala. 9 days. Birds, nature. Leader, John Yrizarry. Price not announced WT

18—Nepal, India. 24 days (approx.). Birds, nature. Price, leaders, not announced. MAS.

20—Trinidad, Tobago. 10 days. Birds, nature Leaders Doris Mager, Don Baldwin Price not announced. FCT. (FON CNF.)

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30—Southeast Texas 9 days Birds Leader, John Yrizarry. Price not announced. WT.

30—Texas, Karankary Country. 7 days. Leaders, Ben Feltner, Carl Amason. \$395 from Beaumont. RR.

31—Galapagos Is., Ecuador. 21-23 days. "Lindblad Explorer" cruise. \$1850 and up plus air fare. Repeated Apr. 14, May 2. LT.

APRIL

4—Texas. 13 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, James Lane and Bruce Land. Price not announced. MAS.

4—Spain, Portugal. 23 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Frank Oatman, Rose Ann Rowlett. \$1595 from New York. RR.

6—Texas, Mexico. 15 days. Birds. Leaders, Ben Feltner, Carl Amason. \$695 from Corpus Christi. Ends Mexico City. RR.

7—Holland, Belgium 14 days Nature, birds Leaders not announced. About \$900 from New York. NAS.

20—Costa Rica. 17 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Annette C. Koon, Lloyd F. Kiff. \$795 from San José. RR.

22—Texas, Arizona, California. Birds. 21 days. Leader not announced. About \$775 from New York. NAS.


29—Nepal. 21 days. Birds, botany, nature Leader not announced. About \$1415 from New York. NAS.


29—Greece. 25 days. Birds, nature, history Leaders, Daniel Simon, Winifred Simon \$1450 from Athens. RR.

MAY


1—Arizona. 14 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Russ Mason, Nina Steffee. Price not announced. FCT.

1—Europe (Spain, Alps, Camargue). 22 days Birds, nature. Leaders, Allan and Helen Cruickshank. Price not announced. FCT.


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- 5—Guatemala 9 days Birds, nature Leaders, Annette C. Koon, Lloyd Kiff. \$425 from Guatemala City. RR.
- 6—Sinaloa, Mexico. 7 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Ben Feltner, Carl Amason. \$395 from El Paso. RR.
- 12—Sweden. 15 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Dr. P.A. Buckley, local experts. Price not announced. WT.
- 17—Big Bend, Texas. 9 days. Birds. Leaders, Jack D. Tyler, Ben Feltner. \$395 from Midland. RR.
- 23—Spain. 21 days. Birds, nature. Leader and price not announced. MAS.
- 25—England, Scotland. 14 days. Bird sanctuaries tour. Leaders not announced. About \$850 from New York. NAS.
- 26—West Caribbean, Barrier Reefs. 15 days. Birds, nature. "Lindblad Explorer" cruise. Leaders, prices not announced. LT.
- 3—England, Scotland 22 days Birds, nature Leaders, David Roughton, Carl Amason \$1695 from New York. RR.
- 11—Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda. 16 days "Lindblad Explorer" cruise. Nature, etc Price, leaders not announced. LT.
- 13—Churchill, Manitoba. 9 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, James Lane and Gerald McKeating. Price not announced. MAS
- 19—U.S.S.R. Wildlife Preserves. 14 days Birds, nature. Leaders not announced \$1175 from New York. NAS.
- 25—Antarctica, Falkland Is. 43 days "Lindblad Explorer" cruise. Nature, birds, etc. \$4420 and up from New York 25-day versions also from New York \$2365 and up; dates not given. LT.
- 30—Peru. 26 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Peter Alden and John O'Neill. Price not announced. MAS.

JUNE

- 1—Iceland and Scandinavia. 25 days. Birds, wildlife. Leaders and prices not announced. MAS.
- 3—Europe: France, Switzerland, Austria, Danube, Germany. 22 days. Birds, nature, etc. Leaders, Annette C. Koon, Robert Conn. \$1695 from New York. RR.

KEY TO SPONSORS: FCT, Flying Carpet Tours, 700 W. Vine St., Suite 201, Kissimmee, FL 32741. LT, Lindblad Travel, 133 E. 55 St, New York, NY 10022. MAS, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, MA 01733. NAS, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. RR, Roadrunner Nature



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REGIONAL BOUNDARY CHANGES ANNOUNCED

In a long-overdue effort to simplify the boundaries of several of the western Reporting Regions for *American Birds'* seasonal reports, several important changes have been made. These revisions have been under discussion for some time, and the decisions were made at a recent meeting (combining birding and business) in southern Arizona of Hugh Kingery, Guy McCaskie, Frances Williams and the Editor. Approval of the changes has also been communicated by Thomas Rogers and Gale Monson, of the other two affected Regions.

The most important change eliminates the impossibly complicated boundary through the middle of Colorado. No longer will Colorado observers be in doubt as to where to send records: they all go to Kingery.

Following are the changes; maps are now being prepared and will begin to appear in this issue. Regardless of the maps, the changes are effective as of now; if you are in an area affected by these changes your *Autumn Migration* reports should be sent to your new Regional Editor or sub-editor.

MOUNTAIN WEST REGION (formerly Great Basin—Central Rocky Mountain Region) now includes the entire states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and Nevada.

SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS REGION. Loses eastern Colorado, and the eastern portion of New Mexico, gains the southwestern corner of Texas. This region will now embrace the entire states of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and all of northern Texas. The boundary between this Region and the South Texas Region is unchanged.

SOUTHWEST REGION now adds the eastern portion of New Mexico and loses those portions of the California River Valley that are in California and the southwestern corner of Texas, and the southern corner of Nevada. The Region now comprises the entire states of Arizona and New Mexico.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN—INTERMOUNTAIN REGION now adds the southern half of Idaho, and the southern half of Oregon as far west as the present boundary of the Northern Pacific Region, which appears to be the ridge line of the Cascade Range.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION now includes all of California south of its border with the Middle Pacific Coast Region, which is unchanged.

It will be noted that although the new maps will not show it, border Regional Editors are now allowed to report *exceptional* records from the six adjacent states of Mexico, reflecting the greatly increased interest in this area. Reports affected by this change are Southern Pacific Coast Region (Baja California), Southwest Region (Sonora, Chihuahua) and South Texas (Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas).

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