

# ABA-Endorsed Tours

ENJOY VERY SPECIAL BIRDING

## FEATURED ENDORSED TOUR

### Sept 10-14 – Oregon: Malheur and Steens Mountain Fall Weekend

Join us in Bend as we visit the Malheur region for great concentrations and diversity of fall raptors, including Prairie Falcon and Ferruginous Hawk. Black Rosy-Finch is a target for Steens Mountain and other highlights include Red-naped Sapsucker and a huge array of possible vagrant songbirds.

Contact Steve Shunk, [www.paradisebirding.com](http://www.paradisebirding.com), [steve@paradisebirding.com](mailto:steve@paradisebirding.com), (541) 408-1753.

### Oct 28–Nov 6 – Birding Costa Rica

Enjoy ten days in one of Central America's best birding countries. The itinerary includes the Pacific coast and Caribbean lowlands and everything in between. Savagre Lodge feeders should yield Violet Sabrewing and more while Orange-bellied Trogon and Azure-hooded Jay inhabit the cloud forest. Selva Verde Lodge in the lowland rainforest hosts numerous parrots and hummingbirds, as well as tanagers, euphonias and honeycreepers. Views of Volcano Arenal and the canopy birding at the Arenal Hanging Bridges, and Carara National Park complete this exciting Costa Rican birding adventure.

Contact Rick Houlk, [www.oceeadventuretravel.com](http://www.oceeadventuretravel.com), [rick@bluemooncruises.org](mailto:rick@bluemooncruises.org), (888) 723-8622.

### Sept 28–Oct 12 – Drakensberg Mountains to the Elephant Coast of Kwazulu, Natal

Leaving Johannesburg, we will search the arid kopjes for Northern Black Bustard, Orange River Francolin, Red-eyed Bulbul, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark and Black-throated Canary. On the rocky slopes of the mountains, we look for Jackal Buzzard, Orange-breasted Rockjumper, Drakensberg Siskin, and Bearded Vulture. Drop down to lower elevations for such birds as the Knysna Turaco and Cape Parrot before heading to the coast (Purple-crested Turaco, Pink-throated Twinspot, Gorgeous Bush Shrike, Green-spotted Wood-Dove), plus raptors. Continue to the grasslands for Southern Bald Ibis, Blue (Korhaan) Bustard, Yellow-breasted Pipit, and the endangered Rudd's and Botha's Larks. Optional 3-night extension.

Contact Avian Leisure Birding & Wildlife Safaris, [www.avianleisure.com](http://www.avianleisure.com), [enquiries@avianleisure.com](mailto:enquiries@avianleisure.com), +27 21 786 1414.

### Oct 3-18 and Oct 24–Nov 8 – Madagascar

Madagascar's flora and fauna are so different from anywhere else on Earth that it is often regarded as the eighth continent. With over 200,000 species of terrestrial organisms, including 270 recorded birds, and a plethora of habitats, ranging from rainforests to deserts, mountain heathlands to mangrove swamps, lakes, marshes, and river deltas, the Red Island is a mega-diversity hotspot. This trip offers the incredible chance to see representatives of five endemic bird families, 36 endemic genera, as well as most of the 120 Madagascar endemic bird species.

Contact Tropical Birding, [www.tropicalbirding.com](http://www.tropicalbirding.com), [info@tropicalbirding.com](mailto:info@tropicalbirding.com), (800) 348-5941.

### Oct 4-21 – SE Brazil: Atlantic Rainforest & Savannah

Visit the best sites in both regions for maximum birds: endemic antbirds, cotingas, flycatchers, and tanagers of the coastal rainforest, plus the specialties of the drier savannah and gallery forests of the interior.

Contact Tropical Birding, [www.tropicalbirding.com](http://www.tropicalbirding.com), [info@tropicalbirding.com](mailto:info@tropicalbirding.com), (800) 348-5941.

### Oct 12-26 – South Africa: Fairest Cape to Kruger

Expect to see over 400 species on this tour, including bee-eaters, hornbills, kingfishers, barbets, and sunbirds in this beautiful country that is also rich in wildlife. Diversity increases with a pelagic trip and visits to tropical savanna, golden-green grasslands, the semi-desert Karoo, and the heath-like fynbos.

Contact Tropical Birding, [www.tropicalbirding.com](http://www.tropicalbirding.com), [info@tropicalbirding.com](mailto:info@tropicalbirding.com), (800) 348-5941.

### Nov. 15-22 – Late Migrants & Winter Wildfowl of North Norfolk

Visit the premier birding county in the UK to catch the over-wintering specialties as they settle in; enjoy late migrants, and possibly encounter a few rare species. Traditional guest-house accommodations.

Contact Neil Donaghy, [www.celticbirdtours.com](http://www.celticbirdtours.com), [birds@celtictours.org.uk](mailto:birds@celtictours.org.uk), 044 1656 645 709.

### Dec. 9-18 – Birding Costa Rica

This exciting adventure includes ten days of birding in varied habitats while staying in comfortable lodges and eating great Costa Rican cuisine. Travel through lush countryside and coffee plantations for cloud forest birds like Resplendent Quetzal and Highland Tinamou, timberline birds like Buffy Tuftedcheek and Black-cheeked Warbler, lowland rainforest specialties like Great Green Macaw, old growth wet forest species like Crested Guan and Bare-necked Umbrellabird, a river trip for Sungrebe, crakes and tiger-herons and finally, toucans, xenops, antshrikes, and antbirds in the Pacific lowland transitional forests.

Contact Rick Houlk, [www.oceeadventuretravel.com](http://www.oceeadventuretravel.com), [rick@bluemooncruises.org](mailto:rick@bluemooncruises.org), (888) 723-8622.

### January–December – Hawaii 2008

If a trip to Hawaii is in your plans, birding with Hawaii Forest & Trail guides is the best way to maximize your experience on the islands. The Hakalau Forest National Forest Wildlife Refuge holds Akepa, Akiapolaau, Amakihi, Apapane, Hawaii Creeper, I'iwi, Elepaio, Omao, Io, Pueo. Or, try the Rainforest & Dryforest Birdwatching adventure on Mauna Kea for Nene, Palila, Akiapolaau, Amakihi, Apapane, Hawaii Creeper, I'iwi, Elepaio, Omao, Io, and Pueo (Short-eared Owl).

Contact Hawaii Forest & Trail, [www.hawaii-forest.com](http://www.hawaii-forest.com), [info@hawaii-forest.com](mailto:info@hawaii-forest.com), (808) 331-8505.

### January–December – South Africa 2008

Do you have target birds you want in Africa, and don't want to take a standard tour as the birds you need are scattered hither and yon? Do you have a few friends that you like to travel with that want to see specific birds in a specific region? Contact Avian Leisure for custom tours as you like it — you pick the place and the pace. Avian Leisure Birding & Wildlife Safaris,

[www.avianleisure.com](http://www.avianleisure.com), [enquiries@avianleisure.com](mailto:enquiries@avianleisure.com), +27 21 786 1414.



*Please contact tour company directly for information and reservations, and identify yourself as an ABA member. Tour companies pay ABA a commission for each ABA participant.*



American Birding Association

For more tours go to [www.aba.org/tours](http://www.aba.org/tours)



# Good Birding!

From the beginner to the advanced birder, ABA Sales has books, pins, CDs, DVDs, and optics for you.

[www.abasales.com](http://www.abasales.com)

800-634-7736



American Birding  
ASSOCIATION

ABA Sales