Travel with Portland Audubon to the most exciting destinations in the Pacific Northwest and around the world!
Portland Audubon is dedicated to environmentally and socially responsible tourism.

In addition to providing guests with unique opportunities to explore and get close to nature, we work with local guides from our trip destinations and contribute to programs and initiatives that support important environmental conservation work in the places we visit.

By choosing to travel with Portland Audubon, you are supporting conservation work in the Pacific Northwest. Your dollars help ensure that birds like the Marbled Murrelet and Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, and habitats like wetlands and old-growth forests remain protected now and in the future.

Our Philosophy

We strive to create a positive group dynamic that helps everyone feel welcome, comfortable, and engaged throughout the trip. This environment lends itself to the formation of lifelong friendships. The pace of our trips is suitable for avid birders and the novice alike. We model best practices in the field and interact with nature in a respectful manner. Most importantly, we want participants to be safe, to learn and be inspired by nature and cultural experiences, to have fun, and to feel a sense of belonging in the Portland Audubon community.

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About Ecotours

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, FEES INCLUDE:
• Ground transportation
• Double-occupancy lodging
• Breakfasts & lunches
• Entrance fees for planned activities
• Services of your experienced local guides & Portland Audubon leaders

PHOTOGRAPHY
Our trips provide ample opportunities for taking photos, but they are not photography tours. Please do not bring lenses over 400mm unless approved beforehand.

Malheur Foray
June 1-5, 2019
$895 member / $1,095 non-member
Malheur National Wildlife Refuge - one of Portland Audubon’s conservation success stories - is a world-class birder's paradise. A remarkable diversity of wildlife is attracted to the refuge’s aquatic habitats, which are otherwise surrounded by the arid landscape of southeast Oregon. Over 320 species of birds spend all or part of their lives at Malheur, and it is a critical stopover for millions of migrating waterbirds. Field birding, natural history, and current conservation initiatives are the focus of this exciting five-day program.

LEADERS
Candace Larson & Tara Lemezis

Ancient Forests of the Oregon Coast
September 5-8, 2019
$845 member / $945 non-member
Join Portland Audubon on a four-day adventure to the Oregon Coast! Go “behind the scenes” to learn more about the conservation initiatives taking place along the coast. We will explore the Elliott State Forest and Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary - two of Oregon’s old-growth forests, providing critical habitat for imperiled species like the Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl. The trip will also include birding stops in Coos Bay, Yachats, and Newport.

LEADERS
Nicki Dardinger

Steens Mountain & the Alvord Desert
October 2-6, 2019
$945 member / $1,045 non-member
Steens Mountain is one of the most spectacular natural areas in Oregon, rising nearly one vertical mile above the Alvord Desert and adjacent to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Join us on this natural history extravaganza, as we explore the geography, birds and other wildlife of this magnificent region. From the mountain’s rim, we'll scan for the rare Black Rosy-Finch, as well as Great Grey Owls and Short-eared Owls.

LEADER
Candace Larson

Skagit Valley
February 21-23, 2020
$645 members / $745 non-member
Have you experienced the sights and sounds of tens of thousands of Snow Geese settling into their daily feeding grounds? The rich environment of Skagit Valley includes a variety of habitats including open water, shoreline tidal mudflats and marshes, forested uplands, and agricultural lands. These habitats provide excellent opportunities to see over-wintering geese, swans and ducks, as well as a variety of raptors such as Gyrfalcons and Short-eared Owls.

LEADER
Nicki Dardinger
Magee Marsh, Ohio
The Warbler Tour!
May 10-17, 2019
$2,395 member / $2,595 non-member

Join us for a spectacular trip to witness the annual spring migration of birds moving from their wintering grounds in Central and South America to their breeding grounds in Canada. Magee Marsh and the adjacent Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge are famous for attracting phenomenal numbers of migratory birds, including more than 20 species of wood warblers. We will also visit Huron National Forest in Michigan where successful fire management has led to an increase in the number of Kirtland’s Warbler, North America’s rarest warbler.

LEADERS
Brodie Cass Talbott & Nicki Dardinger

Idaho’s Cassia Crossbill
July 9-12, 2020
$945 member / $945 non-member

See the American Birding Association’s newest species in the South Hills of Idaho! Because of the absence of red squirrels in Idaho’s South Hills, Cassia Crossbills are about 20 times more common than the Red Crossbill. We’ll take a whirlwind trip from Portland to Twin Falls, seeking summer specialties in various mountain and wetland habitats along the way.

LEADER
Stefan Schlick

California Condors
September 2020
$1,395 member / $1,595 non-member

With a wingspan over 9.5 feet, the impressive California Condor is the largest bird in North America, often covering hundreds of miles in one foraging flight. Condors are making a slow recovery from the brink of extinction, and we’ll hope to catch sight of these magnificent, highly endangered creatures at Pinnacles National Park and along the Big Sur Coast. This trip includes visits to a wide variety of habitats, from coastal marshes to oak woodlands.

LEADERS
Mary Coolidge & Candace Larson

Ireland
May 23-June 2, 2019
$3,895 member / $4,195 non-member

Ireland is steeped in ancient and medieval history and blanketed with iconic, pastoral landscapes. On this ecotour, you’ll experience not only amazing historical sites, but also many aspects of Ireland’s natural history. We’ll start in Dublin and work our way clockwise around the country, visiting iconic landscapes like the Cliffs of Moher and The Burren, scanning the cliffsides for amazing colonies of breeding seabirds like Northern Gannet and searching for specialties like Red-billed Chough. And of course grab a healthy dose of culture in Galway, Ireland’s traditional music capital.

LEADERS
Stefan Schlick & local guides

Brazil
August 15-30, 2019
$5,295 member / $5,595 non-member

If you want to have an opportunity to see a wild jaguar, this is the trip for you! After a short stop in Rio de Janeiro for a city tour, we’ll explore the Atlantic Rain Forest and the vast Pantanal - the world’s largest tropical wetland. With astonishing biodiversity and over 1,800 bird species found across the country, we will be surrounded by birds such as Hyacinth Macaws, Jabirus, and Red-legged Seriamas as well as see other iconic animals of the region including Giant Otters, Capybaras, and with good luck - a Jaguar.

LEADERS
Stefan Schlick & local guides

Explore the divide between two biogeographical regions! We will find continental Asian fauna, like primates, on one island and Australasian fauna, such as the unusual marsupial the Cus-cus, on another. Visit the island of Halmahera, one of the Moluku Islands, where we’ll search for the endemic Wallace’s Standardwing. We’ll also make stops at Sulawesi, the Bogani Nani Wartabone, Tangkoko National Park, and finally an optional extension to Raja Ampat where we will find Papuan avifauna.

LEADERS
Dan van den Broek & local guides

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**Australia**
**November 5-14, 2019**
$4,495 member / $4,795 non-member

Explore amazing Australia with Portland Audubon. There will be Fairy-wrens, Koakaburras, Parrots and Parakeets galore! Koalas and Kangaroos will be an added bonus. And of course, a trip to the Great Barrier Reef is a must! We will have the opportunity to snorkel and admire the myriad of fish and corals through a glass-bottomed boat. An optional extension will take us to Victoria seeking the Superb Lyrebird and other specialties.

**Australia Extension: Victoria**
**November 14-20, 2019**
$2,095 member / $2,395 non-member

**LEADERS**
Stefan Schlick & local guides

**Portugal in Winter**
**February 5-16, 2020**
$3,095 member / $3,395 non-member

Experience lovely Portugal in its temperate winter! From a seawatch at Cape Saint Vincent to the excellent and productive Algarve wetlands to the dry steppes of Alentejo, we’ll seek out specialties including Blue Rock Thrush, wintering Bluethroat, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and Griffin Vultures. We’ll also explore the iconic castles of Lisbon.

**LEADER**
Stefan Schlick & local guides

**Costa Rica**
**February 2020**
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Explore the legendary biodiversity of Costa Rica, from lush lowland rainforests and coastal wetlands to cloud forests and highland páramo. We’ll seek out Keel-billed Toucan, Great Green Macaw, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, and so much more, along with a wide array of amazing mammals, colorful butterflies and bizarre reptiles. One of the highlights will be our search for the Resplendent Quetzal, considered by many to be the most beautiful bird in the world.

**LEADER**
Candace Larson

**Amazon River Cruise**
**April 29-May 9, 2020**
$5,495 member / $5,795 non-member

Join us on an exploration of the Peruvian Amazon region in comfort and style with an outstanding array of relatively easy-to-see birds and mammals on this exciting excursion into the heart of upper Amazonia. This amazing adventure discovers the origin of the Amazon River, the largest river in the world. Along the rivers one may see colorful macaws, parrots and caciques flying overhead, Horned Screamers rising from stream banks and other exotic wildlife that include the bizarre looking Hoatzins, Umbrellabirds, sloths, freshwater river dolphins, primates, and so much more.

**Extension: Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley**
**Birds, Culture and Cuisine**
May 9-15, 2020
$3,195 member / $3,495 non-member

**LEADERS**
Dan van den Broek & local guides

**Colombia**
**November 2-19, 2020**
$5,795 member / $6,095 non-member

More species of birds are found in Colombia than any other country in the world. We will visit the foothills of the Amazonian piedmont east of Bogota to the high paramo of Los Nevados National Park and the Choco Rainforest of Montauza. We hope to find stunning birds such as Five-colored Barbet, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Buffy Helmetcrest and many more.

**Colombia Extension (Pre-Trip)**
**Amazonas in Colombia**
**October 26-November 2, 2020**
$2,695 member / $2,995 non-member

**LEADERS**
Dan van den Broek & local guides

**Madagascar**
**November 2-16, 2020**
$6,495 member / $6,795 non-member

Madagascar is the land of lemurs, chameleons, and odd endemic birds! On this trip, we will bird the strange and awe-inspiring Dideirea woodland, or spiny forest, and then spend time in Ranomafana National Park. We’ll visit the beautiful Andasibe-Mantadia National Park to see many unique species including the vocal Black-and-White Ruffed Lemur, the elusive Diademed Sifaka, and the Parson’s Chameleon, the largest chameleon in the world.

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Dan van den Broek & local guides

**Tradition & Tobago**
**April 16-26, 2020**
Price TBD

Trinidad and Tobago is home to well over 400 species of birds, and during this tour, we will see and hear our share of them! In addition to amazing birds, we will also be visiting during peak sea turtle nesting season. Five of the world’s seven species of sea turtles return to the island’s beaches to lay their eggs, and witnessing these ancient reptiles on their brief forays to land is an unforgettable experience. And no trip to this Caribbean island nation would be complete without time for swimming, snorkeling, or spending time relaxing on beautiful beaches.

**LEADERS**
Nick Dardinger & local guides

**Poland**
**May 15-27, 2020**
$3,395 member / $3,695 non-member

Explore the immense primeval Białowieża Forest, home of various specialty woodpeckers, Red-breasted Flycatcher, and a Great Snipe lek! We’ll also investigate the extensive Biebrza Marshes where we will seek out the evening-singing Aquatic Warbler and the Citrine Wagtail. We’ll search for White-tailed Eagles at the Siemianówka Reservoir, and also visit the beautiful cities of Gdansk and Warsaw.

**LEADERS**
Stefan Schlick & Randy Hill

**Panama**
**Raptor Migration!**
**October 2020**
Price TBD

Panama in the fall is a birding experience of a lifetime. Witness the fall migration of hundreds of thousands of raptors, over the narrow isthmus of Panama, to their wintering grounds in South America. Along with this raptor spectacle, we will also experience a country that is incredibly rich in biodiversity and have opportunities to see hundreds of species of birds, along with mammals, butterflies, reptiles, and tropical plants.

**LEADERS**
Nicki Dardinger & local guides

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DAN VAN DEN BROEK
Dan has over 15 years of experience leading international birding trips for Portland Audubon. With prior experiences at Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Redwood Sciences Lab, Klamath Bird Observatory, Costa Rica Bird Observatory, and Avifauna Northwest, Dan brings immense enthusiasm and passion for birds and natural history to all of his trips.

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STEFAN SCHLICK
Stefan is a birding expert, and has birded in Europe and North America extensively. After living in Wisconsin, Florida, California, and Washington, Stefan has settled in Oregon where he currently is a member of the Oregon Bird Records Committee. Stefan is enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge and love of birds with the folks on his trips.

NICKI DARDINGER
Nicki’s love for birds started as a high school student in Ohio when she worked on a research project with Northern Cardinals. Her career has spanned many states and a range of conservation projects including sea turtle nest protection, white-tailed deer management, and environmental education—primarily with raptors! She is passionate about connecting folks with nature and inspiring them to take action to protect birds and the environment on which we all depend.

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ERIN LAW
Erin fell in love with birding while working at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. After college, she studied Red-throated Loons, Common Loons and shorebird migration at Grays Harbor, Washington. Erin is passionate about the natural histories of birds, conservation, and advocating for environmental and social justice. She has traveled throughout Latin America and East Africa and loves nothing more than sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for birds and the natural world, and for all cultures around the world.

BRODIE CASS TALBOTT
Brodie works as an educator with Portland Audubon. After many years of wildland firefighting and leading river tours, he spent six years living and teaching across Asia, where his interest in birds became his passion. He has birded across five continents, and uses his experience in education and ecotourism to share his love of the outdoors with people from all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, with an eye towards increasing access to wild spaces for people from diverse communities.

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