



NATURAL HISTORY ECOTOURS

2019 - 2020



Travel with Portland Audubon to the most exciting destinations in the Pacific Northwest and around the world!





By choosing to travel with Portland Audubon, you are supporting our conservation work in the Pacific Northwest.

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 Streaked Horned Lark, special places like Malheur 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.

► **For more information, visit audubonportland.org or contact Erin Law, Adult Programs Coordinator, at elaw@audubonportland.org or at 971-222-6119.**

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

AIRFARE

Airfare is not included in trip fees.

DEPOSITS

A deposit is required to secure your place on a trip.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TRIP

10% of your Ecotour fee is a tax-deductible donation to Portland Audubon and supports all facets of our Conservation, Education, and Sanctuary efforts.

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.

LEADER

Nicki Dardinger



Burrowing Owl, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (Tara Lemezis)

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 geology, 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 Golden Eagles and other resident raptors.

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

DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS



Blackburnian Warbler, Magee Marsh (Claudine Lamothe)

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

\$845 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



Cliff of Moher, Ireland (Wikimedia Commons)

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



California Condor, California (Joe Lewis)



INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS



Hyacinth Macaw, Brazil (Tambako the Jaguar via Flickr)

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 Gannett 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

Brodie Cass Talbott & 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

Eastern Indonesia & Wallacea

November 1-17, 2019

\$5,695 member / \$5,995 non-member

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.

Indonesia Extension: Raja Ampat
November 17-21, 2019

\$2,795 member / \$3,095 non-member

LEADERS

Dan van den Broek & local guides

Australia

November 5-14, 2019

\$4,495 member / \$4,795 non-member

Explore amazing Australia with Portland Audubon. There will be Fairy-wrens, Kookaburras, 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 seavatch 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

India

February 1-15, 2020

\$5,795 member / \$6,095 non-member

Explore Western India, the amazing Golden City of Fort Jaisalmeer, and Desert National Park in search of the rare Indian Bustard. We'll go jeep tracking for Indian Leopards and visit thousands of wintering Demoiselle Cranes. We'll see roosting harriers arriving each evening in impressive numbers. And we'll visit the famous wetlands and estuaries of the Little Rann of Kutch National Park before a stop in the Gir Forest to see Asiatic Lions. Our trip will end at the amazing Taj Mahal.

LEADERS

Dan van den Broek & local guides

Costa Rica

February 2020

\$4,295 member / \$4,595 non-member

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

Trinidad & 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

Nicki Dardinger & local guides



Sintra, Portugal (Daniel Lerps)

Amazon River Cruise

April 29-May 9, 2020

\$5,495 member / \$5,795 non-member

The Amazonian region boasts more than 120 endemic species and is one of the most biologically diverse places on the planet - a true paradise! We'll explore the region walking the tropical forests and exploring canals and lagoons by watercraft. Along the rivers we may encounter 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, 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

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 Gdańsk and Warsaw.

LEADERS

Stefan Schlick & Randy Hill



Subdesert Mesite, Madagascar (Francesco Veronesi)

Mongolia

June 14-29, 2020

\$5,295 member / \$5,595 non-member

Experience the fantastic landscapes of Mongolia - a land of windswept steppe plains. We will explore this remote and beautiful country and its varied habitats of Siberian Taiga in the north, the Mongolian Steppe, the Gobi Desert and Gobi Altai Mountains in the south, staying in a combination of hotels and Mongolian Ger camps. Target birds include Demoiselle and White-naped Cranes, Oriental Plover, Altai Snowcock, Siberian Rubythroat, and mammals like the Goitered Gazelle and Long-eared Hedgehog.

LEADERS

Stefan Schlick & local guides

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

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 Montezuma. 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 Didierea 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.

LEADERS

Stefan Schlick & local guides

TRIP LEADERS & PROGRAM STAFF



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.



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.



CANDACE LARSON

Candace is an avid birder, mycology geek, and native plant enthusiast, with a passion for the diverse ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest. Candace leads domestic and international ecotours with a focus on

bird biology and habitat preservation. She also works as a Field Biologist in Portland Audubon's Conservation program, helping statewide partners meet their avian conservation goals.



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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