



Appreciation Celebration

**Cool Creek Park Nature
Center, 2000 E. 151st, Carmel
Sunday, August 19, 4-6 p.m.**

It's time to celebrate! Please join Amos Butler Audubon as we celebrate our volunteers, members, and community partners who contribute to our successes. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. with Kathy Hershey of Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators presenting live animal education, with a Turkey Vulture, a Barn Owl, and a Virginia Opossum. The nature center has snakes and turtles, a wonderful bird-feeding area that includes outdoor microphones for listening to the birds, and plenty of exhibits on birds and nature. Amos Butler Audubon will also have displays to update you on our current projects.

Food (pasta, salad, and plenty of desserts for you sweet-tooths) will be available beginning at 4:00 p.m. At 5:15 p.m., President Don Gorney will provide an update on exciting future projects and will then recognize special volunteers and community partners. Please join us for this fun and free event. RSVPs are encouraged, but not required, at don@amosbutleraudubon.org.

Colombia Birding Trip Opportunity

Amos Butler Audubon members might like to know about an exciting opportunity to visit Colombia this fall, October 24-31. Coordinated by the Environment for the Americas, ProAves, and EcoTurs Colombia with assistance from Sara Lara Inez of the American Bird Conservancy, the trip is designed for considerable birdwatching, with time to visit museums, explore small towns, and take part in presentations by some of the country's biologists and conservationists. One of the highlights will be a two-day visit to the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, which Birdathon funds have helped to support since 2008. Participants will see first-hand the shade-grown coffee habitat that is so important to the warbler we all love. If you have ever considered a birding trip to this part of South America, this trip may just be the ticket! The chapter would like to have our members visit the reserve and report back their impressions of the conservation work achieved to date.

See page six for additional details

Mountain Bike Group Sets Its Sights on Eagle Creek Park

Mountain bikers, who have long desired a trail system on the west side of Eagle Creek Park, have pushed the issue to the forefront, believing that the current city administration is more sympathetic to their cause than past ones have been. Indy Parks has resisted creation of mountain bike trails at Eagle Creek Park because of the impact they would have on both wildlife and current park users in addition to issues related to security and development of an otherwise natural area. Amos Butler Audubon strongly opposes placement of mountain biking trails at Eagle Creek Park. We believe that Eagle Creek Park, especially the west side, is a jewel within the Indy Parks system and should be preserved as a foot-traffic-only natural area for future generations.

It is an accepted fact among researchers that addition of trails, for any type of user, increases the level of disturbance to birds and other wildlife. The mountain bike trails at Fort Harrison State Park, which are so often mentioned by mountain bikers as the epitome of environmental harmony, will be detrimental to several species of birds. This is not an empty Audubon talking point — it was the conclusion reached by researchers from Purdue University who studied the proposed bike trails at Fort Harrison State Park. Their study concluded that any of the three proposed mountain bike trail designs “will result in significantly higher levels of disturbance on the studied [bird] species than the control scenario (i.e., without bikers).” Trails that include mountain bikers have a greater negative effect on wildlife than do trails restricted to foot-traffic only because bikers travel farther than do hikers, thereby increasing the disturbance.

Mountain bikers have a right to recreation and to the use of parks. But just like a shooting range, dog park, or disc golf course, not every park is suited to every activity. Eagle Creek Park is not a suitable location for mountain bike trails. Mountain biking proponents argue that the habitat on the park's west side is marginal. Amos Butler Audubon agrees that although a lot of the habitat on the west side is not of high quality, it includes some of the highest quality land within the Indy Parks system! People need to keep in mind that large areas of Eagle Creek Park were farmed or mined as recently as three decades ago. What you see now is forest regeneration taking place. In our got-to-have-it now societal mentality, we need to be reminded that forests take generations to grow and that the interim stages may not be pretty.

If mountain bike trails were to be approved on Eagle Creek Park's west side, the city would be compelled to build an infrastructure of roads, parking lots, a gatehouse, and other amenities. And, once again, little by little, piece by piece, we would continue to destroy the last remaining patches of undeveloped habitat within the Indy Parks system. It is truly disappointing to learn that of the parks system's 11,000 acres, fewer than 600 acres are considered to be high-quality forest remnant. Approximately half of them (300 of the 600 acres) are located at Eagle Creek Park, with the remaining acres represented generally by postcard-sized plots scattered among 23 other Indy Parks sites. If we nurture Eagle Creek Park's west side, limit human activities to low-impact uses, and have the support of this administration and future ones, then it will be possible to increase the forested acreage at Eagle Creek Park to benefit wildlife and the trail users who value it.

If you agree with Audubon's position, please let your voice be heard by signing our online petition at <http://tinyurl.com/chmu2pl>.

Upcoming AWBAS Programs

All programs are held at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. They are free and open to the public. Information: Email Brittany Davis Swinford at bluemoosey8@yahoo.com or call (812) 340-0824.

September 11: Waterfowl Migration, Rivers, and Landscape Change

Adam Phelps, Waterfowl Biologist
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Duck! Relax, nothing is sneaking up on you. Ducks and geese are the topic of our September program, which is being conducted in conjunction with the White River Festival. Audubon's program will focus on the role rivers play in waterfowl populations and migration. Adam Phelps, IDNR Waterfowl Biologist, will begin by discussing flyways— routes that birds generally follow— how the flyways are administered, their role in migratory bird management, and interesting shifts in how birds are moving along the flyways. He'll discuss the importance to waterfowl of the Wabash River corridor, how habitat restoration along rivers may be drawing birds east, and will then share some data about bird traffic along the White River. Adam has been with IDNR for seven years and is a dynamic presenter. If we're lucky, afterwards he may share some colorful tales about his recent foray into raising 50+ chickens. Please join us for this ducky program!



October 9: Iceland — Land of Fire and Ice

Randy and Deb Patrick

Although Iceland's bird checklist boasts 377 species, only about 75 are regular breeders, meaning that 80% of the bird species seen in Iceland have been vagrants. Of course, those 75 species can pack a punch. For example, half of the world's population of Atlantic Puffins breed in Iceland. That's three million pairs! If you visit, plan on seeing a lot of waterbirds, since the mostly treeless island, about the size of Indiana, is not hospitable to passerines. So expect to see puffins, auklets, razorbills, shags, fulmars, kittiwakes, and other waterbirds, many of which nest on Iceland's spectacular sea cliffs. Amos Butler Audubon members Randy and Deb Patrick will share their birding experiences and "volcanic" travels around Iceland during the summer of 2011 and will discuss the birds they encountered and what it was like to pursue avian photography in an arctic environment.

November 13: Hacking Northern Harriers

Laura Edmunds
Director of Indiana Raptor Center and Master Falconer

The Northern Harrier (also called the marsh hawk) has an interesting and surprising natural history, especially when it comes to its family life. First presented nationally for the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, this program includes a species profile and a detailed look at the unusual relationship between mother Northern Harriers and their rambunctious chicks. As Director of Indiana Raptor Center, Laura Edmunds has experienced this activity first-hand and will share some interesting hacking stories with us. Hacking is a training method that helps young raptors reach their full hunting potential, through exercise and experience, to become an independent hunter. These wandering terrors of the rodent world are beautiful and are often seen in winter in the company of Short-eared Owls, but few people are aware of their interesting and oddly structured domestic reproductive cycle.



December 11: Climate Change — The Science and the Effect on Plant Communities

Kevin Tungesvick, Restoration Ecologist at
Spence Restoration Nursery and Meteorologist for
the National Weather Service

This presentation will be an update on the science of climate change, how it is changing our weather, and the likely effects it is having and will have on plant communities. Kevin Tungesvick is an extremely knowledgeable botanist with 17 years experience as a Restoration Ecologist at Spence Nursery in Muncie, Indiana. Kevin's degree in Atmospheric Science from Purdue University led him to a career as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service before becoming an ecologist. In this presentation, we will learn about native Indiana plant communities and changes recorded throughout the years. Kevin and his beautiful plant images will give us a better insight into plant phenology and the signs of climate change. The plants can't talk to us...but Kevin can!



AWBAS Sponsored Activities: Bird Hikes and Field Trips

Shorebird Lollapalooza

Eagle Creek Park, Indianapolis

Saturday, September 1, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Leaders: Don Gorney and Marty Williams

IF water levels are down and IF migrating shorebirds cooperate, then this will be a real shorebird lollapalooza. If not, then we can show you a few Killdeers and you can go on your way. This field trip will help people identify shorebirds more effectively by focusing on key field marks and behavioral characteristics. You can bring a spotting scope or share ours. Meet at the end of the former handicap-only access road, which is immediately to the right of the gatehouse at the 71st Street entrance. We will view shorebirds from the end of the road and then walk to the north end for more viewing opportunities. If shorebird numbers are better outside of the park, we may visit a nearby location instead. Contact Don Gorney at (317) 501-4212 or don@amosbutleraudubon.org with questions.

Fall Warblers and Other Migrants

Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve

10410 Hague Road, Fishers

Saturday, September 22, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Leaders: Marty Williams and Don Gorney

Fall migration will be peaking as we visit this wonderful protected property in search of migrants. We will discuss and point out relevant field marks to make confusing fall warblers a little less confusing. After this hike, you will be identifying Blackpoll vs. Bay-breasted Warblers as you run down the path. We guarantee you will be a fall warbler expert or your money back! Of course, we will see what other migrants are present as we explore the various habitats at the site. Meet in the parking lot. The hike is free. Please direct any questions to Marty Williams at (317) 366-6126 or email martburger@mac.com.

Fall Sandhill Crane Migration

Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area

Saturday, November 3, 1:00 p.m. until dark

Leader: Marty Williams

Join us for our annual trip to watch the spectacular mass-gathering of Sandhill Cranes at the Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area in northwestern Indiana. Ninety percent of the Sandhill Crane population in the eastern U.S. travels through Jasper-Pulaski each autumn. During the peak, 20,000 or more cranes may be present at one time. The birds are easily viewed in late afternoon as they fly in from a day of foraging in nearby agricultural fields to the 300-acre area known as Goose Pasture. This field trip is scheduled to catch the peak of the migration, which occurs in early to mid-November. We will leave Indianapolis in the early afternoon, allowing us plenty of time to catch the crane show that takes place from late afternoon to dusk. We may do a little birding around Jasper-Pulaski before heading to the observation tower to marvel at the crane spectacle. Plan to meet at the southwest corner of the Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot in the Traders Point Shopping Center, 6030 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, and carpool as needed. Bring snacks and drinks, and dress appropriately for the weather. Please direct any questions to Marty Williams at (317) 366-6126 or email martburger@mac.com.

Spades Park Bird and Nature Walk Southwest corner of Brookside Parkway North Drive and Rural Street

Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Join the dynamic nature duo of Brittany Davis and Tom Swinford as they lead this slow-paced walk through Spades Park in search of birds, wildflowers, herps, and everything natural. Brittany and Tom have extensive experience in nature education and environmental study. If they can't identify something, it might just be of extraterrestrial origin! Meet in the park near the Chimney Swift tower, which is immediately south of the intersection of North Temple Avenue and Brookside Parkway North Drive. The home located at the intersection (for GPS purposes) is 2587 Brookside Parkway North Drive, just west of Rural. Please be sure to park along along Brookside Parkway NORTH Drive, as there is also a South Drive. This walk is being held in partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Indy Parks, and surrounding neighborhood groups. Amos Butler Audubon is working with these groups to restore and improve habitat at Spades Park for birds and other wildlife. Consider joining us for the October 20 workday at the park. For more information, please contact Brittany Davis at bluemoosey8@yahoo.com

Indianapolis Museum of Art

4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis

Sundays, August 26 and September 23, 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Lake Terrace for a walk through 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park to see what birds are using this unique natural space. Lake Terrace is located on the southeast side of the lake and is near the Park of the Laments artwork. This hike will be led by Don Gorney, Amanda Smith, or Brittany Davis. For information, please contact Don Gorney at (317) 501-4212 or don@amosbutleraudubon.org

Volunteer Days

Amos Butler Audubon will build upon its successful volunteer days program begun in 2011 with funding by TogetherGreen. The purpose of the volunteer days program is to restore habitat for birds and other wildlife and to promote bird/environmental education. Please check the AWBAS website for additional opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the events below or would like to be included on our volunteer e-mail list, please contact Karine Huys at volunteer@amosbutleraudubon.org.

Cold Spring School Workday

3650 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis

August 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

School is back in session and the students of Cold Spring School (IPS environmental magnet) are excited about returning to their amazing 39-acre campus. During the 2011-12 year, the students attended school at a different location while their school was being remodeled and expanded. To get ready for a school re-dedication ceremony, it's time to spruce up the campus.

Numerous projects can be tackled, so we are looking for as many as 75 volunteers to help with weeding, removing non-native plants, planting flowers, working on the greenhouse, picking up trash, collecting native wildflower seeds, and whatever other tasks are needed to put the shine back in the buildings and campus grounds. Children are welcome if supervised by parents. Gloves, work tools, water, and snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own garden tools and knee protection. Follow the signs at the site for parking and sign-in. For more information, please contact Don Gorney at don@amosbutleraudubon.org

Spades Park Workday
Spades Park, Indianapolis
Southwest corner of Brookside Parkway North Drive and Rural Street
October 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

This workday coincides with the Great Indy Cleanup and is sponsored by Amos Butler Audubon, Indy Parks, and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Volunteers will be planting native trees and shrubs, removing invasive plants, and removing litter from along the banks of Pogue's Run. Much of the effort will take place in the park's developing bird sanctuary.

We need 30 volunteers. Children are welcome if supervised by parents. Water, light snacks, and work gloves will be provided. Meet in the park immediately south of the intersection of N. Temple Ave. and Brookside Parkway North Drive. The home located closest to the meeting spot is 2587 Brookside Parkway North Drive, just west of Rural. Please be aware that we are meeting along Brookside Parkway NORTH Drive, as there is also a South Drive. Dress for cool weather and outdoor work. Mayor Ballard will be participating in the Great Indy Cleanup, so we hope he will be helping us or at least stopping by to see what great work you and the others are doing! For more information, please contact Don Gorney at don@amosbutleraudubon.org

Other Central Indiana
Bird-Related Programs:

Bird Banding Demonstration
Cool Creek Nature Center
2000 E. 151st St., Carmel
Saturdays, August 18, September 15, October 13,
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Ronald Weiss, Assistant Professor of Biology in the School of Mathematics and Science at Marian University and Executive Director of the Chipper Woods Bird Observatory of Indianapolis, for a fascinating journey into the world of wild birds. Learn techniques that field scientists use to safely capture, handle, and release wild birds as well as how to examine them. Scientists around the world employ these techniques to generate useful data for conservation. All birds are safely captured, banded, and released unharmed. Best for school-aged children and adults. More information at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

Indiana Bluebird Society's Annual Meeting
Cool Creek Nature Center
Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Indiana Bluebird Society will be holding its annual fall conference at the Cool Creek Nature Center. This free conference will feature guest speakers discussing topics concerning bluebirds. Lunch will be on your own, or bring a dish to share! Anyone who is interested in the preservation of bluebirds and would like to learn more is welcome. You don't have to be a member to participate, and pre-registration is not required. If you would like more information, please check the website Indianabluebirdsociety.org or call the Nature Center at (317) 774-2500.

Cool Creek Park Beginning Bird Hikes
Meet in the north parking lot past the
Nature Center
Wednesdays and every other Sunday, August 5, 8,
15, 19, 22, 29; September 2, 12, 16, 19, 26, 30;
October 10, 14, 17, 24, 28, 31; 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Birds are fascinating, and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. Catching a glimpse of these gorgeous creatures, however, can be frustrating and learning how to identify all of them can be overwhelming! Join our Naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings,, and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for birdwatchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Pre-registration is not required. Don't forget your binoculars! For more information, contact Amanda Smith at amandasmith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Bird Fact or Fiction
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library
1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield
Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

If you touch a baby bird, will its mom still take care of it? Are owls as wise as folklore would have us believe? Can hummingbirds really fly backwards? Join an Amos Butler Audubon Society representative to find out the answers to these questions and many more! This program will be fun for mixed audiences. This free program is presented in loving memory of Dottie Kidwell, long-time Friend of the Library volunteer and bird enthusiast. Registration is required. Please call 317-938-3800 or www.plainfieldlibrary.net.

Regularly Scheduled
Bird Hikes

Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center
6515 Delong Road, Indianapolis
Every Sunday year-round, 9 a.m.

Meet at the Ornithology Center. (317) 327-2473

Marian University EcoLab
3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis
Every Wednesday starting September 5, 8 a.m.

Leader: David Benson (dbenson@marion.edu)

Meet at the St. Francis Colonnade.

Fort Harrison State Park
5753 Glenn Road, Indianapolis
Each Sunday in September and October

Leader: Don Gorney (don@amosbutleraudubon.org)

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Delaware Lake parking lot.

Cool Creek Park
2000 East 151st Street, Carmel
Saturdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8 to 10 a.m.

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their annual trip south this autumn. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park, past the Nature Center. Information: (317) 774-2500.

Strawtown Koteewi Park
12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville
Wednesdays: September 5 and October 3
8:30 to 10 a.m.

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History, (317) 984-5556.



Kirtland's Warbler Foray, June 8-11

by Bill Murphy

In early June, 13 birders, including one from Puerto Rico, joined leader Bill Murphy for a four-day exploration of the Kirtland's Warbler region of Michigan. The group based itself in Tawas City and visited area sites that included Tawas Point State Park, a well known migration hotspot; Tuttle Marsh; Kirtland's Warbler habitat, consisting mainly of gently rolling sand hills covered with short jack pines; many sites along the Au Sable River Road, which stretches for about 30 miles along the pristine Au Sable River; Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling; and, on the trip back to Indiana, Nyangquing Point Wildlife Area on western Saginaw Bay.

The group's final tally of 133 species (mostly breeding) included abundant Baltimore Orioles, Eastern Kingbirds, Tree Swallows, and Cedar Waxwings, along with less common species such as Trumpeter Swan, Piping Plover, American and Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sandhill Crane, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Upland Sandpiper, Common Raven, Alder Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, 12 species of breeding warblers, Evening and Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, Yellow-headed and Brewer's Blackbird, and the star of the show, Kirtland's Warbler, the entire world population of which nests within about 100 miles of Mio, Michigan.

Regarding the Piping Plover, a federally endangered species, by its leg bands we found that the female was hatched at Bliss Beach, near Pellston, directly west across Michigan from Tawas. It is an offspring of Michigan's oldest plover (13 years old). Sadly, this year only three Piping Plover nests were discovered on the American side of Lake Huron.

A key element of the group's success was the generous input from local Michigan birder and past president of the Michigan Audubon Society, Peggy Ridgway. Peggy guided the group to several productive areas in the Kirtland's Warbler habitat and reserved dining spots for our rather large group. AWBAS thanks Peggy for helping to make this trip a success.

Birdathon 2012 Tops Last Year's Record!

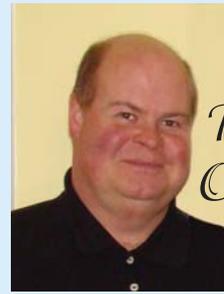
by Donna McCarty, AWBAS Birdathon Chair

Another incredibly successful Birdathon has just been completed with a grand total of \$31,970! This eclipsed last year's record total of \$31,485. What a phenomenal group of volunteers we have to be able to rack up this much in donations.

Then to add to the superlatives, the DNR Team nearly tied the total species count record of 172 with a tally of 171.

All of the generous donations from our sponsors add up to protecting more Cerulean Warbler habitat in Colombia, enhancing local habitat at the Marian University EcoLab, supporting a Purdue University research project on American Golden-Plovers, providing binoculars for students to learn about birds, and adding more specimens to the Eagle Creek Ornithology Center's world-class exhibit. All of these projects go toward fulfilling our goal of benefitting the birds of Central Indiana.

A special thanks to the Birdathon volunteers and the members of our 12 Birdathon teams who have made this possible.



President's Column

This spring we bade farewell to three terrific board members whose terms had expired: Kristin Bingham, Janet Creamer, and Jeanette Frazier. As a new board member in 2009, Kristin Bingham volunteered to be recording secretary, an officer position that demands careful attention to detail. Kristin performed her duties admirably. She leaves the board to devote attention to her full-time position at the Indianapolis Zoo and to family responsibilities. Janet Creamer applied her vast nature education knowledge towards educational presentations, bird walks, and special events. Fortunately, Janet will still be involved with occasional Audubon activities and will continue to serve as a resource on all things nature. But for now, she will be planning her wedding. Thanks and congratulations, Janet! Finally, Jeanette Frazier has been a jewel for Audubon and especially for me. She was quick to volunteer for just about every event, served as an insightful board member willing to lead discussions, and was a terrific sounding board for me as president. I wish Jeanette and her partner, Elcira, the best of everything as they retire to Panama.

The year ahead will be filled with much excitement as AWBAS gets ready for our 75th anniversary in March 2013. To start the program year off with gusto, we are holding an appreciation celebration at Cool Creek Park on Sunday, August 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The event celebrates our nearing this milestone because of great volunteers, members, and community partners like you. Please join us for this fun and free event. And yes, I am bribing you when I tell you that we will have plenty of desserts in addition to food at the event! See you August 19.

Don Gorney



Volunteers at the April 21, 2012 workday at Cold Spring School.

Colombia, South America with an extension to El Dorado Reserve.



Colombia: October 24 - 31

Cost: \$1,800.00 per person

Eldorado Reserve: November 1 - 3

Cost: \$1,100.00 additional per person

Both trips include: food, lodging, entrance fees, bilingual guide, ground and air transportation within Colombia. Does not include travel to Colombia.

Registration deadline: \$500 trip deposit due on or before **August 15, 2012***

Join Environment for the Americas and our partners ProAves and EcoTurs Colombia and experience the country's birds, International Migratory Bird Day festival, conservation efforts, and culture.

Our trip will begin in Bogota and the Florida Wetlands, along with some of the city's cultural sites. After leaving the city, we'll stop in the colonial towns of Villa de Leyva and Girón before traveling to the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. During our days in the 545 acre Reserve, we'll visit its diverse habitats while observing some of the many birds this refuge protects. Our trip will conclude with participation in the annual International Migratory Bird Day festival.

For those who aren't ready to leave, we'll spend a few more days at ProAves' flagship reserve, El Dorado. Also known as the Holy Grail for birding, the 1,600 acre Reserve is located on the west slope of Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia. It is home to the highest concentration of endemic birds in the Americas.

For more information and to register, please contact us.

Environment for the Americas 2601 31st Street Boulder, CO 80301
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Celebrating Migratory Birds on their Wintering Sites

This trip is designed for the traveler who is interested in a diverse trip. While we will have the opportunity to do considerable birdwatching, we will also take time to visit museums, explore small towns, and take part in presentations by some of the country's biologists and conservationists. Participants will also contribute to bird conservation education in the country by carrying a few supplies for schools.

Colombia: Bogota and Bucaramanga

Day 1: Arrive in Bogota.

Day 2: Morning birdwatching in La Florida Wetlands and a visit to one or more of the cities cultural sites, such as the Gold Museum.

Day 3: Morning visit to Villa de Leyva and the afternoon in Girón, colonial towns with 400+ year-old architecture, cobblestoned streets, and handicraft markets.

Day 4: Travel to the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, with some early evening birding.

Day 5: Full day in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve visiting upper forest habitats. Evening presentation about Pro-Aves conservation efforts and the Reserve.

Day 6: A visit to shade coffee habitats and other locations in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Day 7: Take to the streets and schools and participate in Colombia's International Migratory Bird Day event.

Day 8: Travel to Bucaramanga Airport to catch the evening flight to Bogota.

El Dorado Extension: Santa Marta

Day 8: Fly from Bucaramanga Airport to Santa Marta. Spend the evening in the reserve.

Day 9: Full day exploring and birding in the El Dorado Reserve.

Day 10: Full day exploring and birding in the El Dorado Reserve.

Day 11: Morning in the reserve followed by late morning transport to Santa Marta Airport.



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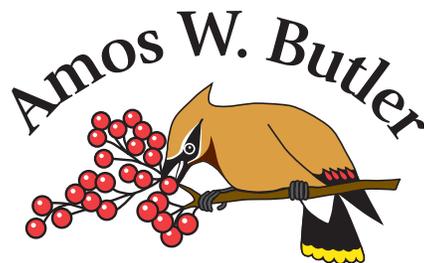
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