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Happy New Year! Our thanks to all of you who joined us in making 2011 another great year of birding travel at Field Guides (our 27th!), and here's wishing you more great birding travels in 2012! This month we have several tour updates, exciting new slideshows from Arabia and Northern Peru, open spaces on upcoming tours, and our [January recent photos gallery](#) (samples to guess at left from Brazil, Guatemala, Argentina, Madagascar, and Peru) -- our [cheat sheet](#) is below. Enjoy!

Tour Updates



Two spots have just opened up on guide Terry McEaney's [Best of the Pacific Northwest](#) trip, **Feb 4-8**. Here's your short winter birding escape to this lovely area on our tour starting out of Seattle.

If you're considering our [Honduras: Land of the Emeralds](#) tour, **Mar 3-11** with guide Jesse Fagan, you can extend your stay at



the end of the tour with a deal from the lovely Lodge at Pico Bonito: a bonus **two nights for the price of one!** Contact our office for details.



We've moved our [Southeast Ontario: Winter Birds](#) tour to **Feb 21-25, 2012** since winter has been so late in coming. There is currently **1 space** still open with Peter Burke and we will make a final decision on whether or not to run the tour on or before Jan 23.



With guide Marcelo Padua's original tour full, we've added a **second departure** of [Jaguar Spotting: Pantanal & Garden of the Amazon](#) for **Jul 7-18**. See our web page for all the details. Oh, and lest you think this is just a mammal-watching tour, check out some of Marcelo's great pics from our [September recent photos gallery](#) for just a few of the fabulous birds to be seen, or have a look at his 2011 [triplist](#) of more than 300 species. Birding ahead!

New Slideshows (Oman/UAE, N. Peru)

We have two great new slideshows: George Armistead assembled his pics from his recent **Oman & the UAE** tour into a captioned slideshow, as did Rose Ann Rowlett from photos she and co-leader Richard Webster brought back from their recent **Northern Peru: Endemics Galore** trip.



Both are a great way to pass a few minutes among beautiful birds and landscapes and to learn more about these two exciting birding destinations. The links are:

[Oman & the UAE 2011 slideshow](#) -- [Northern Peru 2011 slideshow](#)



Traveling alone? Just one space open!

We have just **one space still open** on the following trips, some coming up very soon if you've just gotta get away birding!

[Northeast Brazil \(Part II\): Jan 28-Feb 13](#) with Bret Whitney & Marcelo Padua

[Southeast Ontario: Winter Birds: Feb 21-25, 2012](#) with Peter Burke

[Costa Rica: Mar 17-Apr 1](#) with Megan Crewe & local guide



Our January newsletter's coming up...

Our January newsletter has just mailed...watch for it in your mailbox in the next couple of weeks. Inside you'll find articles on **Alaska's** nesting seabirds, our long and short **Northern Peru** tours, traveling in **Asia** with Dave Stejskal, Jesse Fagan's affinity for **canasteros**, a short piece on **Royal Flycatcher**, an invitation to our Wild & Wonderful **Suriname** tour, some guide updates, and four pages of **Fresh from the Field**...all coming your way soon!



In addition to the above single openings, these tours are also available:

[Colima & Jalisco: Jan 13-21](#) with Megan Crewe

[Sacha Lodge, Ecuador I: Jan 13-22](#) with Willy Perez (2 spaces)





Colombia: [Bogota, Magdalena Valley & Santa Marta](#): **Jan 14-30** with Jesse Fagan & local guide (3 spaces)
 Oaxaca: **Jan 22-29** with Megan Crewe & Chris Benesh (3 spaces)
 The Heart of Chile: **Jan 28-Feb 11** with Peter Burke & Ricardo Matus (3 spaces)
 Sacha Lodge, Ecuador II: **Feb 3-12** with Dan Lane (2 spaces)
 Best of the Pacific Northwest: **Feb 4-8** with Terry McEneaney (2 spaces)
 Panama's Canopy Tower I: **Feb 10-17** with John Coons
 Suriname: **Mar 2-17** with Dan Lane (4 spaces)
 Honduras: Land of the Emeralds: **Mar 3-11** with Jesse Fagan
 Birding Plus Egypt: **Mar 3-20** with Terry Stevenson
 Bahamas: Birds & Butterflies: **Mar 31-Apr 5** with Jesse Fagan (3 spaces)



Our spring and early summer tour availability includes the following:

Hawaii: **Apr 1-10** with George Armistead (4 spaces)
 Colorado Grouse I: **Apr 4-14** with Chris Benesh
 Bhutan: **Apr 6-27** with Richard Webster
 Texas's Big Bend & Hill Country: **Apr 21-30** with Chris Benesh
 Dominican Republic II: **Apr 28-May 5** with Jesse Fagan
 Uganda: **May 17-Jun 7** with Phil Gregory (3 spaces)
 II: **May 18-27** with Dave Stejskal
 Warblers: **May 30-Jun 3** with John Rowlett & John
 Alaska I (Part I): **May 30-Jun 7** with Chris Benesh & Jesse Fagan



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Central Peruvian Endemics: **Jun 1-17** with Dan Lane & Willy Perez
 Alaska II (Part I): **Jun 6-14** with George Armistead & Megan Crewe
 Montane Ecuador I: **Jun 8-17** with Mitch Lysinger
 Spitsbergen cruise: **Jun 23-Jul 5** with John Coons
 Papua New Guinea I: **Jun 27-Jul 15** with Phil Gregory (1 space)
 Sacha Lodge, Ecuador III: **Jun 29-Jul 8** with Mitch Lysinger (2 spaces)



Newfoundland & Nova Scotia: **Jun 29-Jul 9** with Chris Benesh
 Peru's Magnetic North: **Jun 30-Jul 10** with John Rowlett & Pepe Rojas

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Recently posted 2012 itineraries

Recently posted itineraries for 2012 tours include [Cape May Megan's Way](#) (Sep 30-Oct 6), [Jaguar Spotting: Pantanal & the Garden of the Amazon](#) (Jul 7-18 or Jul 21-Aug 1), and [Papua New Guinea](#) (Jun 27-Jul 15 or Jul 11-29).



Recently posted triplists

Reports from recent 2011 tours are out for [Jaguar Spotting: Pantanal & the Garden of the Amazon](#) with Marcelo Padua, [Madagascar, Mauritius & Reunion](#) with Phil Gregory & Megan Crewe, [Serra dos Tucanos, Brazil](#) with John Rowlett, [Chile](#) with Alvaro Jaramillo & Ricardo Matus, [Louisiana: Yellow Rails & Crawfish Tails](#) with Dan Lane & Jesse Fagan, [Uruguay](#) with Alvaro Jaramillo, and [Northern Peru: Endemics Galore](#) with Rose Ann Rowlett & Richard Webster. Enjoy!

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Till next time, from all of us at Field Guides, good birding!

Cheat sheet

All photos at left are from our January [recent photos](#). Enjoy!

- Pale-billed Woodpecker, [Guatemala](#), by guide Jesse Fagan
- Frilled Coquette, [SE Brazil](#), by guide Marcelo Padua
- Gray-necked Wood-Rail, [Guatemala](#), by guide Jesse Fagan
- Chilean Flamingos, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal
- Yellow-bridled Finch, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal
- Tufted Tit-Tyrant, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal
- Verreaux's Sifaka, [Madagascar](#), by guide Phil Gregory
- Speckle-breasted Antpitta, [SE Brazil](#), by guide Marcelo Padua
- Helmetbird, [Madagascar](#), by guide Phil Gregory
- Long-whiskered Owlet, [N. Peru](#), by guide Richard Webster
- Collared Nightjar, [Madagascar](#), by guide Phil Gregory
- Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, [SE Brazil](#), by guide Marcelo Padua
- White-browed Owl, [Madagascar](#), by guide Phil Gregory
- Golden-winged Cacique, [SE Brazil](#), by guide Marcelo Padua
- Firewood-gatherer, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal
- Long-winged Harrier, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal
- Royal Flycatcher, [Guatemala](#), by guide Jesse Fagan
- Buff-bridled Inca-Finch, [N. Peru](#), by guide Richard Webster
- Yellow-faced Parrotlet, [N. Peru](#), by guide Richard Webster
- Snowy-crowned Tern, [S. Argentina](#), by guide Dave Stejskal



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