



LEGACYLINE NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2018

BULGARIA, who would have guessed it? Nine of us spent two weeks this past May birding with Simeon Gigov of *Neophron Tours*. Our happy band of birders came upon 230 species, many of them lifers. The most common sentiment ran something like; "*I did not know what to expect, but this FAR EXCEEDS what I had thought we would experience!*" First, the countryside is beautiful, often stunningly so, with much of the terrain gorgeously contoured, rural, and wild. Second, the birding is purely superb. Arriving in Bulgaria with 403 species of birds on my Western Palearctic Life-list I never dreamed an additional 35 'regional ticks' awaited - among them Little Crane, Demoiselle Crane, Rock Partridge, Levant Sparrowhawk, Eastern Imperial Eagle, Masked Shrike, and Semicollared Flycatcher. Third, though food, lodging, and tourist services are inexpensive by European standards (half the cost of Western European countries) the quality of such is incredibly fine... particularly the food with delicious greens, vegetables, meats, fish, and pastries. These days were such a 'crowd pleaser' that Legacy Tours plans to return during 2020. It may be that we will include an add-on to neighboring Turkey, Romania, or Greece. Simeon Gigov - Neophron Tours - can be reached by email: inquiries@neophron.com

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

The past six months had Michael guiding 25-days in southern Mexico during FEB, 17-days of MAR in Panama, 35-days during APR/MAY in Central Mexico with back-to-back tours, 16-days of MAY in lovely Bulgaria, and 20 additional JUN days of custom birding in Mexico - a strong and grateful 'come-back' considering this past December surgeons opened his chest for quintuple arterial bi-pass surgery! The secret has been great medical care, dropping 50 lbs of body weight, and a healthier lifestyle. Susan and Michael thank each one for your prayers and well wishes. As the doctor said recently, "...a 65-year old with a 40-year olds' heart."

UK BIRDFAIR

Next month we fly to England to attend our fourth UK Birdfair, an incredible twenty-five thousand birdwatchers attend the 3-day exhibition located north of London. Legacy has a visitors-booth, and is scheduled for a prime-time presentation that addresses birding in Mexico. We see our past tour participants, and meet with those scheduling upcoming trips. We have also networked beautifully with providers that offer programs in those areas of the world we hope to share with our friends -- Chile, Georgia & Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Panama, and east Africa.

TOUR CALENDAR

Nothing like rich, oxygenated blood flowing through the body to make one see life differently. Around Legacy Tours for a number of years 'retirement' could now-and-then be heard, but no more! This month the **2020 & 2021** calendars will be posted: <http://www.legacy-tours.com/Tours.htm>

We continue to offer three basic types of programs: [1] *Target birding tours in Mexico* (both 'open-tours' and 'private-trips'); [2] *Heritage-Style tours throughout the world* (both in countries where the Heritage-Style is easily achieved, and in some where the style is amended out of need); and [3] *Custom Private Party tours* (both in Mexico and to other world-wide destinations). By our being certain of the ***type of tour we are offering***, we can guide a hugely successful two-weeks for ten people to Tuscany, Italy that lists just over 100 birds, or a focused route in Central Mexico that encounters nearly 500 species during that same window of time. *Success is always a matter of matching participant desires/expectations with the tour destination/style.* We have been doing this full-time for 26-years now; so let us help you plan your next birding holiday. It would be our pleasure...

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