



LEGACYLINE NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2019

Next month my 66th birthday crashes in, to which I declare, "*hurray for this life!*" During the past fortnight in Mexico a Legacy birding group (one Finn, one German, three 'Brits', and two 'Yanks') saw 400 species of which 75 were endemic forms... numbers not attainable for this guide when he was younger. *Madeleine L'Engle Camp* (1918-2007) wrote, "The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." A truth as well when guiding birders... each trip builds on the whole of previous adventures - each success, each misstep (both with birds and participants), is incorporated into the *current moments* in the field. I embrace as compliment an oft repeated sharing that I am *older* than most top-guides hired in target countries. I hear *Oscar Wilde* whisper in my ear; "...not young enough to know everything." While good health and spirited desire compel me forward actual value for Legacy's clients is higher today than at any time during the previous twenty-eight years. As for reflecting on the upcoming birthday, I rejoice in the blessings of such extraordinary opportunities and experiences.

CHIAPAS LOWLANDS - October 22nd – November 4th, 2019

Though every other tour on the 2019 calendar filled long ago there are still available spaces for this *fall tour to the rainforests of southern Mexico*. I believe it is my fault for not sharing adequately my appreciation for this specific adventure. First, the route regularly '*sees*' key birds like Slaty-breasted Tinamou, Spotted Wood-Quail, Central American Pygmy-Owl, Black-crested Coquette, Scaly-throated Leaf-tosser, Speckled Mourner, Lovely Cotinga, Green Shrike-Vireo, Northern Nightingale-Wren, and Black-throated Shrike-Tanager. Second, it '*cheats*' into southern Campeche State for Great Curassow, Ocellated Turkey, Yellow-lored Parrot, Yucatan Poorwill, Yucatan Nightjar, Yucatan Woodpecker, Yucatan Flycatcher, Yucatan Jay, Black Catbird, Rose-throated Tanager, and Gray-throated Chat. Third, it is a particularly '*enjoyable*' fortnight with birding-boat rides on the Usumacinta, Lacantun, and Tzendales rivers, flat walking trails in pristine forest, pleasant 'spring-like' weather, access (guided if desired) to four major Mayan archeological sites, and opportunities to interact with the *Lacandon* people, a culture with one serious foot in the past, and the other delicately stepping into today. Contact us now... you can explore more about this specific tour at:

<https://legacy-tours.com/mexico-birding-tours/southeastern-lowlands/>

UK BIRDFAIR - August 16th – 18th, 2019

Legacy will once again offer a company booth at the UK Birdfair, where upwards of twenty-five thousand visitors frequent the several hundred booths and informative presentations. In the process of organizing for this year Legacy Tours met a new friend in **2by2 Holidays**. We hold shared interest in Mexico but this company can assist well with your desires to visit as a nature-traveler major destinations in AFRICA, INDIA, & LATIN AMERICA. Explore their web site at: <https://www.2by2holidays.co.uk>

INSTAGRAM

Legacy Tours can be found at: *legacytoursbirdingworldwide*

The *Instagram* posts can be accessed by '*clicking*' on the *camera icon* on the *banner that runs along the top* of the Legacy Tours web page:

<https://legacy-tours.com>

Susan's regular *Instagram* posts present a softer view of 'Legacy on tour'... a colorful window into traveling with us that highlights pleasurable birds, varied landscapes, in-the-field associates, and local cultures.

Choose '*follow*' to begin receiving regular *picture updates* of our travels.

TOURS-N-TRAVELS

The winter found us guiding in MEXICO for two *Custom Tours* and two *Open Birding Tours* [Mexico Year-list for the first ninety-days is 668 birds]. This weekend we leave for a fortnight in Morocco, a country we particularly enjoy for the vast landscapes and open-terrain birding. In early May we return to Mexico (the north for summer nesters) to guide an additional two *Custom Tours* and two *Open Birding Tours* within the upcoming ninety-days. By the end of July the Mexico year-list will sit around 800 species of birds.

THANK YOU

Kind words often shared following a tour are both meaningful and deeply appreciated. Words and phrases such as knowledgeable, value, more-than-expected, are often expressed. Our service to you is indeed our livelihood, so we again thank you for the opportunities organize and guide on your behalf.

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