



Lowland Forest Birding amid Mayan Archeological Sites
Oct 22nd – Nov 4th, 2019

We are pleased to share with you details for our birding route to the species-rich rainforests of SE Chiapas, Mexico – a region also rich in Mayan archeological sites. This popular program highlights two ***Important Bird Areas*** as defined by Birdlife International (IBA's): (1) the southernmost section of the ***Yucatan Limestone Region***, and (2) the moist bottomlands of the ***Usumacinta River Basin***. For now we know of just two ways to this enticing region – on your own, or with the experienced leadership of Legacy Tours. While guiding for nearly thirty years in Mexico we have found that the many specialty birds are far easier to relocate than they are to make a first encounter. Our familiarity increases your success.

Past participants on Legacy's birding tours in Mexico have included thirteen of the top-20 world birders as published by the ABA - all with totals in the area of eight to nine thousand birds. For us, however, Mexico is not just a major destination for the passionate 'lister' as a number of North American birders select Mexico has for their initial birding experience outside the USA. Participants of all abilities can expect a quality of the birding experience, and a high number of key species.

Though both forest trails and birding walks within the archeological sites require at least average physical stamina, the pace of the day often includes a midday break, and nearly always a relaxing evening meal. Because birding is what brings us together, all participants must agree to a *shared expectation of daily birding* with time given over to the Mayan ruin, but with a lesser focus.

Finally, it is in our hearts that for you the birding and discovery to be experienced while in the center of Mexico's ancient Mayan world will be both rewarding (trip totals), but also enjoyable (amid the lush forest) and educational (while interacting with the local peoples).

Legacy Tours favors this route as one of their favorite offerings...

Kindly;

Michael Carmody