



LegacyLine NewsLetter - Dec 2019

Closing one-year to begin another poses more risk with increased age. I recall, not that long ago, when *New Years* meant resolutions, hopes, and re-evaluations. Now, I fear, *New Years* equates with... '*What else may crass in upon us next?*' Sixty-six is a wonderful age, especially with an arterial system re-plumbed to that of a 40-year old. However losing most dear family, friends, and travel companions in 2019 whispers a reminder that for all of us the '*sparrow will fall from the branch*'. With this in mind my wife, Susan, let's the lease at *Jigsaw* pass without renewal. She travels more with Legacy Tours. She runs point on a few tours each year that are in the Heritage-Style --- *indeed more like Heritage Plus* -- birds, cooking, golf, lighthouses, distilleries, shopping, museums, weavings, nature, ferries, music, fly-fishing, vineyards, etc. We will continue to guide for our friends on custom routes, and to offer Mexico's most important bird areas, but it is time to reach out to the world more broadly, to journey more selectively, and to re-evaluate our own *LEGACY* in the world of travel and birding.

TOURS-N-TRAVELS

Space is available for a one of our première birding routes, ***The Southern Highlands of Oaxaca, and Central Veracruz... Feb 29th - March 14th, 2020***. The fifteen-day route experiences a great variety of botanic and cultural experiences -- as well as 450 species of birds.

<https://legacy-tours.com/mexico-birding-tour-calendar/>

We visit **Chile** this year, **October 29th through November 20th, 2020**. Participants can select the entire three-part birding tour, or join just two of those units. An extension to Easter Island will be made available. Contact our office today if you would like to see specific program details.

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LEGACY TOURS MEXICO LISTS

Following an extremely enjoyable tour to the Yucatan earlier this month where we encountered 255 species of birds (including all endemics) my **Mexico Year List** drew to a 2019 close with 823 species seen (the 21st time the annual list has topped 800). Though I celebrate the many birds seen, it was the participants themselves made the trip a huge success... such good souls, spirited, broadly interested, and embracing of adventure each day!

PHOTOS

Legacy is using the web site URL page to showcase photos our tours... <http://www.legacy-tours.com> Images there now are by *Aidan G. Kelly*, an Irish participant that joined our *Finest Birding Route in North America* (2018). To have ***your photos*** displayed send us up to 25 of your favorite images from when you traveled with Legacy Tours.

THANK YOU

The *LegacyLine Newsletter* is our most important tool for communicating our activities and programs. You have been so very good about sharing your insights, requests, and encouragements. As we chart a slightly different course please continue to share with us your thoughts and hopes. We thank you for these communications as they keep us 'on track' and more responsive. As always we say; '*Thank You*'.

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