



**2023 – 2025**

## **FOCUSED MEXICO BIRDING TOURS**



White-throated Jay (*Sierra Madre de Sur de Atoyac, Guerrero*)

**2023**

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023**



**[Open Birding Tour] OAXACA\*** - *Endemics of the Southern Highlands\*\**, *Isthmus of Tehuantepec*, & *Sierra Los Tuxtlas, Vera Cruz*  
More than fifty of Mexico's endemics occur in Oaxaca's 'Southern Highlands.' This route encompasses one the major stand-alone regions that every birder interested in seeing the key species of Mexico must visit. At least 15 of Mexico's endemic birds are found only here...

**[Tour Style C- Birding all day, every day]**

**Price: \$3,995/pp**

**\*\*THIS ROUTE CAN BE COMBINED WITH 'The Finest Birding Route'**

**\*\* SEVERAL MEXICO TOURS ARE 'REQUIRED' IN ORDER TO SEE  
ALL OF THE MAINLAND ENDEMIC BIRDS OF THE COUNTRY**

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

APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



[Open Birding Tour]; *Finest Birding Route in North America\** –  
CENTRAL MEXICO - 450 SPECIES - 60 MEXICAN ENDEMIC

Route includes: [1] West Mexican Pacific slope, [2] Sierra Madre del Sur de Guerrero, [3] Balsas River drainage, and [4] Transvolcanic Belt in less than 300 miles of travel. Every day of this trip has specific targets that are rare and local... this is a 'BIRDERS ROUTE'.

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\*ROUTE CAN BE COMBINED with 'The Oaxaca-Southern Highlands Route'



RED WARBLER (Race 'rowleyi' is a Mexican Endemic found in Oaxaca State)

**WILD, UNTAMED COUNTRYSIDE - LIMITLESS CANYONS & PLAINS**  
JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>– 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 [Open Birding Tour]

NORTHERN MEXICO'S SUMMER ENDEMIC



This 'Must-Do' route targets a swath of Mexico's birds known more from myth than from birder's life-lists (half a dozen have been recorded by no other birding company); *Thicket Tinamou*, *Montezuma Quail*, *Thick-billed and Maroon-fronted parrots*, *Yellow-headed and Red-crowned amazons*, *Eared Quetzal*, *Flammulated Owl*, *Tamaulipas Pygmy-Owl*, *Tawny-collared Nightjar*, *Gray-collared Becard*, *Colima Warbler*, *Altamira Yellowthroat*, *Crimson-collared Grosbeak*, and *Worthen's Sparrow*. Route includes a morning mini-pelagic in the Sea of Cortez for *Craveri's Murrelet*. Begins in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon and ends in Hermosillo, Sonora.

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# 2024

JANURARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024

[Open Birding Tour]; BAJA SUR & NW MEXICO



*'Mexico's most magical and enchanting region'* - More than 30 endemic birds occur in NW Mexico. This 'stand-alone' destination is essential for birders who target the full basket of Mexican endemics. The route visits both Southern Baja California Sur and the Mexican States of Jalisco, Nayarit, and Sinaloa.

Tour Style [B – Birding daily w/ accommodations & pace comfortable]

*Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure*



BAIRD'S JUNCO – Endemic to the Sierra la Laguna, Baja California Sur

EARLY TO MID-APRIL, 2024



[Open Birding Tour]; *'Finest Birding Route in North America'* – CENTRAL MEXICO\*\*\* - 450 SPECIES/60 ENDEMICS FOR THE ROUTE

Route includes: [1] West Mexican Pacific slope, [2] Sierra Madre del Sur de Guerrero, [3] Balsas River drainage, and [4] Transvolcanic Belt.

This route propelled Legacy Tours into the forefront of Mexico birding... we have seen Short-crested Coquette annually since 1994...

[Tour Style C- Birding all day, every day]

Price: \$4,195/pp

JUNE 5th - 19th, 2024



[Open Birding Tour] NORTHERN MEXICO'S SUMMER ENDEMICS

Breeding endemics of Chihuahua's *Sierra Madre Occidental*, Saltillo Grasslands, *Sierra Madre Oriental*, and Tamaulipan coastal plain for Thicket Tinamou, Thick-billed and Maroon-fronted parrots, Yellow-headed and Red-crowned amazons, Eared Quetzal, Tamaulipas Pygmy-Owl, Tawny-collared Nightjar, Colima Warbler, Altamira Yellowthroat, Crimson-collared Grosbeak, and Worthen's Sparrow.

[Tour Style C- Birding all day, every day]

Price: \$4,495/pp





Slaty Vireo is found in the Mexican states of Oaxaca & Guerrero

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***NORTHERNMOST LOWLAND RAINFORESTS IN THE AMERICAS***  
**SOUTHEASTERN CHIAPAS - JUNGLE TRAILS & FORESTED**  
**RIVERINE EDGE - 400 TOTAL SPECIES**  
**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024**

**[Birding Tour]; CHIAPAS, MEXICO - Lowland Rainforest**



*World-class birding amid vast tracks of intact forest for Slaty-breasted Tinamou, Great Curassow, Spotted Wood-Quail, Agami Heron, Ruddy Crake, Central American Pygmy-Owl, Mexican Anthrush, Scaly-throated Leaf Tosser, Ruddy Woodcreeper, Rufous-breasted Spinetail, Speckled Mourner, Lovely Cotinga, and Northern Nightingale-Wren.*

**[Tour Style C- Birding all day, every day]**

*Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure*

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**EARLY DECEMBER 2024\*\***

**[Heritage-Style Birding Tour] YUCATAN, MEXICO**



**Quality birding, sunny days, regional cuisine, Mayan archeological sites, and Cozumel Island for key birds that include Ocellated Turkey, Black-throated Bobwhite, Rufous-necked and Russet-naped wood-rails, Yucatan Poorwill, Yucatan Nightjar, Mexican Sheartail, Cozumel Emerald, Gray-collared Becard, Cozumel and Yucatan vireos, Gray-throated Chat, Rose-throated Tanager, and Orange Oriole.**

**Tour Style [A – Heritage-Style Tours - a comfortable & relaxed pace]**

*Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure*

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# 2025

**MID-TO-LATE JANUARY 2025**



**[Heritage-Style Birding Tour] MONARCH OF MEXICO** – *The winter gathering of monarchs in the fir forests in Morelos, Guadalajara (and the tourist train to Tequila), Guanajuato, and old colonial Mexico*  
A relaxed pace, a series of fun activities, and birding daily as recreation.

**[Tour Style A - Birding daily with butterflies, colonial cities, and tourist activities holding a place each day as well]**

*Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure*



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**MID-MARCH TO EARLY APRIL, 2025**



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**MID-TO-LATE JUNE, 2025**



**[Open Birding Tour] NORTHERN MEXICO'S SUMMER ENDEMIC**

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**POSSIBLE CUSTOM TOUR (IF PERMITS ALLOW)**



***Horned Guan (Photo taken during Legacy Tours FEB 2019 program)***

***THE LAND OF THE HORNED GUAN - 200 TOTAL SPECIES***  
**MEXICO'S EL TRIUNFO BIOSPHERE RESERVE**  
***IN-AND-OUT From Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas***

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## Style and Structure of Tour Planning: 2023 - 2025

[1] **OPEN BIRDING TOURS** - are offered primarily in Mexico, our 'patch' for the past thirty years. Participation is ***open*** to anyone on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tours in this style repeat a daily pattern of searching-out key target species, and are best characterized to others as a *'birding as the primary-focus'* experience.

[2] **HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING TOURS\*** - are conducted in countries with a 'manageable' bird-list, a variety of equally interesting experiences, and a comfortable infrastructure, especially accommodations. *Within Mexico only the 'Yucatan Tour' affords both the infrastructure and a 'manageable' bird-list to support a successful birding tour using the Heritage-Style format.*

[2] **FAR AWAY BIRDING TOURS\*** - offered in countries with a 'targetable' birdlist, with local guides hired for language service, birding activities, and meals. These countries offer a comfortable infrastructure, especially accommodations, and *Michael always accompanies these tours, serving as the second guide.*

[4] **CUSTOM TOURS** - Annually around one-in-four of our departures are with small groups, couples, and individuals that have contacted Legacy Tours directly with a list of target birds, a destination idea, or a special need/desire. *These trips require commitment and planning well in advance to lock-in optimum dates.*



Fishing '*pangas*' on the north coast of Yucatan State

*\*Heritage-Style tours are 'birding tours' that focus on a more relaxed pace, upscale accommodations, more regular and higher quality meals, seeing some specialty birds during the tour, and while doing so exploring the broad landscape, unique peoples, and rich cultures that encompass our birding destination.*