

BIRDING NORTH PERU

2020 GENERAL INFORMATION

The following tours are offered:

Pre-tour to Plataforma – 22 to 25 August 2020

3 week tour Tarapoto to Cajamarca – 25 August to 14 September 2020

Extension at Chaparri – 14 to 18 September 2020

- The 21 day tour from Tarapoto to Cajamarca starts in the lowlands of the Huallaga River, proceeds westwards to the Andes via Abra Patricia, explores the area around Gocta Falls, on to Leymebamba, rising to 3600 metres at Abra Barro Negro, descends to 800 m at the Marañon River at Balsas & continues to Celendin and finishes at Cajamarca.
- The extension involves 3 nights at Chaparri Lodge east of Chiclayo, hill scrub habitat and famous for White-winged Guan & Spectacled Bear.
- The main focus is birds but there will be mammals, lizards, perhaps snakes and poison dart frogs, also some fascinating insects and plants; a few days will have opportunities for culture such as museums and the ruins at Kuelap.
- As this is a birding trip, you will get the most out of the tour by purchasing the Field Guide (see below) and try to become familiar with some of the common species, or at least the typical neotropical families. You should bring the book with you.
- A reasonable level of fitness is required but if you feel unable to tackle the more strenuous hikes, you may opt out and stay at or near the accommodation if it is a day when we are not moving on. The longest or steepest walks are at Rio Chido, the walk to Gocta Falls, the Pucayaquillo Waterfall and the 2 night walks for owls at Abra Patricia. Other days are relatively leisurely with roadside stops and short trails.
- Anyone interested in linking a bird tour with another excursion such as a visit to Machu Picchu or elsewhere in south Peru, or wishing to add a non-birding excursion should let me know their requirements as I can probably assist or make suggestions.

COST

The cost of the 21 day tour depends on the number in the group as follows (in US dollars):

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| 1 person | \$9950 |
| 2 persons | \$7225 |
| 3 persons | \$6700 |
| 4 persons or more | \$5650 |
| Single supplement (2 or more people) - | \$400 |

The extension is **\$2,150** per person with no single supplement.

The prices include:

- All overnight accommodation in quality hotels & lodges throughout the tour (no camping)
- All meals & packed lunches
- Bottled water and some soft drinks
- Transport throughout in suitable vehicle(s)
- River transport

- Entry fees to parks & reserves
- Guiding both by me and local guides
- Transfers to and from airports

It does not include:

- International flights to Peru & internal flights to & from Tarapoto & Cajamarca
- Any visas required
- Alcoholic drinks
- Medical requirements
- Insurance
- Tips
- Personal laundry
- Bank charges
- Other personal requirements, souvenirs etc.

Payments should be made to my foreign currency account with ANZ in US\$ only.

Tours have a maximum number of 8.

BIRD FIELD GUIDE

The recommended book for bird identification is **Birds of Peru** by Schulenberg, Stotz, Lane, O'Neill & Parker, published by Helm Field Guides. This is available by mail order through a number of sources, e.g Andrew Isles in Australia and Wildsounds, NHBS and Subbuteo in the UK. You may find other books on Peruvian or South American wildlife worth buying. A good one on mammals is 'Neotropical Rainforest Mammals' by Louise H Emmons

BOOKING

If you would like to come, please ask me for a booking form which should be returned by email and a deposit of 20% of the tour cost paid.

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