

BIRD TREKS

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

Quest for Rarities, Strays, Vagrants -- plus other great birds!

Dates Sunday, 30 July through Thursday, 3 August 2017: 5 days & 4 nights

During the course of our normal 12-day tour that immediately precedes this one, we often hear about rare birds that we simply do not have time to pursue. This five-day post-tour extension is designed to do just that, go after any additional rarities. Also on the agenda are any unusual species that we may have missed on the 12-day tour. We may have had trouble with **Montezuma Quail**, **Green Kingfisher**, or one of the more elusive **warblers** or **sparrows**. And finally, there are some species that are just a bit outside of the normal geographic area that the 12-day tour covers. Species such as **Le Conte's Thrasher**, **Ruddy Ground-Dove**, and **Common Black-Hawk** come to mind. If all else fails, we can always bird some really good areas (there are many), and find our own unusual Southeast Arizona birds (they are there to be found)!

You may participate in the 5-day extension with the regular 12-day tour, or take either tour separately. Simply tell us your preference: 5 days, 12 days, or the full 17 days.

I will have to decide in advance where we will stay so that we are assured motel and lodge reservations. My best guess right now is two nights at each of two locations. We can discuss what birds we should try to see based on everyone's wish list. Some are completely obvious, such as a **Yellow Grosbeak** or **Fan-tailed Warbler**; if one of these or a similarly rare species is being seen, then away we go! It is not the best of all times to search for **Flammulated Owl**, but I have located this elusive nocturnal species twice in late July. Wherever we go, wherever our search takes us, we'll have an excellent time!

Here is a list of unusual species that we have found on past **July-August Bird Treks Tours**:

Ross's Goose	Buff-collared Nightjar
Least Grebe	Plain-capped Starthroat
White Ibis	Rose-throated Becard
Glossy Ibis	Sinaloa Wren
Roseate Spoonbill	Black-capped Gnatcatcher
Purple Gallinule	Aztec Thrush
Western Gull	Rufous-capped Warbler
Elegant Tern	Flame-colored Tanager
Ruddy Ground-Dove	Yellow Grosbeak
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Lawrence's Goldfinch

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Additional rarities that other birders found in mid to late July 2016 include **Pine Flycatcher** (1st ABA record), **Tufted Flycatcher**, **Nutting's Flycatcher**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, and the list goes on. Who knows what 2017 will bring!

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Leader This rarities search will be led by **Bob Schutsky** who has led more than twenty tours to Southeastern Arizona. Bob will have you in the right place at the right time for the best birding opportunities and an action-packed tour. This is **Bob's favorite birding destination in all of North America!**

Price \$1525 per person based upon double occupancy. Single accommodations are available for an extra charge of \$225. We will take a maximum of seven participants. On rare occasion we may extend the maximum to ten participants.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT OFFER! Combine the regular 12-day tour (19 - 30 July 2017) with this super Southeast Arizona Birding Extension and save \$150. Contact Bird Treks for complete details.

Includes Expert guide service, lodging for four nights, **ALL meals**, entrance fees, US Forest Service permit, and all ground transportation within Arizona. **ALL tips** are also included in the tour fee, except for anything that you may wish to give to your tour leader(s).

Does not include cost of airfare to and from Tucson, Arizona. BIRD TREKS will, upon request, help you obtain the best airfare. Also not included are the cost of alcoholic beverages and items of a personal nature.

Deposit A \$300 deposit will assure your reservation on this tour. The balance is payable 60 days before the tour begins. Arizona is a popular and spectacular birding destination. Send your deposit soon to insure your reservation on the special tour, and to obtain the best possible airfare.

Extra Services We offer the services of our exclusive BIRD TREKS travel agent, **Lori Heathcote**, in arranging your air travel. Lori has 32 years of experience in the travel industry and is a veteran birder. Contact her through Bailey Travel / Travel Time at **1-800-224-5399**, or you can e-mail her at **lori@baileytravel.com**. Lori's direct phone line is **717-855-2128**. By dealing with Lori you have the security of a 24-hour toll-free telephone number in case of any travel emergency. She can also assist you with all pre- and post-tour travel plans. There is a small fee for these services.

Refund and Cancellation Policy With written notice more than 60 days prior to the first day of the tour, 100% of your deposit will be refunded, minus a \$75 service fee. With 30-60 days notice, you will receive a 50% refund of the full cost of the tour. No refund can be made with less than 30 days notice. You will receive a full refund if you provide a replacement for your spot on the tour. No partial refund can be given once the tour begins. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment. Contact **ALLIANZ GLOBAL ASSISTANCE** (formerly Access America) and mention **BIRD TREKS ACCAM # F021096**. You can apply via the Internet at **www.allianztravelinsurance.com** or by phone at **1-800-284-8300**.

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