Birding South Florida in Winter

Feb. 23 – March 4, 2022

Tour Highlights:

This **10 Night/ 10 day** birding tour visits South Florida's iconic birding hotpots. Habitats we visit include Atlantic and Gulf coasts & beaches, salt and freshwater marshes, Long-leaf Pine forests, Bald Cypress swamps and the fascinating Everglades National Park.

Easily explore these distinctive sub-tropical habitats as a small group in a spacious and comfortable van with two guides who have been birding South Florida for over 25 years.

Target bird species include: Florida Scrub-jay, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Limpkin, Wood Stork, Anhinga, Purple Gallinule, Snail Kite, Short-tailed Hawk, White-crowned Pigeon, Brown-headed Nuthatch, eastern warblers. Wintering shorebirds and waders galore! Other local wildlife specialties include American Alligator, Manatee, Armadillos and much more.

Itinerary:

- **Day 0**: Travel, arrive in Fort Lauderdale, lodging near airport (included)
- **Day 1:** Fort Lauderdale & Boca Raton: Loxahatchee NWR, Green Cay
- **Day 2:** Wakodahatchee Wetlands, Atlantic coastal beaches and forest
- **Day 3:** Lake Okeechobee area reserves to Port Charlotte
- **Days 4 - 5:** Babcock-Webb WMA**,** Ft. Myer's Beaches, J.N. Ding Darling
- **Day 6:** Corkscrew Sanctuary, Fakahatchee Strand, Everglades
- **Day 7-8:** Everglades National Park
- **Days 9-10:** Florida Keys, return to Fort Lauderdale

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Transportation: 15 passenger van with back seat removed for luggage, etc.

Group size: Maximum of 8, minimum of 5 participants to run the trip

Estimated Expedition fees for this 10 night / 10 day trip:
$3,650.00 per person USD based on double occupancy
Single Supplement of $850.00

What's included?
Expedition fee includes all transportation, guide service, park fees, lodging (including Ft. Lauderdale hotel Feb. 22) and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from breakfast on Day 1 to drop off in Ft. Lauderdale on March 4 about noon. For those who book through Golden Gate Audubon Society's Big Trips Committee an administrative fee will be sent to GGAS.

What is not included?
Participants will be responsible for their own air or ground transportation to and from Fort Lauderdale, FL to a pre-arranged Hotel on February 22. Departure from the hotel to the airport on Day 10 will be provided by Nature Trip (airport drop-off by noon). All meals and beverages are included with the exception of alcoholic beverages. Participants will also be responsible for travel insurance (if desired), personal laundry and any other personal items not included on the "What's included" list above.

Trip Packet: a complete packet of information for this tour including conditions for participation will be sent to each registrant on receipt of their booking. The information contained herein will give a sense of what to expect if you join this trip.

Lodging: Whenever practical we select lodging that is immediately adjacent to natural features. Otherwise we stay at highly rated standard hotels. All rooms will have ensuite bathrooms with hot water; most have laundry facilities and internet access.

Meals: Breakfasts will be provided throughout the tour by hotels and lodges and vary from basic continental style to more elaborate multi-course meals. Lunches and dinners will be taken at local restaurants with an emphasis on regional cuisines: Gulf and Atlantic Seafood, Caribbean style and Steakhouses. Some lunches may be picnic style.

Guide Service: Your guides for this trip, Eddie Bartley & Noreen Weeden, have been leading Nature Trip tours since 2004 and birding South Florida for over 25 years.

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