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Tanzania and Kilimanjaro
February 2021
The Galapagos Islands are a unique World Heritage Site, located off the coast of Ecuador. Ever since Charles Darwin’s famous voyage, the islands have provided a wealth of information and inspiration for people throughout the world. I remember as a kid browsing the pictures in National Geographic, dreaming about someday seeing the Giant Tortoise (and riding one?) and the curious Flightless Cormorant, clearly all of which was influential in developing my interest in the field sciences and a life path in natural history education. A remote archipelago, Galapagos is where life goes on much as it has for millions of years. Here the animals have no fear of humans, and you can be at one with nature as nowhere else on Earth. It’s a “living laboratory of natural history,” which led Darwin to develop his theory of natural selection. Don’t miss out on this tremendous learning experience in the “Enchanted Islands.” EcoTravel offers year-round departures aboard smaller intimate modern vessels. Time to fulfill that dream! Call for more details.

See you soon! Cheers,  

Andrew Griswold, CAS Director of EcoTravel

International

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice  
June 1–11, 2020   11 Days!
Travelers visiting Iceland today follow in the steps of the mighty Vikings who first visited the island in the 9th century. Whether you delight in vast untouched and uninhabited expanses of landscape or walking around town making friends, you'll feel free in Iceland and enter a whole new realm of experience. You’ll discover original nature as you’ve never seen it before while visiting thousands of cliff-nesting birds and exploring the culture, history, geology, and more. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: $6,798. With member discount: $5,998.

Ireland: Hiking Wicklow Way  
July 22–29, 2020   Eight Days!
The 80-mile-long Wicklow Way was Ireland’s first waymarked trail and the brainchild of Dublin hillwalker J.B. Malone. Containing many miles of wonderfully unspoiled mountain trails, Wicklow Way offers a wide variety of scenic experiences, some of them in truly remote upland areas, including mountains, upland lakes, glacial valleys, mountain streams, forests, and farmland. The trail passes many famous sites, including the Christian monastic settlement established by Saint Kevin in beautiful Glendalough Valley. See Round Tower, almost 1,000 years old. The trail is a pleasure to walk, with rougher sections graded to prevent erosion. The central section goes through Wicklow Mountains National Park. Stay at wonderful bed-and-breakfast lodgings. Leader: Rani Haxhi. Fee: $2,998. Members: $2,598.

Nova Scotia from Fundy to Cape Breton  
August 12–22, 2020   11 Days!   Driving Tour!
From the spectacular tides of the Bay of Fundy to the rolling farmland to the heathlands of Cape Breton, there is no better highlights tour! The tremendous number of shorebirds at this time of year is legendary, known for their incredible aerial ballet. Nights are at Canada’s government-owned four-star lodges. Cape Breton delights travelers with its high cliffs overlooking the North Atlantic and its quaint fishing villages. This is a driving tour originating from Connecticut. Nights in transition will be in Saint John, New Brunswick. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: $5,198. Members: $4,498.

Extraordinary Ethiopia  
January 15 - 31, 2021   17 Days!
Venture off the beaten path and explore one of Africa's most fascinating and least visited destinations. Medieval castles, churches hewn out of solid rock, ancient temples, and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites (more than any other African country)! Ethiopia is the perfect destination for travelers of all ages. At the crossroad of ancient trade routes and one of the world's oldest nations, amazingly Ethiopia was never colonized. Unique cultures, natural beauty, intriguing history, and wonderful people are some of the many reasons to visit Ethiopia. As Graham Hancock declares in African Ark, "In terms of the sheer variety of fascinating destinations, no other place in Africa compares to Ethiopia." Leader: Lucretia Bingham. Fee: $5,598. Members: $4,898.

Tanzania Safari and Trek to the Top of Kilimanjaro  
February 6 - 19, 2021   14 Days!   February 17 - 28, 2021   12 Days!
See Featured Cover Tours on the next page!
**Bhutan’s Birds and Natural History**
**March 2021**
For hundreds of years, travelers have journeyed to Bhutan in the eastern Himalayas to study its rich and varied biodiversity. Early western scientists came to discover flora and fauna, which in many cases were to be found nowhere else on earth. Bhutan is a bird watcher’s paradise, home to rare and elusive species such as White-bellied Heron, Blood Pheasant, and Yellow-rumped Honeyguide. The government’s commitment to environment preservation, complemented by Buddhist inhabitants’ deep respect for nature, ensures that Bhutan remains an ecological treasure for generations to come. The country ranks among the top 10 percent in terms of highest species density in the world, and has the largest proportion of land under protection, with about 26 percent of the country’s area designated as national parks. These conservation efforts offer birding enthusiasts the opportunity to glimpse 675 confirmed species of birds, including 19 species listed as globally threatened. Leader: Rob Taylor. Call for details.

**East of the Andes: Ecuador’s Amazon**
**March 23 - April 3, 2021 12 Days!**
With its equatorial latitude and several distinct climates, Ecuador offers an amazing variety of birdlife: over 1,600 species, about 20 percent of the world’s numbers—more diversity in less space than any other country in the world. The Ecuadorian Amazon is mainly tropical rainforest elevated 1,300 feet above sea level. While its borders contain a mere slice of the Amazon, its rainforest is diverse, with quiet blackwater lagoons, raging chocolatey rivers, dense tree canopies, and flooded forests. As a general rule, the farther you travel from civilization and roads, the more wildlife you’ll see. The tour starts in Quito, crosses the Andes, and reaches remote areas of pristine Amazon habitats. Leader: Andy Griswold with local guides. Fee: $5,798. Members: $4,998. Optional pre- or post-trip extension to the Galapagos Islands!

**Machu Picchu: Peru’s Archeological Sites**
**April 18 - 30, 2021 13 Days!**
Follow the footsteps of the Incas and explorer Hiram Bingham! Leader is Lucretia Bingham, a Connecticut native, outstanding travel writer, and granddaughter of Hiram. Visit one of the world’s deepest canyons and search for Andean Condor. Hike to ruins and relax in some of the finest hot springs imaginable. Visit Lake Titicaca for a boat trip. Take a classic railway journey across the high plains to explore Cusco, the former Inca capital, full of culture and history. Travel through the Sacred Valley of the Incas to explore awe-inspiring lost city of Machu Picchu. This unique tour uses great lodging for a kind memorable adventure. Fee: $8,198. Members: $7,198.

**A Do-Not-Miss Tour**

**Amazing Amazon Cruises**
**Year-round Departures. Seven Days!**
Our most popular cruise explores some of the most untouched rainforest in all of Amazonia. On an eight-cabin expedition vessel, travelers venture far up some of the least inhabited rivers in the Amazon Basin for a full seven days and explore areas rarely visited, seeking out the mysterious life in the heart of the Amazon. This is the most thorough, detailed, and sophisticated trip offered in the entire Amazon and comes with rave reviews from past participants. Guides are accomplished local naturalists. This is easy for seniors and families! Starts at $3,150 per person. Extensions available to Iguacu Falls, Machu Picchu, Pantanal, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. Call or email us for more information and a detailed itinerary.

**Domestic**

**Mount Auburn: Warbler Mecca**
**May 15 – 17, 2020 Three Days!**
This is absolutely the best place on the East Coast to see and hear large numbers of migrant warblers during the peak of spring migration! Birds are often at eye level, offering excellent views and photographic opportunities. Mt. Auburn, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society as a “garden cemetery,” a concept since copied by many communities across the country. The stupendous variety and scale of the trees alone is not to be missed, providing an oasis that birds find irresistible. Migration at its best in a setting that is unrivaled! Fee: $865. Members: $665. Leader: Jim Sherwonit.
Enjoy an escape to clear mountain waters, lakes abundant with native trout, and the brightest star-filled nights you’ve ever seen—all in the beautiful woods of Maine. Visit the places where Frederick Church painted landscapes of Mount Katahdin. Get away and roam among the moose, carnivorous pitcher plants and sundew, orchids, and birds unique to this northern habitat. The big target is Spruce Grouse but should also include other hard-to-find species like Black-backed and American Three-toed woodpeckers. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: $1,198. Members: $998.

Connecticut Lakes
June 4 – 7, 2020 Four Days!
The Connecticut Lakes region is the wild area at the northern tip of New Hampshire, the center of the North Country’s moose habitat where the Connecticut River is born. Birds may include Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Canada Jay, Mourning Warbler, and Boreal Chickadee. Stay at a peaceful lakeside lodge and hike to the headwaters, straddling the river where it begins its journey south. Leader: Jim Sherwood. Fee: $1,198. Members: $998.

Maine’s Whales and Puffins
July 9 - 13, 2020 Five Days!
Maine is one of the most beautiful states on the East Coast. With its rocky shores, dense forests, and access to the ocean, it gives nature lovers a wide range of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. This trip allows participants to experience much of what Maine has to offer, with a puffin cruise, whale watch, forest walks, ocean strolls, and amazing views. Explore the beauty of Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, one of the most picturesque parks and home to Cadillac Mountain, where watching sunrise and sunset is unequaled. Revel in the scenic beauty of historic towns and hidden coves. Leader: Jim Sherwood. Fee: $2,198. Members: $1,798.

Southeastern Arizona Desert Bloom
July 22 – 30, 2020 Nine Days!
Late July welcomes the summer rains and is prime time for finding hummingbirds. As many as 15 species, including White-eared, Violet-crowned, Berylline, and Plain-capped Starthroat have been found on past trips. This is also the time for Mexican rarities, such as Aztec Thrush. These are but a few of the many species we’ll search out as we journey through this lovely, varied landscape, which draws birders from all over the world. Leaders: Jay Hand and Andy Griswold. Fee: $3,298. Members: $2,898.

Monhegan Island: Migration Hotspot
September 19 - 22, 2020 Four Days!
Join leader Jim Sherwood on a relaxing tour of Monhegan Island at the peak of migration. Off the coast of Maine, Monhegan serves as a stopover point for birds caught out over open water. With no roads and no cars on the island, participants stroll along the many trails while searching for what arrived overnight and enjoying eye-level looks at many species of the warblers, tanagers, and flycatchers. In the fall, nature and beauty are at their apex on Monhegan. Stay at a lovely island inn and don’t miss the blueberry pie! Fee: $1,398. Members: $1,098.

Block Island Weekend Escape
October 2 - 4, 2020 Three Days!
Revel in the wilds of Block Island, Rhode Island, after summer tourists have left the beaches and town. Often a magnet for wayward birds, “Block” will delight travelers with its island architecture, wild flowers, and natural beauty. This is our most popular weekend trip! Leaders: Andy Griswold and Matt Bell. Fee: $898. Members: $698.

Cape May
October 8 - 11, 2020 Four Days!
Without a doubt one of the top ten birding spots in the country, Cape May is where every fall hundreds of thousands of migrating birds funnel into the southern tip of New Jersey and birdwatchers come from all over the world to enjoy not only the diversity of hawks, shorebirds, and warblers, but also the scenic beaches, meadows, and lively historic town. Something for everyone! Leader: Jim Sherwood. Fee: $1,298. Members: $998.

Southern Utah’s National Parks
October 11 – 18, 2020 Eight Days!
Witness firsthand some of the amazing panoramas and breathtaking backdrops you have always imagined. Visit the top national parks of the West, including Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Arches, to name a few. Zion holds some of the most rewarding adventures in all of Utah (if not the country), and Bryce is home to the world’s largest collection of hoodoos (odd-shaped pillars of rock). Explore and enjoy the birds, plants, and animals that call this region home. October is a great time to visit Utah after the summer crowds and heat. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: $4,598. Members: $3,998. Optional Great Basin extension.

Jekyll Island, Georgia
October 18 – 25, 2020 Eight Days!
Located six miles off the coast, Jekyll Island is one of Georgia’s sea islands known as the “Golden Isles.” This barrier island is connected by causeways through extensive salt marshes, channels, and winding rivers. The coastal islands are characterized by moss-draped live oaks, pines, and sandy beaches. The state mandates that no more than 35 percent of the island will ever be developed, an action that preserves much of the natural habitat of a true barrier island: its ecology, geologic history, and importance as an ecosystem. There’s an abundant year-round bird population on Jekyll, which, as part of the Atlantic flyway, is host to many other species during spring and fall migration. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: $2,998. Members: $2,498.

Hiking Great Smoky Mountains National Park
November 5 – 10, 2020 Six Days!
Explore the peaks of Tennessee’s breathtakingly beautiful Appalachian Mountains featuring spectacular waterfalls and endless vistas. Follow wooded trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, home to over 200 bird species. Immerse yourself in autumn colors as you hike through high-country meadowlands along the Appalachian Trail. Participants should be fit enough for all-day exploration and hiking over hilly terrain. The Great Smoky Mountains are perhaps the most imposing set of peaks in the East, showcasing large tracts of rugged wilderness and old-growth forest of astounding biodiversity. The “smoky” name stems from the range’s ever-present mists. Leave the planning and driving to us as you enjoy this guided group hiking experience with great accommodations and delicious food. Leader: Ranu Haishi. Fee: $2,398. Members: $1,998.

Louisiana: Rail Bonanza
November 7 - 13, 2020 Seven Days!
Each fall, nearly every North American species of rail descends upon the coastline of Louisiana. In fact, Yellow Rail, one of the most secretive species in North America, is regularly seen as rice farmers harvest their fall crop. With luck, some nighttime exploration may also yield the highly sought after Black Rail! Other target species include Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Seaside, Nelson’s, and LeConte’s sparrows; and multiple species of waterfowl. With luck, we may also stumble upon late migrants or vagrants. Join us in Cajun Country as we explore one of the hidden gemstones of North American birding. Fee: $2,895. Members: $2,498. Leaders: Matt Bell.

For Detailed Itineraries: 860-767-0660
Sea Turtles and Cape Cod Exploration  
December 4 – 6, 2020  Three Days!  
In December, Cape Cod is a fabulous place to visit and explore when tourists are few and the region takes on a more relaxed feel. Unfortunately, at this time of year Kemp’s Ridley, Green, and Loggerhead sea turtles are often stunned by cold water and end up stranded along the beaches. Participants learn about these fragile marine reptiles at Massachusetts Audubon’s Wellfleet Sanctuary. We’ll scour the beaches of Cape Cod Bay for turtles, take part in numerous nature-related activities, and be magically absorbed into the wildness of grass-topped dunes, empty beaches, and ceaseless crashing waves. Expect the rare and unusual. Leader: Jim Sherwonit. Fee: $998. Members: $798.

Arkansas’s Rice Fields and Bayous  
January 10 – 17, 2021  Eight Days!  
Join our eleventh exciting expedition into a mature southern woodland that once hosted the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, and perhaps still does! Enjoy the private lodge while experiencing the history and tales of the elusive “Grail Bird.” This tour is by special arrangement in an area that is not open to the public. Henslow’s Sparrow, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and clouds of waterfowl in the heart of America’s rice belt! Fee: $2,995. Members: $2,598. Leaders: Andy Griswold and Jim Denham.

New Mexico in Winter  
January 16 - 24, 2021  Nine Days!  
The Land of Enchantment, New Mexico is home to a multitude of winter bird spectacles. Near the center of the state, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge hosts thousands of Snow and Ross’s goose, along with an equal number of Sandhill Crane. On the outskirts of Albuquerque, a different spectacle takes place. High in the mountains, three species of rosy-finch regularly descend upon feeding stations as they search for food in the snow-covered landscape. There also is a chance to spot some year-round southwestern specialties, while taking in the winter sights and enjoying the beautiful scenery. Fee: $3,298. Members: $2,898. Leaders: Matt Bell.

Montauk Escape  
February 12 – 14, 2021  Three Days!  
Montauk, on the far eastern tip of Long Island, is one of the best winter birding spots. The open ocean and the harbor provide opportunities to see many winter waterfowl not so commonly found in Connecticut. Eiders, all three scoter species, gulls, alcids, grebes, loons, and other winter specialties are among the many birds one can expect. Enjoy the quiet of an off-season resort town and the fresh air of winter beaches. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: $898. Members: $698.

Nantucket: Seasons in Transition  
February 23 - 26, 2021  Four Days!  
The birding starts the minute we board the ferry and gets better as we leave the mainland behind. Revel in the peace and quiet of an off-season resort, the inescapable sense of history, and the abundance of open space. Expect sea ducks, rare gulls, and spectacular Snowy Owls as we search the desolate beaches by four-wheel-drive vehicle. Take time to relax in the delightful teahouses and pubs in the heart of the historic town. You’ll be pleasantly surprised by the experience of the island in early spring. We’ll be staying in a private house in the village of Siasconset. Leaders: Andy Griswold and island native Rich Newman. Fee: $1,598. Members: $1,298.
Day Trips

Woodcocks at Dusk
Thursday, April 16  2 p.m. – 9 p.m.
As spring approaches, a magnificent display begins. The American Woodcock is a shorebird that breeds in thickets and nearby clearings. Around sunset the males begin a unique display, launching nearly 200 feet into the air with calls and flight displays. Search for arriving migrants while waiting for sunset and the show to begin! Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: Members $75/Nonmembers $85. Starting point is in Essex.

Early Spring Migrants
Thursday, April 23  6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Late April is the beginning of the intense migration period when birds head north to summer haunts. With favorable weather and winds, some species get a head start and we plan to greet them! Visit places known for their great diversity of migrants to see them in nuptial plumage and listen to their spring songs. Trip departs from Essex. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $75/Nonmembers $85.

New York’s High Line
Saturday, May 2  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets of Manhattan’s West Side. The line was built in the 1930s as part of a massive public-private project that lifted freight traffic 30 feet in the air, removing dangerous trains from the streets. The gardens of the park are a sight to behold and should be starting to sprout their colors. Leader: Jim Sherwonit. Fee: Members $95/Nonmembers $105.

Fishers Island: Spring Migration
Thursday, May 7  9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Spring is an excellent time of year to witness arriving migrants on this secluded New York island. Lying at the eastern entrance of Long Island Sound, Fishers Island is a connecting link between Rhode Island and Long Island that offers stopping places for a variety of songbirds on their journey north towards the boreal breeding grounds. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $95/Nonmembers $105. Meeting place is Westmook or New London. Times may change depending on the spring ferry schedule.

Annual Lyme Loop
Friday, May 8  6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Travel through Lyme and Nehantic State Forest in search of neotropical migrants. The habitats of the state forest includes wetlands, streams, and ponds—all excellent places for the morning chorus of warblers, vireos, and other songbirds. Focus will be on learning bird songs. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: Members $75/Nonmembers $85.

Wood-Warblers of Cockaponset State Forest
Wednesday, May 13  6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cockaponset State Forest, named after an Indian chief who’s buried in the Ponset section of Haddam, is the second largest forest in the state forest system, encompassing over 16,000 acres. It offers great habitat for migrating songbirds and provides for a busy morning of warblers, vireos, thrushes, and more. Leader: Andy Griswold. Fee: Members $75/Nonmembers $85.

Beginner Birding at Nehantic State Park
Saturday, May 30  7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Nehantic State Forest in Lyme is a fabulous place for beginners to be introduced to spring birding. This forest is a well-used stopover for migrating songbirds who will be showing off their colorful plumage and cheery songs. Learn skills needed for identifying birds by both eye and ear! Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $75/Nonmembers $85.

Paddling the Mattabesset River
Wednesday, June 3  10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Join Connecticut Audubon Society Staff and Scott McRae of Soulful Sojourns as they lead a paddle down the Mattabesset River. Explore habitats including Cromwell Meadows State Wildlife Area in search of breeding marsh birds along with late migrants still making their way north. Participants can bring their own kayak or canoe and PFD, or rent one for an additional cost. Must be a swimmer to attend this event. Fee: Bring your own: $75. With rental: $95.

Breeding Birds of Boston Hollow
Saturday, June 6  6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Boston Hollow is both a geologically and biologically significant location within Connecticut. Located near Ashford, this ancient fault provides habitat for many migrants that typically breed farther north, including up to 17 species of warblers! Come explore the northeastern portion of the state as we search for migrant breeders and learn more about the geologic history of Connecticut. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $85/Nonmembers $95.

Hunt for the Golden-winged Warbler
Wednesday, June 10  5:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Although just across the border in New York, Sterling Forest is home to a wealth of species that are uncommon in Connecticut. Hooded, Cerulean, and Golden-winged warblers are all fairly common breeding species at the site and should all be seen in decent numbers. The expansive forest has a wealth of different habitats, making it a paradise for birders. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $95/Nonmembers $105.

Warblers at White Memorial
Thursday, June 18  6:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Explore some of the many trails at White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center in Litchfield. There are more than 4,000 acres of varied habitats in this area of the northwestern foothills of the Berkshire Mountains; mixed hardwood and evergreen forests, fields, and wetlands provide for excellent birding all year long. Hiking includes Cathlis Woods, a mature stand of eastern hemlock and white pine, as well as a search of the ponds for ducks. We hope to have time to visit the center and museum. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $85/Nonmembers $95.

Berkshire Breeders
Saturday, June 20  6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Spend the day in habitat that is home to the southernmost breeding range of some neotropical migrants, including warblers and vireos. Visit Skinner Park, which sits upon a 200-million-year-old mountaintop surrounded by a breathtaking view of four states and the winding Connecticut River below. Summit Mount Greylock and look for spectacular views. This area is one of the most picturesque sections of the river valley. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $95/Nonmembers $105.
**Paddling Selden Neck State Park**
*Sunday, June 21  8 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
Join Connecticut Audubon staff and expert paddler Scott McRae as they lead a paddle around Selden Neck State Park in Lyme. Accessible only by boat, the island is the largest island in Connecticut. Explore the waters around the island in search of wildlife, and if time allows hike some of the trails in search of the abandoned quarry that once provided paving blocks for the streets of New York City. Participants can bring their own kayak or canoe and PFD, or rent one for an additional cost. Must be a swimmer to attend this event. Fee: Bring your own: $75 / with rental: $95.

**Audubon’s Chaney Sanctuary**
*Thursday, June 25  7:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
New and old members alike, come visit some of our lesser-known statewide properties. The beautiful Chaney sanctuary is 233 acres of varied habitat nestled in the hills of Montville. Participants will look at its geologic and farm land history, then travel on to the 65-acre Haagenson preserve in East Haddam featuring views of the Connecticut River and Salmon River tributary. We’ll explore varied habitats and, if time allows, our Haddam Wildflower Gorge. Leader: Matt Bell. Fee: Members $85/Nonmembers $105.

**Concord and Walden Pond**
*Saturday, July 18  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.*
Enjoy exploring Concord, Massachusetts, the village in which Henry David Thoreau grew up. Learn about Thoreau’s extraordinary insights into life, nature, and social responsibility. He believed in living deliberately, practicing simplicity, and exploring new ideas for positive change. Thoreau’s writings inspired respect for nature and even, some consider, the birth of the conservation movement. After a guided tour of the Thoreau Farm (his birthplace), the group will have a picnic lunch at Walden Pond and enjoy a trail walk of the surrounding Walden Woods. Leader: Jim Sherwonit. Fee: Members $85/Nonmembers $95.

**Paddling Lord Cove**
*Thursday, July 30  10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*
Join Connecticut Audubon Society staff and Scott McRae of Soulful Sojourns as they lead a paddle around The Nature Conservancy’s Lord Cove Preserve. This sanctuary is accessible only by boat and from time to time hosts species uncommon in Connecticut, including King Rail and Least Bittern. Participants can bring their own kayak or canoe and PFD, or rent one for an additional cost. Swimmers only for this event. Fee: Bring your own: $75. With rental: $95.

**Historic Hudson Valley**
*Saturday, August 8  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.*
Enjoy exploring the Hudson Valley in search of recently fledged birds and more. Visit locations including Constitution Marsh Audubon Sanctuary, Shawangunk National Wildlife Refuge, and other hidden gems of the Hudson Highlands. We’ll search for uncommon species such as Least Bittern, Cerulean Warbler, and Bobolink. If we’re lucky, we may even find a Golden-winged Warbler. Enjoy the final days of summer surrounded with beautiful scenery and great camaraderie! Leader: Jim Sherwonit. Fee: Members $95/Nonmembers $105.

**Paddling Great Island Wildlife Management Area**
*Saturday, August 22  10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*
Join Connecticut Audubon Society staff and Scott McRae of Soulful Sojourns as they lead a paddle around Great Island Wildlife Management Area in Old Lyme to view Osprey and other birds of the marsh. Great Island provides paddling in secluded back channels, side rivers, and coves that paralleled the lower Connecticut River near its mouth. Wind through 10-foot-tall marsh reeds enjoying late summer serenity. Participants can bring their own kayak or canoe and PFD, or rent one for an additional cost. Must be a swimmer to attend this event. Fee: Bring your own: $75/with rental: $95.

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**Swallow Cruises**
*Sunday, September 6, 13, 20, and 27*
Witness one of the most spectacular avian events when thousands of Tree Swallows congregate on the lower Connecticut River at sunset to settle in on a giant communal roost during their fall migration. Birds come from miles away, creating a ballet of synchronized flight before settling down. Renowned ornithologist and artist Roger Tory Peterson wrote that “the tornadoes of Tree Swallows eclipsed any other avian spectacle I have ever seen.” Join naturalists as we journey first by steam train and then by boat to see the awe-inspiring display. Enjoy picturesque scenery from a 70-foot Mississippi-style river boat’s three decks. Food, a full bar, and restrooms are on board. If you take only one trip this fall, make sure it’s this one! Tours are about three and a half hours in length and range in departure from 3:30-5:00 p.m. (The later in the month, the earlier the departure time). Fee: $45. Eight years of age and over. Reserve now! Trips sell out quickly. Call 860-767-0660. Or reserve online at www.ctaudubon.org/ecotravel and then click on Day Trips.
Plan Ahead!

**Belize: Birds and Ruins**
March 2021    Leader: Matt Bell

**ACE Basin, South Carolina**
April 2021    Leader: Matt Bell

**Texas: Coast, Valley, and Hills**
April/May 2021    Leaders: Jay Hand and Andy Griswold

**Warbler Extravaganza: Magee to Pelee**
May 2021    Leader: Matt Bell

**Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice**
June 2021    Leader: Andy Griswold

**Scotland’s Coast and Highlands**
July 2021    Leader: Andy Griswold

**Vietnam and Cambodia**
February 2022    Leader: Rob Taylor

**Nebraska’s Crane Migration**
March 2022    Leader: Jim Sherwonit

Eagle and Osprey Cruise
Saturday, May 30, 2020   10 a.m. & 2 p.m.   NEW DATE!
Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel will again offer boat cruises to search for Bald Eagle, Osprey, and other bird species migrating and nesting along the Connecticut River. Bald Eagle can be found along the lower river, a habitat that hosts a transient winter population as well as nesting residents. Naturalists are on board the vessel to share information about the Connecticut River, the birdlife, and natural history. The vessel has a heated cabin, restrooms, and three decks for optimal viewing. Tours are approximately three hours in length and depart at 10am and 2pm. from Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam. Appropriate for children eight years old and over. Food and drink available on board. Enjoy the beauty of the Connecticut River in spring! Fee: $45 for members and nonmembers. Call us at 860-767-0660.

A GREAT GIFT, ANYTIME!

Not - To - Miss!

**Machu Picchu with Lucretia Bingham**
April 2021    13 Days!