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The following are descriptions of the narrated slide programs I have to offer at this time, all of which run about one hour in length. Each program emphasizes birds and other animals found in the particular location involved and also shows the various natural habitats, scenic beauty and history of the surrounding area. Since my loves for both birds and photography find equal avenues for expression in my travels, the programs reflect this dual fascination with the natural world. I try and tailor each program to the specific interests of the organization to which it is being presented.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - TROPICAL WONDERMENT

Travel with me to the island nation of Trinidad & Tobago (toh-bay-go), where a wide variety of tropical species flourish just off the coast of South America. We journey first to the smaller, but very mountainous island of Tobago, searching out specialities like White-tailed Sabrewing, that live only here while we stay at the luxurious Cuffie River Lodge. A short flight takes us back to Trinidad, home of the steel drum and hundreds of new species. The highlight is staying at Asa Wright Nature Centre, where birds abound and you never have to leave the veranda to enjoy the show!

WARBLERS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA [digital]

This program takes us on a journey through warblerville, with a close look at all 38 species of eastern wood warblers. We'll explore life histories, migration routes, wintering grounds and breeding locations throughout the western hemisphere. This will be a fun and fascinating look at these jewels of the North American birding kingdom!

EASTERN CANADA - JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY! (digital)

Traveling 6000 miles by car and boat, we explore the Maritime Provinces of Canada in this brand new program. Starting from Connecticut, we briefly visit New Brunswick, circumnavigate Cape Breton Island of Nova Scotia and cross the Northumberland Strait to the magnificent and stark scenery of Newfoundland, with its craggy headlands, rocky seacoast and fascinating history. The native wildlife is key, as we journey by ship and shore to discover the birds and mammals of this little known province. Onward to Labrador, home of a new 700 mile dirt road that circles the province, where we drive through the endless boreal forest in search of wildlife and local cultures. We complete this epic journey with a visit to Quebec and experience its more civilized delights.

THE WINTER BIRDS OF FLORIDA (digital)

Traveling along the east coast of Florida from St. Augustine to the Everglades, I visited some of the best birding spots in the state and came up with a bundle of excellent photographs of our feathered buddies that make Florida their winter home, as well as a few rarities. Sit back and enjoy the splendor of Florida's winter wildlife. I think you will really enjoy it!

POLAR BEARS AND POLAR BIRDS (digital)

I spent a week in Churchill, Manitoba, expecting to see ice, snow, bears and winter birds. It turned out to be quite different than planned, leading to a lot of questions and not many good answers. What happens to the polar bears of Hudson Bay when the bay doesn't freeze on time? And what happens to the birds that are migrating in and out of Churchill a month earlier and later than 20 years ago? The program also features beautiful photos of bears and cubs in their normal wintry habitat. A story about my trip appears in the Nov/Dec 2008 issue of Bird Watcher's Digest.

OWLS OF NORTH AMERICA (digital)

Undoubtedly the most mysterious and little seen family of birds in North America, the owls hold our fascination, as they have for thousands of years. Learn about all 19 species that inhabit our continent and listen to their eerie calls.

HUMMINGBIRDS: JEWELS OF BIRD WORLD (digital)

What is it about hummingbirds that is so fascinating? Small size, amazing flight capability, unusual beauty, aggressive behavior, feeding techniques, multi-hued iridescent feathers all combine to make these tiny birds the gems of western hemisphere birds. This program is illustrated by slides of dozens of species of hummingbirds that range from Alaska to South America and a discussion about why hummingbirds are so unique.

THE INTIMATE GALAPAGOS - AN ISLAND ADVENTURE

Isolated 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands are a natural laboratory of evolution, ready to reveal their ancient secrets to those who come quietly, look carefully and are open to discovery. The animals here never developed any fear of humans and are as curious about you as you are of them.

Traveling on a small boat we visit many islands, many with their own distinctly evolved species, developing in response to the characteristics of the individual islands. From Darwin's enigmatic finches, giant tortoises, lizards, sea lions, penguins, iguanas, flamingoes and fish, we explore above and below the water to discover the intimate lives of the Galapagos.

ECUADOR'S GALAPAGOS AND PERU'S MACHU PICCHU (Digital)

This new digital program first takes us to Ecuador's Cotopaxi National Park in the Andes Mountains, protecting the highest volcanic (20,000 feet) mountain in the country. Next, we visit the amazing Galapagos Islands, isolated 600 miles off the coast. This archipelago is a natural laboratory of evolution, ready to reveal its ancient secrets to those who come quietly, look carefully and are open to discovery. The animals here never developed any fear of humans and

are as curious about you as you are of them. Traveling on a small boat we visit many islands with their own distinctly evolved species. From Darwin's enigmatic finches, giant tortoises, lizards, sea lions, penguins, iguanas, flamingoes and fish, we discover the intimate lives of the Galapagos. Finally, a journey to Peru showcases the Inca civilization at world-renowned Machu Picchu, where the ancient architecture and engineering is as astonishing as the wildlife of the Galapagos!

THE OKANOGAN VALLEY OF WASHINGTON STATE

Perhaps the most bird rich area in the Pacific Northwest, the Okanogan Valley of North-central Washington is scenically spectacular as well. With habitats varying from desert valleys near the Columbia River ranging up to Ponderosa Pine forests at 8,000 feet in the Cascade Mountains, over 200 species of birds breed here among snow-capped peaks, mountain meadows, sagebrush covered hillsides, lowland riparian zones along the Okanogan River and much more.

BIRD WEEK – AUSTRALIA!

In the early 1970s, sponsored by the Bird Observers Club of Australia (BOCA), “Bird Week” was inaugurated in Australia. Since then, the concept has been embraced by many eco-lodges and birding organizations to develop birding tourism, “to raise awareness about birds, to help people identify the wild birds in their region and to understand their behaviour”. Each year, the programme has a different emphasis, such as “ground-dwelling birds”, or “birding without binoculars”. I visit two lodges in Queensland, in eastern Australia and participate in all the fun with the birds, the unique environments and all those hopping marsupials!

ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument celebrates and preserves the spectacular beauty of the Sonoran Desert in southwest Arizona. Rugged mountain ranges, broad plains, oasis-like springs, numerous flowering cacti, including the twisted anthropomorphic shapes of giant saguaros and numerous bird species make this desert wilderness a “must-see” location for all those intrigued by the grandeur of American geography.

From Quitobaquito Springs right on the Mexican border, to the lagoons of Ajo, Arizona, we see a wide range of creatures that inhabit and pass through this seemingly inhospitable country. Sunrise to sunset and beyond, the land teems with activity, from the first calls of coyotes in the fading moonlight to the chuckling of a Gambel’s Quail searching for cover from the noonday sun to the sonorous serenade of Sonoran owls.

PANAMA BIRDING BONANZA

With tropical lowland jungles and every other habitat ranging up to 11,000 foot peaks amidst cloud forests, the tiny nation of Panama hosts almost 1000 bird species, far more than the entire continent of North America! Birding and nature study is incomparably easy from roads that traverse these eco-zones, allowing wonderful enjoyment of many of the native creatures. Toucans, motmots, hummingbirds, cotingas, resplendant quetzal, tanagers, monkeys, coatimundi and more. We visit many areas around the former Canal Zone while staying at the famous Canopy Tower and also journey to the high cloud forests of Chiriqui’ Province along the Costa Rican border.

KANSAS? UNBELIEVABLE!

Kansas? Are you kidding? How about this – Half of the shorebirds passing through North America on their way to their breeding grounds make a “refueling” stop at the vast marshes of central Kansas, making this improbable interior state the premier shorebirding spot in the USA for a week or two in early May each year. About 30 shorebird species are recorded, along with countless waterfowl, wading birds, passerines, and the raptors that follow them north, through Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, each of which has been recognized as a Wetland of International Importance. We’ll also pay a visit to the southwest corner of Kansas, to witness the courtship displays of the Lesser Prairie-chicken on its lek and other prairie birds and migrants that can be found along the old Santa Fe Trail.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND & THE COPPER RIVER DELTA, ALASKA

Perhaps one of the most beautiful and bountiful bodies of water on earth, Prince William Sound is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and tidewater glaciers. Each spring, following the spawn of the Pacific herring, massive numbers of seabirds, shorebirds and marine mammals follow the herring into the sound for a feeding frenzy. Traveling aboard the yacht "Discovery", we'll explore the sound's intricate and exquisite shoreline.

The Copper River Delta, near Cordova, Alaska, hosts the largest gathering of shorebirds in the world. Up to 20 million shorebirds pass through annually, as they fatten up for the last leg of the journey to their arctic breeding grounds. Inland birding can also be quite spectacular, in this northernmost temperate rain forest, with large concentrations of bald eagles, the entire world's population of dusky Canada geese and large numbers of breeding trumpeter swans.

CANADA’S ARCTIC: THE YUKON, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE DEMPSTER HIGHWAY

Winding like a gravel ribbon for 450 miles through the boreal forest and across the arctic tundra, The Dempster Highway offers unparalleled scenery and opportunities for birding and wildlife viewing. Golden Eagles, Long-tailed Jaeger, and Willow and Rock Ptarmigan are common birds seen from the road. Gyrfalcon and Peregrine build their aeries on roadside cliffs, and 25 species of ducks and swans are easily observed. Northern Hawk-owls sit atop spruce trees as we pass by. In tundra areas, Smith's and Lapland Longspurs breed, while Northern Wheatear can be found in the talus slopes. Mammals will not be overshadowed, as we encounter moose, gray wolf, caribou, snowshoe hare, grizzly and black bears. Truly one of the continent's most exciting drives, the Dempster Highway is the road to adventure in the land of the midnight sun!

BOLIVIA: "THE LOST WORLD" - NOEL KEMPF MERCADO NATIONAL PARK

We travel to one of the most remote and pristine national parks in South America, site of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous book, "The Lost World." We probably won't find any dinosaurs on the Huanchaca Plateau, but little has changed here since the book was written 90 years ago. Vast tropical forests, intersected by dark and mysterious rivers, harbor an incredible array of wildlife. In an area that has never been inhabited by people, birds and mammals thrive in an environment that has become all too scarce.

Traveling by small plane, we visit the forests, savannas, rivers, floodplains, plateaus and awe-inspiring waterfalls of this tropical paradise. As a result of its unique biogeographic location, the park (which is about the size of Massachusetts) has a bird list of almost 700 species and 130 mammals. New species are constantly being discovered and perhaps a dinosaur will be next!

BELIZE - LITTLE KNOWN JEWEL OF CENTRAL AMERICA

With some of the largest remaining tracts of undisturbed rain forest in Central America, it is no wonder that Belize hosts myriad species of tropical birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. In addition to its animal life, the history and archaeology of ancient Maya cities is no less astounding.

We visit several locations, all with outstanding wildlife viewing: Lamanai Outpost Lodge, on the New River Lagoon and adjacent to the extensive Lamanai ruins, site of a Maya city occupied for 2000 years, where jacamars and kingfishers now build their nests in ancient temples; Chan Chich, a lodge and reservation built on a Maya plaza deep in the Belizean forest, home of a multitude of birds due to its wide variety of habitats and several species of wild cats; and Crooked Tree Wildlife Preserve with its vast congregations of wading birds, featuring the rare and elusive Jabiru Stork, largest flying bird in the Western Hemisphere.

DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND THE DENALI HIGHWAY, ALASKA

One of the largest and perhaps most spectacular of America's National Parks, Denali (formerly McKinley) "knocks your socks off" with its scenery! Using Camp Denali, a wilderness lodge at the western edge of the park as our base, we travel among the majestic peaks of the Alaska Range, all dwarfed by "The Great One", Mount Denali itself. East of the Park is the 134 mile Denali Highway, a fantastic public road wandering through boreal forest and open tundra, providing easy access for exploration on your own. Everywhere, spring wildflowers carpet the tundra and line the roadside.

Not to be outdone by the scenery, the bird and mammal life in both areas is both abundant and exquisite. Grizzly bears with their cubs scouring the tundra for food, moose and caribou trying to avoid grizzlies, Dall sheep on the cliffs and arctic ground squirrels everywhere can almost steal the show from the birds. But nesting golden eagles, gyrfalcons, long-tailed jaegers, willow and rock ptarmigan, northern shrike, surfbirds and many others keep bringing your attention back to the skies.

BONAIRE - A PEACEFUL PARADISE

Located just 50 miles from the coast of Venezuela, near Aruba and Curacao, this tiny quiet island is most well known for its pristine reefs and excellent scuba diving. But it has so much more to offer: wonderful birding, beautiful scenery and a charming population of only 14,000 who are outnumbered by the wildly orange and pink flamingos that also make the island their home.

HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A GREAT PHOTO PRESENTATION

The amateur and professional photographer alike now have auto-focusing, auto-exposing cameras and travel all over the world taking pictures of birds and their habitats. With the decline of film and the advent of almost an inexhaustible number of digital images that a photographer can take, with high-quality digi-scoping, 20X image-stabilized zooms in excellent small cameras and extremely high resolution SLR cameras, photographers no longer need a huge telephoto lens and heavy tripod to take great images of near or distant subjects, large or small. The result: everyone now has a huge collection of photos from their latest adventure and can't wait to share them. Ah, but assembling a quality showing of those images – that's a different story, one that will never change, no matter how much technology is involved.

Successful and creative shooting and editing are the keys to keeping your audiences glued to their seats and still awake after seeing your first 10 pictures. Concealed within almost every bad slide show I've seen is a very good program, but buried in an avalanche of poor or repeated or disjointed images. Starting with the first photos you take to the last, learn how to create a visual story, one that draws in your audience, making it always eager for the next picture. Learn how to avoid repetition, create flow, involve your audience, and most of all, EDIT your pictures. Learn how to put aside your photographic ego. Hitting the delete key is probably the biggest tool for creating the best presentations. Learn how a good show doesn't have to be long, and why a long slide show usually isn't very good.

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FEES: Each program is \$250.00 plus travel expenses. If the distance to the program site is more than 50 miles, the fee is \$275.00 plus travel costs. If it is more than 100 miles, the fee is \$300, plus lodging and travel expenses.

For your information and reference, a brief biography is listed below.

If you are interested in having me present a program for your organization, or would like additional details, please contact me for further information.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Latest trip: meandered through 20 states while taking six weeks to get from Florida to Connecticut this spring, recording 350 bird species and one life photo. Over 1000 photographs and 56 feature articles published in field guides, books, newspapers and magazines worldwide, including National Audubon, Birder's World, Bird Watcher's Digest, Birding and Living Bird Quarterly and Boomer Golf News magazines. Wrote several chapters of the Insight Guides book on birding in North America, published by The Discovery Channel. Approximately 500 photo presentations to a wide variety of organizations. Founder of Flights of Fancy Adventures, LLC, a birding, photography, natural history and golf travel company offering small group, low cost, high quality trips throughout the Americas and now to Africa. Past President of Hartford Audubon Society.

North American life lists: 742 bird species seen; photographed 725.