

Birds and natural history: illustrated talks & Zoom presentations by

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Current talks 2021-22

Neotropics: Central and South America

- 1. Macaws and Machu Picchu: birds of southern Peru.** An account of a trip to Peru, including the seabirds of The Ballestas Islands, and birds of the Amazon rainforest, the Andes and the Manu cloudforest. The talk also includes some of the amazing historical sites of the region.
- 2. Northern Peru.** Birds and scenery from the Amazon, across the Andes and to the Pacific coast. Includes some of the endemic birds of this diverse region, including White-winged Guan, Marvellous Spatuletail and Tumbes Tyrant, and a visit to the pre- Inca mountain fortress of Kuelap.
- 3. Mexico: Maya nature; birds and other wildlife of the Mayan world.** Based on two trips to Mexico to see endemic hummingbirds of the Yucatan peninsula and birds and animals of the Mexican highlands and Lacandon rainforest, in and around spectacular pyramid sites. *New, my latest talk*
- 4. Jewels of Ecuador.** Some of the incredible birds of Ecuador: from the Amazonian lowlands via the cloudforests to the birds of the High Andes around some of Ecuador's volcanic peaks.
- 5. Costa Rica: cloud forests and coast.** A selection of the classic birds and animals of Costa Rica.
- 6. Neotropical Birds: an introduction to the birds of Central and South America.** Some of the amazing and colourful birdlife of my favourite overseas birding region, featuring the coasts, wetlands, cloudforests, paramo and Amazonian rainforests.
- 7. Jabirus and Jaguars: birds and wildlife in the Brazilian Pantanal.** The Pantanal is the world's largest seasonal wetland. My talk features many of the amazing birds, caiman, giant otters and South America's apex predator: the jaguar.

Asia

- 8. Incredible India: birds and other wildlife in North and SW India.** Sites visited include the Kerala backwaters, Periyar NP, the Nilgiri Hills, and the tiger reserves of Kanha, Bandhavgarh & Ranthambhore plus the Kaziranga NP in Assam and Gir NP in Gujarat.

9. In search of tigers and other wildlife in India. Based on trips to the tiger reserves of Kanha, Satpura, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambhore. Birds and animals including Sloth bear as well as India's top predator.

10. Along the Brahmaputra. Featuring wildlife and peoples seen on a boat trip along a stretch of this great river, including Indian rhinos in Kaziranga NP and the enigmatic Ibisbill.

UK & others

11. Monkeys, ladies and lizards: local wildlife in East Kent. An overview of our local natural history, featuring the birds, butterflies and orchids found in East Kent.

12. In search of birds and other wildlife in Northern England and Scotland. Red Squirrels in Cumbria; Northern Pennines spring; Gannets at Bempton; Corncrakes on Tiree.

13. A Walk along the Tees Scenery, birds and flowers along the River Tees including Upper Teesdale with its "Assemblage" of rare plants plus its Black Grouse leks.

14. Focus on Shetland: a visit to the most northerly islands in the UK. Seabirds galore, coastal scenery and flora in this island group, including Gannets, Bonxies and Tysties.

15. The Western Isles: birds and wildlife on the Outer Hebrides. Includes breeding waders and flowers on the Machair and the stunning beaches of the Atlantic coasts plus breeding Short-eared Owls, Hen Harriers & White-tailed Eagles.

16. St Kilda: island on the edge. A day trip made in 2017 to see this UNESCO World Heritage site. *A short talk or can be combined with no.17 **The Western Isles** above.*

17. Scottish Spring. This talk includes some of the iconic birds, mammals and flora of Scotland's Caledonian forest and coasts.

18. Avian Encounters: meetings with extraordinary birds from across the world. A personal selection of some of my favourite bird encounters during our travels.

19. Island endemics: Seychelles and Cuba. Indian Ocean seabirds and island endemics along the tropical white sands of the Seychelles plus the smallest bird in the world in Cuba.

20. Gardening for wildlife: how to encourage wildlife in your garden. How I have designed and managed our Kent garden for birds, beasts and relaxation!

All my talks are illustrated with my own digital images. I can provide my own projection kit *but need you to provide a suitable screen*. My talks are usually 1.5 to 2 hours long but can be tailored to fit your meeting. I am happy to do Zoom presentations too. Contact me to discuss your needs and I can provide my fees on request. I am based in Barnard Castle, Co Durham. Email: andrew_lapworth@hotmail.com Or text/telephone 07962 038052 See many of my photos on my website: www.andrewlapworth.co.uk