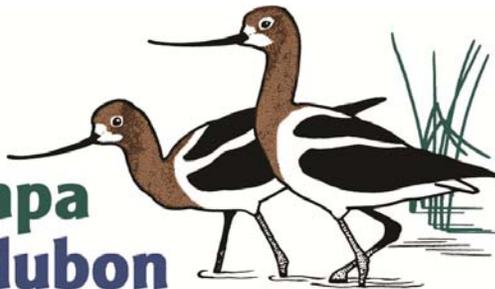


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# PUERTO RICO

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## March 23-29, 2018

### JOIN US

as we circle the island finding all of Puerto Rico's 17 endemic birds, plus lots more! The travel is easy, the food is great, and you can be part of the company!



watch for Ruddy and Key West Quail Doves. Night at La Parguera.

Mar 27—**Cabo Rojo to El Yunque.** Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge is a fantastic area for shore-

birds. We'll scan for unusuals among the commons, as well as check the cliffs for Brown Boobies. On the way to El Yunque we'll detour to a special spot for Plain Pigeons, birds with a very small local range. Night in El Yunque at Casa Cubuy.

Mar 28—**Humacao Wetlands and Fajardo.** We'll start in the wetlands for waterbirds then turn to the forest for PR flycatcher and Green-Throated Carib. At Fajardo the Antillean Crested Hummingbird and more ocean birds are the attractions. After lunch we'll walk in El Yunque, a Caribbean rainforest and elfin forest, looking for PR Spindalis, PR Bullfinch and maybe another sighting of the PR Screech Owls. Night in El Yunque.

Mar 29—Leave for San Juan airport after breakfast.

These trips the last 3 years have averaged over 120 species per trip! The habitats we'll visit range from seaside cliffs to high-elevation elfin forests and cloudforest, freshwater and salt marshes to dry coastal scrub, each with its own birds.

### ITINERARY

Mar 23—Arrive **San Juan.** Evening dinner to go over plans and prepare for departure the next day.

Mar 24—**Rio Abajo to La Parguera,** stopping to search for the extremely rare Puerto Rican Parrot near its breeding grounds, and at various seaside overlooks for terns, frigatebirds and tropicbirds. Later stops for PR Tody, PR Woodpecker and PR Lizard-Cuckoos at Cambalache Forest Reserve. Dinner and night in La Parguera, at



Puerto Rican Parrot, TJohnson

Parador Villa Parguera.

Mar 25—**Laguna Cartagena and Guánica Biosphere Reserve** for Masked Ducks, Mangrove Cuckoos and Adelaide's Warblers plus many more. Rare Yellow-shouldered Blackbirds hang out near our hotel, and PR Emeralds are nearby. After dinner there's a night walk for uncommon Puerto Rican Nightjars. Night at La Parguera.

Mar 26—**Maricao Forest Reserve and Susúa Forest Reserve** for Elfin-woods Warbler, PR Tanager and PR Oriole as primary targets, and good chances for PR Vireo, endemic subspecies of Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Antillean Euphonia and Eastern Antillean 'PR' Pewee as well. After lunch we'll stake out shady areas to

### OUR LEADER

Tom Johnson had been leading the Puerto Rico trips for several years. A graduate of Cornell Univ, he is also writes a column on bird ID for *Birding* magazine and is a Regional Editor for *North American Birds*.



Puerto Rican Spindalis,

Tom Johnson

## Registration for Puerto Rico trip, March 23-29, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with \_\_\_\_\_

You will register directly with Field Guides, at <http://www.fieldguides.com/tampa> . Deposit of \$250 is due with registration, and the remainder of \$2225 is due to them on November 23, 2017.

Please mail this to: Tampa Audubon, PO Box 350025, Tampa, FL 33679, so that we can keep track of how many have registered. There is a maximum of 14 people!

Mary Keith will be assisting Tom. She grew up birding in Pennsylvania, and has been birding in many other states and countries, including Puerto Rico. She leads field trips for Tampa Audubon.

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This trip is fairly low-key in terms of effort. Most, but not all, walks are on paved or even terrain. Most days will be under 2 miles. You will need to be able to step in and out of the vans. If you feel that the day's activity will be too much you will be able to stay at the hotel or the van.

Many of Puerto Rico's birds, especially the endemics, have a limited distribution. Each day will be planned to give us the best chances to see local birds depending on the terrain and habitat.

### FINANCIALS

**Cost** for the 7 days, including the first dinner in San Juan and until delivery to the airport on Day 7, is **\$2,475** per person double occupancy. Single supplement is \$450.

**Deposit of \$250 per person is due with registration.** Field Guides Inc will bill you for the remainder by **November 23, 2017**. They **don't** accept credit cards.

To register you must complete a Registration and Indemnity form, which you get from Field Guides at <http://www.fieldguides.com/tampa> or on our Tampa Audubon website: [www.tampaaudubon.org](http://www.tampaaudubon.org) You can also register by phone: 800-728-4953, but the forms and deposit must be received within 14 days.



Puerto Rican Tody, Tom Johnson

The cost includes all meals, transportation and lodging beginning with dinner on Day 1, and ending with breakfast and delivery to the airport for your return flight. It includes guide services, tips and entrance fees. It **DOES NOT** include flights to/from Puerto Rico, alcohol, laundry or other expenses of a personal nature. Additional tips for exceptional service are optional. The trip cost generates a donation of \$100 to Tampa Audubon Society at no extra cost to you!

Field Guides Inc offers free travel agency services for your air flights, but you are not required to use them. Do **NOT** make return reservations for any flights before noon on March 29!

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Puerto Rico does not require a visa or US passport, only a government-issued photo ID. US dollars are used, English is spoken everywhere.

Full details of the itinerary, cancellation policy and previous trip bird lists can be found at <http://www.fieldguides.com/tampa> .

For more information please contact either Mary Keith at 813-935-6115, or call Field Guides' Carolyn Lewis at 800-728-4953.



PR Woodpecker, Tom Johnson