



Short-tailed Hawk



Tropical Kingbird



Coastal Wetland Habitat



White-winged Parakeet

# South Florida Specialties 3 Day Winter Bird Tour



Florida Scrub-Jay

Cost: \$950\*\*

Deposit: \$300

3 Days / 2 Nights

Winter dates:

(Nov 15 - Mar 14)

Participants:

Minimum 4 / Maximum 6

Single Supplement: \$275

Detailed itinerary available

\*\*Prices & dates subject to change

\*Price based on double occupancy

\*Small group fee for less than four

Included in this tour:

- \*Professional guide
- \*Transportation during tour
- \*Lodging
- \*Breakfasts & Lunches
- \*Water
- \*Light snacks
- \*Sunscreen

Not included in this tour:

- \*Airlines
- \*Airport transfers
- \*Alcoholic beverages
- \*Items of personal nature

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Spot-breasted Oriole



Red-whiskered Bulbul

Join Angel & Mariel, professional guides and husband & wife team, for an exciting three-day cultural and birding tour of South Florida. The southern tip of the Florida peninsula is rich in avian diversity, both of native and exotic introduced origins. In addition, its proximity to the Caribbean tropics, offers birders the chance of seeing vagrants and species that are at the northern limits of their range. Making South Florida a must stop for any birder wishing to see species that are seldom seen anywhere else in North America. South Florida also hosts an impressive cast of "snow birds" during the winter months. These species come from points northward and westward to spend their winter in paradise. This itinerary is developed to capitalize on the many specialties that South Florida has to offer you during the winter months.

### **Day 1: Jonathan Dickinson SP/Palm Beach/GC & Wako Wetlands:**

We kick off the start of this tour in Palm Beach. Our visit will be focused on adding SNAIL KITE, LIMPKIN, ROSEATE SPOONBILL, WOOD STORK and other wetland birds. We will visit Jonathan Dickinson State Park in search of Florida's only endemic bird, the FLORIDA SCRUB JAY! This park also offers pristine Pine flatwoods that are home to BACHMAN'S SPARROWS. The second half of our afternoon will be spent between Green Cay Wetlands and Wakodahatchee Wetlands in search of BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK, FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK, MOTTLED DUCK, LEAST BITTERN, GLOSSY IBIS, PURPLE GALLINULE and GRAY-HEADED SWAMPHEN. These wetlands are also great for rails such as SORA, VIRGINIA and KING RAIL. **Night# 1**

### **Day 2: South Dade Area**

Today we will explore the South Dade Area in search of mind-blowing species such as WHITE-TAILED KITE, SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER and PAINTED BUNTING, arguably North America's most colorful bird! Southern Miami-Dade is a popular winter getaway for flycatchers, vireos and warblers. In fact, it is not uncommon to see 15-20 species of warbler during this tour, sometimes including a real specialty such as SWAINSON'S WARBLER. In addition to winter migrants from the Mid-West and the Northeast, the area is also great for species coming from western North America. Regular winter visitors include SWAINSON'S HAWK, LESSER NIGHTHAWK, RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD, BROWN-CRESTED & SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER, TROPICAL AND WESTERN KINGBIRD.

### **NIGHT #2**

### **Day 3: Miami Exotics & South FL Specialties**

Today we will focus on the ABA countable species such as the attractive and glowing SPOT-BREASTED ORIOLE; in total there are seven countable species. This interesting collection of bird species includes EGYPTIAN GOOSE, GRAY-HEADED SWAMPHEN, MONK PARAKEET, WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET, RED-WHISKERED BULBUL, and COMMON MYNA. Miami is not only about the exotic wildlife; the city is situated at the southern tip of the peninsula, here the northern temperate zone meets the subtropical zone, as a result tropical species such as SHORT-TAILED HAWK range just north enough that they are often seen in Miami. SNAIL KITE, MANGROVE CUCKOO, the Caribbean race of CAVE SWALLOW and WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON only add to the tropical infusion that is so very evident in Miami.

This tour concludes around sunset. See you soon!