



BIRD ODYSSEY TOURS

## *Costa Rica North* *Amazing Birds from Cloud Forests to Wetlands* 16 October to 30 October, 2026



*Red-legged Honeycreeper, Costa Rican Times*

Costa Rica is truly a birdwatcher's paradise. With more than 930 recorded species across rainforests, cloud forests, and coastal wetlands, it offers some of the richest birding experiences in the world, with innumerable superb birding areas packed within its boundaries. So many, in fact, that they can't all be fit into a single tour, which is why we're excited to offer two separate birding tours: Costa Rica North this October, and Costa Rica South in March of 2027.

Verdant rainforests, mist-shrouded cloud forests, and extensive wetlands create an environment where dazzling hummingbirds, colorful tanagers, powerful raptors, secretive antbirds, and the iconic Resplendent Quetzal thrive. There's also wildlife to entertain us, with caimans resting like statues on the riverbanks, capuchin monkeys swinging overhead, and sloths peacefully napping in the trees.

October is a key migration time in Costa Rica. We will enjoy innumerable dazzling and colorful tropical endemics, as well as North America songbirds, settling into their wintering homes. Birding here is a joyful experience of both recognition and discovery: spotting a Chestnut-sided Warbler next to a Fiery-billed Aracari feels almost magical.

Our northern route, over a full two weeks, explores many of the country's most bird-rich ecosystems, with relatively easy birding, comfortable accommodations, and smooth travel logistics. From the lush Caribbean lowlands to the dramatic volcanic foothills, from dry tropical forest to vast marshlands, northern Costa Rica offers tremendous diversity in a compact area.



*Arenal Volcano, Arenal Observatory Lodge*



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Our itinerary immerses us in many of northern Costa Rica's premier wildlife regions:

- Monteverde Cloud Forest—Home of the Resplendent Quetzal and Three-wattled Bellbird
- Arenal Volcano Region—Foothill specialties, lush forest, and dramatic scenery
- Caño Negro Wetlands—Vast marshes filled with waterbirds, raptors, and regional endemics
- Caribbean Slope Forests—rich lowland birding with vibrant mixed flocks
- Dry Forest of Ensenada—A completely different suite of species in a warm, open habitat
- Yatama Rainforest EcoLodge, Pierella Gardens, CopeArte – Wildlife-rich private rainforest reserves and feeding stations on the eastern Caribbean slopes.



*Keel-billed Toucan, Kevin Martinez*

A peaceful nation with no need for an army since 1949, Costa Rica is known for stability, sustainability, and some of the highest percentages of protected land on Earth. Add in friendly people, delicious cuisine, the “pura vida” lifestyle, and comfortable lodges where birding begins right outside your door, and it's easy to see why this destination captivates birders from around the world.

Our tour cost will include all guiding, ground transportation, lodging, meals, gratuities, and entrance fees. We are fortunate to have an expert local guide, Kevin Martinez, who has years of experience with the birds, wildlife, and natural history of this wondrous land.

We expect this tour to sell out quickly, as we can accommodate a maximum of only 8 people. So we encourage you to reserve your spot with your deposit as soon as possible, so you can join us on this unforgettable tropical adventure.

**Tour Details:** 15 day, 14 night Birding & Nature Tour guided by Kevin Martinez and Roy Poucher.

**Tour cost per person:** \$7,470 (15 days, 14 nights, double occupancy). Single supplement:\$1,090.

**Deposit :** \$1,070 due by August 1, 2026.

**Tour balance** is due September 10, 2026.

### Payment methods:

**Venmo:** @Roy-Poucher

**PayPal:** ropoucher@aol.com. (When asked, choose “friends & family”).

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*Red-headed Barbet, Kevin Martinez*