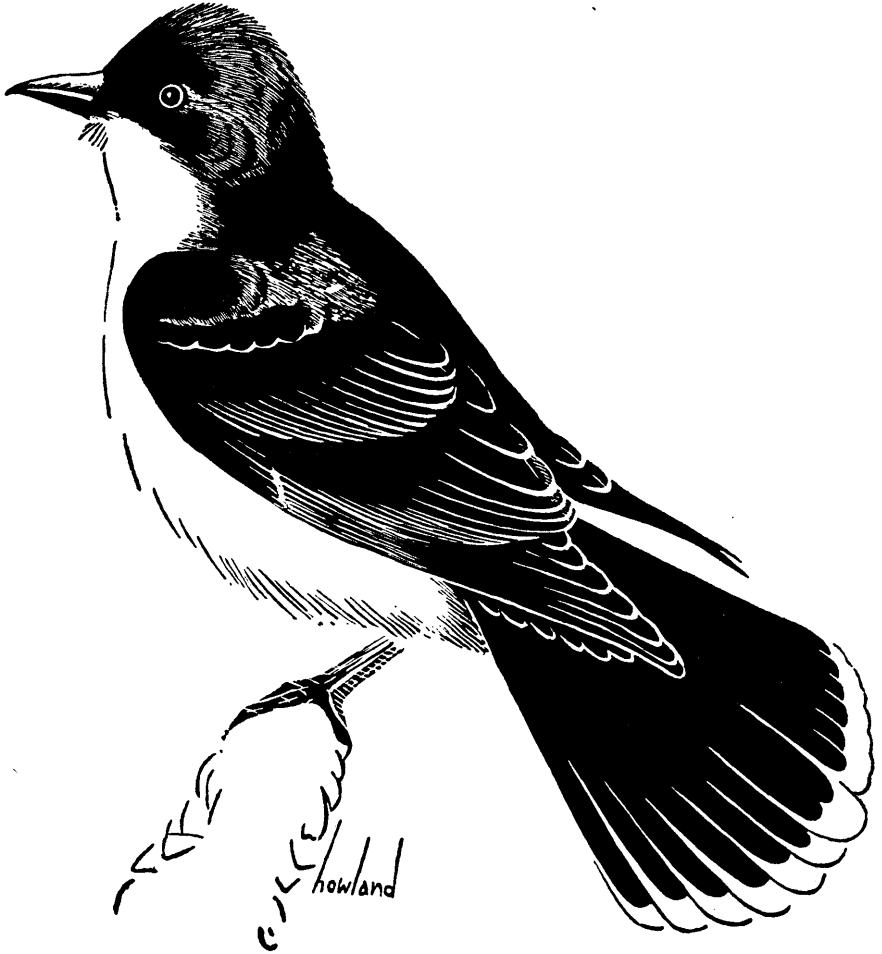


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OVERSEAS ORNITHOLOGICAL FIELD TRIPS

For 8 years we've been putting together bird observation trips in all 6 continents. They are slanted toward serious amateurs, and some tours have a side interest in botany and other forms of natural history. In fact, we try for an experience-in-depth of each country and its people. Tours are 3 weeks in length to utilize low-cost travel (2 weeks in North America), and are set up in pairs or chains of three or four.

We'd be grateful for assistance in developing meaningful itineraries, and in commending the trips to appropriate friends. And by all means, consider joining us yourself!

We use the title "CROWDER NATURE TOURS," but the operation is not profit-seeking, and is slated to become a world association in 1969. Do let us put you on our mailing list. Here is the program for 1968:

EUROPE

Eight European tours this year permit many fine combinations, including a thrilling North-with-the-Spring adventure:

SOUTH TOUR, from the Camargue to Austria, the Rhine & Holland; May.

NORTH TOUR: No. Germany, Denmark, & the length of Sweden; June.

NORWAY: Our most popular tour, and magnificent; late June.

BRITAIN: The bird highlights; June.

BALKANS: Seldom-visited Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary areas; June.

U.S.S.R.: Fine coverage; late June.

ICELAND: Popular 2-wk. trip with Greenland extension; June or July.

JAPAN

Fine 3-week coverage of entire archipelago, Kyushu to Hokkaido, with expert local leadership. May. Optional continuation, under leadership, across Siberia to join the U.S.S.R. trip (see above).

AFRICA

We pioneered African bird trips and cover the continent in 6 fascinating regional tours, 3 of which go in 1968: South Africa in July, Central Africa-Madagascar in August, East Africa in September.

U.S.A.

We do a bit of species-chasing at home, too: Winter in Florida, spring in Arizona and on the Texas coast, and beginning in 1969, a north-with-spring series in the West.

CROWDER NATURE TOURS

ALASKA

The 1967 tours were a success beyond expectations. In 1968 we do 3 successive 2-week trips, from Ketchikan to the Aleutians, Pribilofs and Point Barrow. Start June 1, with a break at Fairbanks for the A.O.U. meeting.

LATIN AMERICA

We operate a regular program in Middle and South America: Seven routes in Mexico, several in Central America and the West Indies, and a fine South America program. Two especially fine routes — Yucatan (2 wks.) and Colombia (3 wks.) — are visited twice a year, in February and in August.

SOUTH PACIFIC

We pioneered this area, too. The 1968 program: **MELANESIA** from Fiji to New Guinea, Sept. **AUSTRALIA**, in two 3-wk. trips, Oct. **NEW ZEALAND**, 3 weeks for birds, followed by 2 wk. botany trip; Nov.-Dec.

OTHER PLACES

There is quite a program in India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines; next departures in early 1969. And we haven't mentioned the Galapagos, Tierra del Fuego, or the proposed "re-enactment" of the Peterson-Fisher Wild American trip.

Unannounced tours and request tours that 'often materialize' are a feature, too: What interests you?

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