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Mad World:

A Birder's Impression of the Eighth Continent

A Presentation by
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Madagascar is a Texas-sized island in the Indian Ocean, separated from East Africa and the Indian Subcontinent for the last 88 million years. The island's large size and isolation has given rise to a unique flora and fauna, with many species that occur nowhere else on earth. Madagascar's natural habitat is almost gone, but visitors can readily encounter exotic endemic birds like vangas and couas, impossibly adorable lemurs, and inscrutable chameleons in parks and protected areas. Join us for an introduction to the natural history and conservation challenges of the "Eighth Continent."



Philip became a birder at the age of 9, in the wilds of New York City. He moved to Fairbanks in 1979 to attend graduate school and settled in. He celebrated his retirement from a career as an arctic biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service with a trip to the other side of the world, joining a 3-week birdwatching tour of Madagascar in October 2016.

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