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South America: Exploring the Bird Continent From Sea to Summit

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Northern South America is a land of superlatives in terms of its biodiversity, varied landscapes, and cultures. The region's geographic setting, mountainous topography, and extensive tropical forests conspire to create a riot of bird diversity—whether in the form of flamboyant mountain-tanagers, outlandish hummingbirds, or skulking antbirds of the lowland forest floor. In this talk I will introduce you to the forest ecosystems of Colombia, Ecuador, and Suriname—and of course their birds! Along the way I hope to provide a primer for aspiring neotropical birders, practical tips for visiting the region, and an overview of challenges and opportunities for forest conservation in South America.

J.J. has studied environmental changes on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, the North Slope, and elsewhere in Alaska. He has served as the President of the Alaska Songbird Institute since 2017.