



Kentucky Warbler © Matt Misewicz

Gulf Coast Migration Bonanza!

From now through April, migratory birds are on a precarious journey: departing their tropical wintering grounds and flying northbound, clear across the Gulf of Mexico, in hopes of securing a territory for the breeding season in North America. This is the best time of year for birding along the gulf shores of Texas and Louisiana. Nearly every passage migrant in the eastern US can be seen on any given day. We'd be remiss not to mention the spectacle of fallout—when inclement weather meets spring migration, and droves of birds are grounded, foraging at eye level in coastal woodlots to the delight of birders. And it's not just passerines; rainstorms also ground long-haul migrants like **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** and **Hudsonian Godwits**. From South Padre Island to Grand Isle, you'd do well to take advantage of this spring migration spectacle!



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Dancing Grouse in Colorado!



Lesser Prairie-Chicken © Jack Parlapiano



Greater Sage-Grouse © Brian Genge

March and April are prime times for Colorado's famous chicken run! It is possible to see up to 12 species of galliformes—including the endangered and local **Gunnison Sage-Grouse** and **Lesser Prairie-Chicken**, as well as the alpine **White-tailed Ptarmigan**—all on one trip! And in full breeding regalia, dancing at leks, this is a chance you don't want to miss. Of course, there are also other specialties to enjoy, like **Pinyon Jays** and **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches**. Come see us in Colorado, and we'll show you our best chicken dance!

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Planning Ahead for Summer

With spring ramping up across the southern tier of states, it's time to look north and plan summer birding expeditions. We are only a few short months away from peak breeding season. The shortgrass prairies of North Dakota are calling. From late May through July, the grasses will ring with the rolling trills of **Baird's Sparrows** and battling longspurs. Summer is also a great time to bird in the mountains of California. Specialties like **Mountain Quail** and **Spotted Owls** will be with their young, offering a rare chance to see deep into one of the most intimate times in a bird's life. Now is the time to book, with plenty of availability to experience these incredible landscapes at their finest!



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