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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Place of birth: Niagara Falls, NY, USA  
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<b>Education</b>	<p>2002-2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student of Masters Degree in Conservation Biology at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA.</li></ul> <p>1991-1999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State College University at Buffalo, NY, EEUU</li><li>Bachelor of Arts in Biology</li><li>French minor</li></ul>
<b>Writing experience and consulting</b>	<p><b>2008 -present</b></p> <p>Editor Tico Tweeter, monthly newsletter of the Birding Club of Costa Rica. <a href="https://www.birdingclubcr.org/">https://www.birdingclubcr.org/</a></p> <p>Informative and personal writing for my blog "Costa Rica Living and Birding" <a href="http://birdingcraft.com/wordpress/">http://birdingcraft.com/wordpress/</a> This blog has been successfully used to generate sales for an ebook, birding tours, and writing jobs.</p> <p>Informative and personal writing for the multi-author blog, "10,000 Birds". <a href="http://www.10000birds.com/">http://www.10000birds.com/</a></p> <p>Correspondent for 10,000 Birds to cover the second annual "Champions of the Flyway" bird race in Eilat, Israel in 2016. <a href="http://www.10000birds.com/highs-and-lows-from-the-champions-of-the-flyway-bird-race-in-eilat-israel.htm">http://www.10000birds.com/highs-and-lows-from-the-champions-of-the-flyway-bird-race-in-eilat-israel.htm</a></p> <p><b>2009-present</b></p> <p>Freelance writing projects for a number of clients. Work has included blog posts, product descriptions, white papers, and copy. Some clients: Whatbird</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.whatbird.com/">https://www.whatbird.com/</a></p> <p>Business Blog Writers (blogs for Design Toscano, Sears, Thompson Cigars among other clients)</p> <p>Birding Experiences  <a href="https://www.birdingexperiences.com/birding-day-tours/">https://www.birdingexperiences.com/birding-day-tours/</a></p> <p>Lifer Tours  <a href="https://www.lifertours.com/blog">https://www.lifertours.com/blog</a></p> <p>Rainforest Expeditions  <a href="https://www.perunature.com/">https://www.perunature.com/</a></p> <p>Destination Ecuador  <a href="https://destinationecuador.com/">https://destinationecuador.com/</a></p> <p>ValleyWildlife.net  <a href="http://www.valleywildlife.net/blog/">http://www.valleywildlife.net/blog/</a></p> <p>Monteverde Blog  <a href="https://elbosquemonteverde.com/blog/zip-lines-monteverde/">https://elbosquemonteverde.com/blog/zip-lines-monteverde/</a></p> <p><b>2013-2019</b>  Consultant for the Committee for Comité Científico of the Asociación Ornitológica de Costa Rica.</p> <p><b>2018-present</b>  Consultant for field guides published by Zona Tropical, Costa Rica.</p> <p><b>2015</b>  Author of e-book, "How to See, Find, and Identify Birds in Costa Rica".  <a href="http://birdingcraft.com/wordpress/wherehowfind-birds-in-costa-rica/">http://birdingcraft.com/wordpress/wherehowfind-birds-in-costa-rica/</a></p> <p><b>2015</b>  Co-founder of BirdingFieldGuides apps  Research and writing for digital field guides for the birds of Costa Rica, Belize, and Panama.  <a href="https://birdingfieldguides.com/index.html">https://birdingfieldguides.com/index.html</a>  <a href="https://birdingfieldguides.com/blog.html">https://birdingfieldguides.com/blog.html</a></p>
<b>Teaching experience</b>	<b>BRIDGE Program coordinator</b>

	<p>June-July 2006 Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA          Functions: Develop and coordinate visits for high school students from minority backgrounds to various science laboratories at Illinois State University to participate in science-based lab and field activities.</p> <p><b>Lab instructor</b></p> <p>2002-2006 Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA          Lab instructor for General Biology course.          Lab instructor for Ecology courses.          Lab instructor for Ornithology course.</p> <p><b>Field Course Instructor</b></p> <p>2002 Rain Forest Expeditions, Tambopata, Peru          Instructor of the ecology and ornithological aspect of the annual field course for guides at Posada Amazonas y Tambopata Research Center, Madre de Dios, Peru.</p> <p><b>Professor of English as a second language</b></p> <p>1995 Inglés Individual English language school, San Luis Potosi y Celaya, Mexico          Teaching of English as a second language to students of various ages and backgrounds.</p>
<b>Tourism</b>	<p><b>2008-present Birding Tours in Costa Rica</b>          Organization and guiding of various birding tours in Costa Rica.</p> <p><b>2002-2004 Tour organization</b>          Organization, marketing, sales and guiding of birding tours in Tambopata, Peru.</p> <p><b>2001-2002 Rainforest Expeditions, Tambopata, Peru</b>          Guide for birding and natural history tours in Tambopata, Peru for Rainforest Expeditions.</p> <p><b>January-February 2000 Bellavista lodge, Ecuador</b>          Volunteer guide for birding and natural history tours at a cloud forest lodge in western Ecuador.</p> <p><b>May-October 1999 y 2000 Bedore tour company, Niagara Falls, NY, USA</b>          Licensed guide for tours in Niagara Falls in English, Spanish and French.</p>
<b>Experience in field work</b>	<p><b>Field assistant</b></p> <p>May- July 2003 University of Illinois, Illinois, USA</p>

	<p>Counts and monitoring of birds and their nests in a variety of habitats on public lands in southern Illinois as part of a long-term monitoring project investigating habitat use, especially non-native pines.</p> <p><b>Field assistant</b></p> <p><b>2001-2002                      Rainforest Expeditions Tambopata, Peru</b></p> <p>Field assistant for a long-term project studying behavior of macaws. This included monitoring of clay licks, studying behavior, tree climbing, and giving presentations about the project.</p> <p><b>Field assistant</b></p> <p><b>1997 and 2001                      Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies), Fort Collins, USA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1997: Counts and nest monitoring in Eastern Colorado and Wyoming to study impacts of grazing on birds in the shortgrass prairie ecosystem.</li> <li>▪ 2001: Counts in southern Colorado as part of long-term monitoring of bird populations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Field assistant</b></p> <p><b>May and June 1999                      State College University at Buffalo Buffalo, New York, USA</b></p> <p>Counts and nest monitoring of Common Terns and gull colonies in Lake Erie and the Niagara River.</p> <p><b>Field assistant</b></p> <p><b>1996                                      University of Washington Seattle, WA , USA</b></p> <p>Counts and monitoring of bird nests on public lands of Washington state as part of a project to determine impacts of forestry cutting methodologies on avian communities.</p>
<b>Volunteer work</b>	<p><b>July 1998</b></p> <p>Volunteer in the Jatun Sacha forest reserve in the Ecuadorian Amazon. This involved maintaining and learning about a medicinal plant garden, reforestation projects, and wildlife monitoring.</p> <p><b>August 1991</b></p> <p>Volunteer for “Volunteers for Peace International” in Lans en Vercors, France. Worked for three weeks with people from various other countries to refurbish a mountain shelter for hikers.</p>
<b>Interests</b>	<p>Ornithology (especially systematics and vocal behavior), tourism,</p>

	writing, environmental education, sustainable living, Chinese martial arts.
<b>Languages</b>	English, Spanish, French.