

Biography of Alex Harper

Alex Harper is a birder, bird guide and all-around naturalist based in Las Vegas, Nevada. His passion for birds and the natural world began in South Florida, where supportive and curious parents fostered his early interests in nature. He grew up snorkeling in the Florida Keys, climbing through mangroves, and visiting the Florida Everglades. By the time he was a teenager, he made his way into the Tropical Audubon Society, Miami's local chapter of the national organization. Through this community, he would be taught and mentored by longtime birders, scientists, historians, and conservationists. An impression must have been left on him; he studied Environmental Science and would go on to work on a series of field projects in the Florida Keys, most of the Western United States, and lead natural history and birding excursions in Alaska and Brazil. Now more firmly established in Las Vegas, he aims to connect people to birds and the natural world through leading birding activities, nature-based mindfulness practices in urban and suburban settings, and contributive writing. He is a board member of Red Rock Audubon Society, trip leader for Bird Las Vegas, and occasional naturalist for Lindblad Expeditions.