



Veracruz Tour Guides



Phil Brown has been guiding for HMANA since 2012 including Costa Rica and two South Florida tours. He leads tours regularly for Merlin Wildlife Tours, which has taken him from Alaska to Costa Rica and many places in between. Phil works full-time for New Hampshire Audubon as the Director of Land Management, where he coordinates two hawk watches and is focused on bird conservation, land stewardship, and natural history education. Phil resides in Hancock, New Hampshire with his wife, Julie, and their two children.

In Veracruz, the group will be joined by a bilingual ornithologist, **Eduardo Martinez**, long-time coordinator of the River of Raptors hawk count and banding efforts. Eduardo has extensive birding and guiding experience and happily shares his abundant natural and cultural knowledge with our tours. Trip logistics will be coordinated by Pronatura Veracruz and their staff.



Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza, former staff member of HMANA, will be joining the group for some birding and programming at the hawk watch. A Mexican biologist, Ernesto, in collaboration with Laurie Goodrich (Hawk Mountain Sanctuary) and Steve Hoffman (formerly from HawkWatch International) founded the Veracruz River of Raptors Project in 1999, and the conservation non-profit Pronatura Veracruz in 1994. He has a bachelor's degree in biology from the Universidad Veracruzana, and a Ph.D. in ecology, evolution, and behavior from the University of Missouri. Ernesto worked as Raptor Population Index Project Manager from 2005-2011, coordinating the efforts of HMANA, Hawk Mountain, HawkWatch International, and Bird Studies Canada to collect, analyze, and synthesize migration count data and track the populations of migrating vultures, hawks, and falcons. He is now a professor of ecology at the Universidad Veracruzana's Instituto de Biotecnología y Ecología Aplicada.