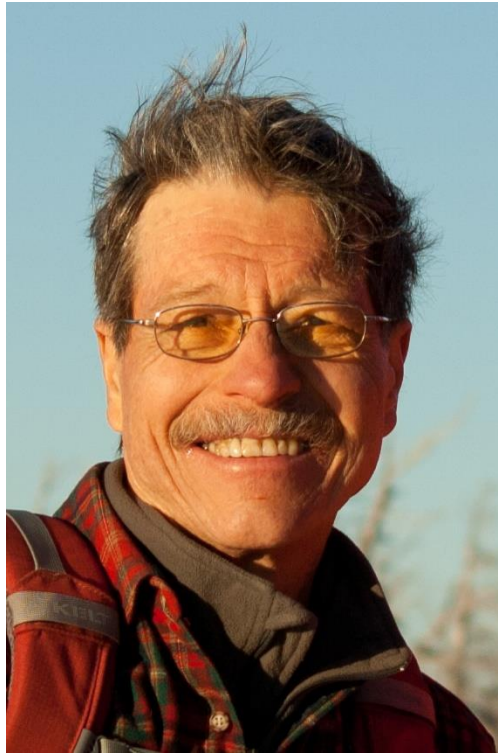


## About the Guide

Steve Hoffman



In January 2017, after 10 years as Executive Director of Montana Audubon, Steve Hoffman retired to start his own birding tour company, Merlin Birding & Nature Tours, LLC. Over the past 20+ years Steve has led or co-led many National Audubon Society, HawkWatch International and Montana Audubon birding tours in Montana, and to Belize, Costa Rica, Mexico's Copper Canyon, Oaxaca & Baja California regions, and of course to Veracruz. (Steve has led birding tours to Veracruz since 1994 and never tires of watching the migration!) Steve grew up in suburban Philadelphia, attended college in Reading, PA (near Hawk Mountain Sanctuary), and received his Master's in Wildlife Ecology from Utah State University in 1979. Steve founded HawkWatch International in 1986, and has spent four decades exploring the mountains of the Rocky Mountain West, forever searching for new migratory raptor flyways (including the Big Belt Mountains in western Montana). Steve currently resides in Bozeman, MT with his wife Lisa and their 24-year old son, Merlin.