



Noah Strycker

At 35, Noah has packed in more birding adventures than most people do in a lifetime.

In 2021, Noah earned a master's degree, with honors, from Stony Brook University in New York, where his research with the Lynch Lab focused on Adélie, Gentoo, and Chinstrap Penguins. The Lynch Lab is leading the analysis of data from the long-term Antarctic Site Inventory biological monitoring program. Noah published two first-author papers about his Chinstrap Penguin studies, and received the prestigious MSRC Endowment Award for Best Thesis.



In 2015, Noah set a new world record by becoming the first human to see 6,042 species of birds—more than half of the planet's bird species—in a single year. Noah first picked up binoculars at age 10 and was named the American Birding Association's Young Birder of the Year in 2004. Noah works as an on-board naturalist for expedition cruises to Antarctica and Svalbard, and has studied birds in the remote Australian Outback, the Galapagos, the Farallon Islands, Hawaii, Maine, Florida, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Ecuadorian Amazon. In 2008, Noah spent three months in a frozen tent at Cape Crozier on Ross Island, Antarctica, studying a colony of 300,000 Adélie Penguins.

Noah writes and photographs regularly for a variety of publications, is Associate Editor of the American Birding Association's flagship *Birding* magazine, and is the author of six books: *Birding Basics* (National Geographic, 2022), *National Geographic Guide to the Backyard Birds of North America* (National Geographic, 2019), *Birds of the Photo Ark* (National Geographic, 2018), *Birding Without Borders* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017), *The Thing with Feathers* (Riverhead, 2014), and *Among Penguins* (Oregon State University Press, 2011).

Noah is also a competitive tennis player, has run five marathons, and in 2011 hiked the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada.