

# Joyce in the jungle, Brazil

**By Joyce Miller**  
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**Editor's note:** Joyce Miller, Distinguished Professor of Library Science at SUNY Adirondack, was a founding staff member of *The Chronicle* in 1980 and was our first Arts Editor, among many responsibilities here over many years. She's an ardent bird-watcher. Earlier this summer she went to Brazil.

Imagine the sound of European emergency sirens — you know, “EEEE-OOOOO! EEEE-OOOOO!” Then envision it performed by a phalanx of extremely hoarse, screechy bugles



**Wildlife photos by Rick Thompson**  
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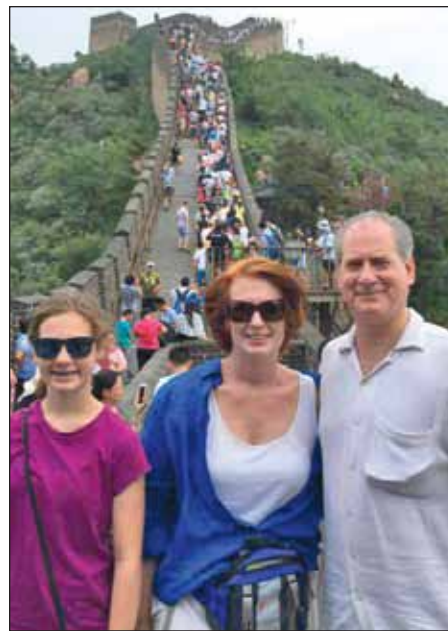
**Hyacinth Macaws, the world's largest parrot, are rare in the wild** because of the caged bird trade and habitat destruction.

and crank the decibels way, way up. That's the cacophonous pre-dawn call of a flock of Chaco Chachalacas, long-tailed chicken-like birds in Brazil.

The sound made our eyes pop open very quickly at 5:30 a.m. I visited western Brazil during the first two weeks of July with seven other birders on a trip with the birding tour company

Field Guides, Inc. We were close to the Bolivian border, smack dab in the center of South America, 4,200 miles directly south of Glens Falls. We split our time between two areas of Mato Grosso state: the Amazon River basin and the Pantanal wetlands. We were there to see birds and other wildlife, includ-

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**The Peltzes — Ellie and her parents Kirsten & Charles, at the Great Wall**

# Charles in China

**By Cathy DeDe**  
 Chronicle Managing Editor

Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra maestro Charles Peltz spent part of his summer vacation on the job, but on an adventure, as a guest conductor and instructor for several orchestras in China.

He tells *The Chronicle* he was contacted only last April by two colleagues — Yi Yang, a former grad student of his in Boston who now works with a professional and youth orchestra in Guangzhou, and Fangfang Li, an internationally known conductor and director of the Beijing Wind Orchestra, equivalent of an American symphony orchestra.

“They somehow got together

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# Trump, Hillary, no; Libertarian, yes

To the Editor:

[Re “Trump Hillary so far,” Aug. 4 *Chronicle*] While I agree with Mark Frost that neither Trump nor Hillary deserve our votes, the rest of the ink was wasted.

Why would you accept the notion that the choice is one or the other? Unfortunately, we have been conditioned to think just in this manner. Democrat or Republi-

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