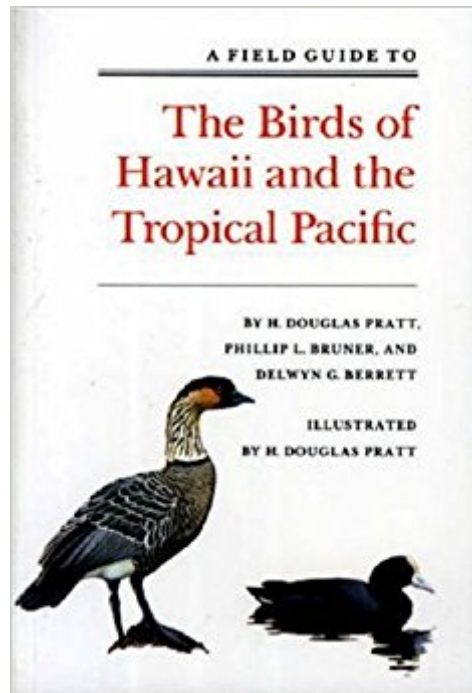


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A Field Guide To The Birds Of Hawaii And The Tropical Pacific



Synopsis

This is the first field guide to the identification of the birds of the islands of the tropical Pacific, including the Hawaiian Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, southeastern Polynesia, and Micronesia. It is intended both as a reference for the expert and as an introduction to birding in the region for the novice. Small enough to be carried afield, it contains much previously unpublished information about behavior, vocalizations, ecology, and distribution. The forty-five color plates depict all plumages of all bird species that breed in the islands, as well as of those that regularly visit them and the surrounding oceans, and of most species believed to be extinct on the islands. Black-and-white figures show many of the rarer visitors. Introductory sections discuss the tropical Pacific as an environment for birds, problems of birding on islands, and bird conservation. Appendixes include maps of the island groups and a thorough bibliography.

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"An excellent and much-needed guide to the region."--World Birdwatch

A comprehensive book, but the illustrations are small, and truthfully useless in the field. For someone who travels the islands extensively or wants a home review volume it's possibly o.k. I left mine in a hotel room in Kauai- I have 20 or 30 at home so that must tell you something. I'd go with Jim Denny's for rapid field identification.

Wish someone would redo this book. Needs better organization. It's the best available right now.

I wish there were a newer, more comprehensive guide to this part of the world. I bought the book because I want to be able to identify birds in French Polynesia. I've spent some time looking through it, trying to identify some of the birds I photographed, and found the book to be less than user friendly. That said, it's better than having no guide.

Comprehensive and complete for tropical Pacific birds. I like the drawings and field mark notations. Only negative is that there is so much material, in the field you can get bogged down in minor species from far away (from Hawaii).

Somewhat disappointing guide, the descriptions are hard to read, you have to look at three or four sections to gather all the info on one species.

This looks to be a great book but I am yet to use it. It would be nice if the plates were alongside the descriptions along with a map, as you can't quickly see which bird can be found on what island.

This book has it all - color drawings of key species, detailed species descriptions, and the locations where the birds are found - critical since some species are unique to particular islands while others are ubiquitous. The book is organized well, with the pictures all together, and a good index. Essential if you are birding in the Pacific.

It is dated, but until there is an update, it is the best there is for a Hawaii birder

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