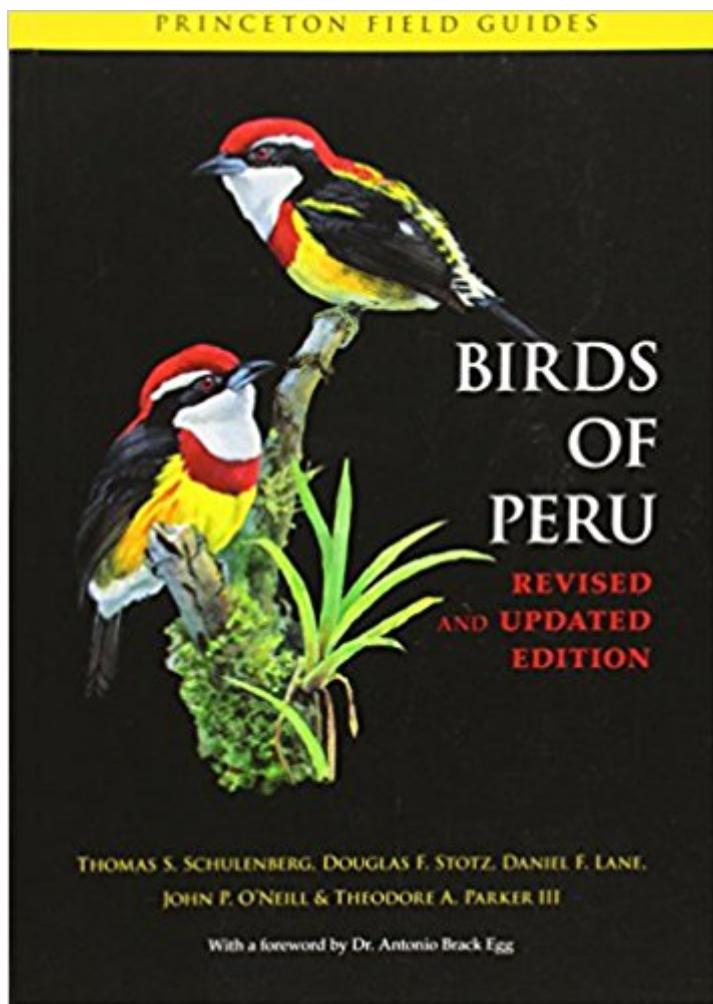


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This is the number one book for birds of Peru: good color, description, and distribution maps. But field guide it's not; it weighs a ton. Publisher's should make any birding field guide sectioned, where the illustrative plate section can be detached and taken into the field.

This is a good guide book to take on a trip, but one really needs a color tablet to view it. It is fun just to look at the pictures. There are a few problems, mainly due to the fact that Peru has so many species it is hard to fit them in one book. The maps are very small (at least in the kindle edition) and

the illustrations only seem to show the male breeding plumages. For example, the male and female rufous collared sparrow (a very common Peruvian bird) are quite different from each other and they only had a picture of the male. I didn't even realize they were the same species and the text didn't give me a clue.

Not going to Peru until next year, but just flipping through the book makes me so excited to go. The illustrations are excellent. I especially like that they include the 24 political departments on the range maps, making it easier to pinpoint which birds will be in areas one is visiting. The notes on elevation distribution are also VERY helpful!

This "field guide" is one thick, heavy book. Indeed, while lugging it around bird watching, I dubbed it the encyclopedia birtanica. Yes, it's a fine identification book of "all" of the birds of Peru, but one would have to travel the entire length and breadth, height and depth of Peru in order to make full use of it. It would be more useful if this hefty, "field guide" were broken down into several different, bird habitat type volumes, me thinks.

I bought this book before embarking on a one-week trip to Peru. Birding was not my primary purpose, but I knew I was going to be in a country with a lot of avian diversity and I wanted to be able to identify what I was seeing. This is an excellent field guide for Peru! The book helped me identify nearly every bird I saw. The colored plates are good, providing seasonal, gender, or immature/mature variations when necessary. I also really like the range maps. Some guides still have vague, written descriptions of ranges, or none at all. To me, the range is critically important for positively identifying a bird.

Peru has 1800 bird species, and this book gives visitors and residents alike a fair crack at actually identifying some of them. The text is held to the essentials by eliminating description that is obvious from the rendering on the facing page. Where one sees a bird in Peru is key to ID, so the elevation range where a species lives is noted, as are comparison with similar species and distinctive behavior. The range map, the text and the image(s) are always adjacent to each other. The images are artists' renderings, not photographs, and they are amazingly accurate. The index is standard and quite adequate. If a species is endemic to Peru this is noted; if not, the neighboring countries where the species occurs are listed. At about 8" x 5 3/4" x 1 1/2" and 3 pounds, this guide is a mild pain to carry, but it is absolutely indispensable for a birder who is traveling to Peru. This book is

easy to use for those accustomed to taxonomic order. It is a tour de force, given the number of species that it must include. Whether the prospective user is a casual birder or an old hand, my experience during 10 days of birding in Peru leads me to give this volume an unequivocal thumbs-up.

Beautiful illustrations! It is a fun book to have around the house and to show to friends. It is pretty large and heavy due to the incredible number of bird species the book covers, so I wouldn't recommend it as a field guide. Very happy with the product :)

Excellent guide covering all birds in Peru. We use it on our SierraRios raft expeditions down the Upper . I've used it in Bolivia too on the Grand Canyon raft trips there. Most of the birds in Bolivia are also present in Peru. The authors would not have to add many to cover both countries well.

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