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Island Biogeography - Robert J. Whittaker 2023

Island biogeography is the study of the distribution and dynamics of species in island environments. Due to their isolation from more widespread continental species, islands are ideal places for unique species to evolve, but they are also places of concentrated extinction. Consequently, they are widely studied by ecologists, evolutionary biologists, and conservationists. This accessible textbook builds on the success and reputation of its predecessors, documenting the recent advances in this exciting field and explaining how islands have contributed to both theory development and testing. In addition, the book describes the main processes of island formation, subsequent dynamics, and eventual demise, explaining the relevance of island environmental history to island biogeography. The authors demonstrate the significance of islands as hotspots of biodiversity and of prehistoric and historic anthropogenic extinction. Since island species continue to feature disproportionately in the lists of threatened species today, the book examines both the chief threats to their persistence and some of the mitigation measures that can be put in play, with conservation strategies specifically tailored to islands.

Causes and Consequences of Bird Extinctions - Cagan Hakkı Sekercioglu 2003

Directory of Australian Birds: Passerines - R Schodde 1999-10-01

Recent classifications of Australian birds have been limited to lists of "species" which are inadequate as biodiversity indicators. The Directory of Australian Birds: Passerines fills a huge gap in ornithological knowledge by separating out and listing not only 340 species of song-birds but also the 720 distinct regional forms. Covering about half the national bird fauna, the Directory provides science and the community with baseline information about what bird it is and where it lives in an Australia-wide context. Identity is taken down to the level of distinct regional population. No other compendium on Australian birds does this.

Evolutionary Biomechanics - Graham Taylor 2014-01-02

Evolutionary biomechanics is the study of evolution through the analysis of biomechanical systems. Its unique advantage is the precision with which physical constraints and performance can be predicted from first principles. Instead of reviewing the entire breadth of the biomechanical literature, a few key examples are explored in depth as vehicles for discussing fundamental concepts, analytical techniques, and evolutionary theory. Each chapter develops a conceptual theme, developing the underlying theory and techniques required for analyses in evolutionary biomechanics. Examples from terrestrial biomechanics, metabolic scaling, and bird flight are used to analyse how physics constrains the design space that natural selection is free to explore, and how adaptive

evolution finds solutions to the trade-offs between multiple complex conflicting performance objectives.

Evolutionary Biomechanics is suitable for graduate level students and professional researchers in the fields of biomechanics, physiology, evolutionary biology and palaeontology. It will also be of relevance and use to researchers in the physical sciences and engineering.

Taxonomy of the birds of the world - fotolulu 2018-10-30

How do you come up with the idea to list all the birds in the world including the subspecies and to give all birds English names? There is a reason for it - my favorite saying, whose author is unknown: "Everyone said that's not possible - then there was one who did not know that and just did it!" I am an animal photographer and probably a little bit crazy. I've built a complete animal database for mammals and birds over the last decade. This facilitates my work in determining and archiving images and assigning keywords, especially among the many subspecies. With this book, I would like to give all birding friends and ornithologists a complete overview in English. For this I have given unique English names to all subspecies. The naming should not meet any scientific requirements. The names are based on translations from the Latin name, geographical distribution areas and the names of the discoverers. The entries consist of the scientific name, the English name, the distribution areas and the author. I wish you a lot of fun with this book, but especially while watching the fascinating birdlife. fotolulu

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East And North Africa - Stephen Cramp 1994-06-28

This beautifully illustrated and authoritative eight-volume reference work is the most comprehensive guide to the birds of the Western Palearctic available. Taking into account the great advances made in ornithology since the publication of the seminal Handbook of British Birds (1941)--which for many years provided the foundation on which the field was built--the eight volumes together will contain descriptions of over 760 species of birds, of which about 600 are breeding species. Each breeding species is described in detail in sections devoted to field characteristics, habitat, distribution, mortality and longevity, population (with maps showing breeding and wintering areas), social pattern and behavior, breeding, food, voice, plumages, moults, measurements, weights, structure, and geographical variation. Regular migration and accidental species are treated under these headings where relevant. Each volume also contains specially-commissioned color plates of each species which show the full range of normal plumage together with more distant flight views. In addition, color plates of eggs, black-and-white illustrations, and many text-figures showing display postures, voice sonograms and melograms, and annual cycles, are included. All of these features combine to make the Handbook an indispensable reference work for both the professional scientist and the ever-growing body of amateur ornithologists.

[Fauna of Arabia](#) - Friedhelm Krupp 2004

[The Birds of Morocco](#) - Michel Thévenot 2003

1998 - [The Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa](#) - Stanley Cramp 1994

[Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa](#) - Stanley Cramp 1994

[Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa](#) - Stanley Cramp 1994

[Proceedings - Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society](#) - Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society 1989

[Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa](#) - Oxford University Press 1993

[Why Birds Matter](#) - 1998

[Why Birds Matter](#) - Çagan H. Sekercioglu 2016-08-24

For over one hundred years, ornithologists and amateur birders have jointly campaigned for the conservation of bird species, documenting not only birds’ beauty and extraordinary diversity, but also their importance to ecosystems worldwide. But while these avian enthusiasts have noted that birds eat fruit, carrion, and pests; spread seed and fertilizer; and pollinate plants, among other services, they have rarely asked what birds are worth in economic terms. In *Why Birds Matter*, an international collection of ornithologists, botanists, ecologists, conservation biologists, and environmental economists seeks to quantify avian ecosystem services—the myriad benefits that birds provide to humans. The first book to approach ecosystem services from an ornithological perspective, *Why Birds Matter* asks what economic value we can ascribe to those services, if any, and how this value should inform conservation. Chapters explore the role of birds in such important ecological dynamics as scavenging, nutrient cycling, food chains, and plant-animal interactions—all seen through the lens of human well-being—to show that quantifying avian ecosystem services is crucial when formulating contemporary conservation strategies. Both elucidating challenges and providing examples of specific ecosystem valuations and guidance for calculation, the contributors propose that in order to advance avian conservation, we need to appeal not only to hearts and minds, but also to wallets.

[Zoologische Mededeelingen](#) - Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie te Leiden 2005

[Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa](#) - Stanley Cramp 1994

This entirely new and authoritative work of reference contains descriptions of over 770 species. The crows, jays, ravens, starlings, sparrows, weavers and finches of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa are included, with sections on field characters, habitat, distribution, mortality, population (with maps showing breeding and watering areas), movements, food, social pattern and behaviour, breeding, voice, plumages, moults, measurements, weight, structure, and geographical variation. Specially commissioned colour plates illustrate each species, and there are also colour plates of eggs, plus many black and white illustrations and text-figures. Regular migrants and accidental species are also covered. For many years the *Handbook of British Birds* (published in 1938-41), provided the basis on which UK ornithological research was built. This new book has been planned to cover the great advances that

have been made in ornithological knowledge since then, and in particular takes account of the fact that ornithologists now work on a wider geographical basis. All Europe is included, together with the Middle East to Turkey, Iraq and Jordan, and Africa south to approximately 19°N. is reflected.

[Harvestmen](#) - Ricardo Pinto-da-Rocha 2007-02-28

The 25 authors provide a much-needed synthesis of what is currently known about these relatives of spiders, focusing on basic conceptual issues in systematics and evolutionary ecology, making comparisons with other well-studied arachnid groups, such as spiders and scorpions. --from publisher description.

[The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America](#) - Acoustical Society of America 2006

[Birds and Agriculture](#) - Nigel Boatman 2002

[Ten Birds That Changed the World](#) - Stephen Moss 2023-02-28

For the whole of human history, we have lived alongside birds. We have hunted and domesticated them for food; venerated them in our mythologies, religion and rituals; exploited them for their natural resources; and been inspired by them for our music, art and poetry. In *Ten Birds that Changed the World*, naturalist and author Stephen Moss tells the gripping story of this long and eventful relationship through ten key species from all seven of the world's continents. From Odin's faithful raven companions to Darwin's finches, and from the wild turkey of the Americas to the emperor penguin as potent symbol of the climate crisis, this is a fascinating, eye-opening and endlessly engaging work of natural history.

[Choucas](#) - Zofia Nalkowska 2014-05-31

The novel in Europe in the early twentieth century took a decidedly inward turn, and *Choucas* (1927) is an intriguing example of the modernist psychological tradition. Its author, Zofia Nalkowska (1884–1954), was a celebrated Polish novelist and playwright. She rose to prominence in interwar Poland and was one of a group of early feminist writers that included Pola Gojawiczynska, Maria Dabrowska, and Maria Kuncewiczowa. *Choucas* is set in the Swiss Alps in the mid-1920s in a sanatoria village near Lake Geneva. The book has an international focus, and the narrator, a Polish woman, profiles a motley collection of visitors to the village and patients at the sanatorium and their interactions with each other. Among these she encounters Armenian survivors of the 1915–16 genocide who were given refuge in Switzerland. The characters are all from different countries and each represents a distinct political or religious point of view. The title is derived from the French word for a species of bird native to this region of Switzerland. Nalkowska was known for her love of nature and animals, and the birds have symbolic significance for the characters themselves. The *choucas* fly down from the mountain passes seeking food, while some of the characters in the novel wander around the sanatorium seeking philosophical truths. In *Choucas*, there is a strong autobiographical element to the story, as Nalkowska had stayed in a sanatorium in Leysin, Switzerland, with her husband in 1925. A comparison may also be drawn with the classic novel by Thomas Mann, *The Magic Mountain* (1924), which has similar themes. The book delineates a fascinating time period, and the author's concise fictional technique is strikingly innovative and groundbreaking. *Choucas* is a fine example of early modernist literature and is translated for the first time into English for a new generation of readers.

[Birding](#) - 1996

[The Raven](#) - Derek Ratcliffe 2010-01-31

The Raven presents a summary of knowledge of its natural history, describing its distribution, feeding habits, association with other animals, and breeding. The Raven is one of the most spectacular and romantic of British

birds, but relatively neglected in the modern literature of ornithology. Derek Ratcliffe here presents a thorough summary of our knowledge of its natural history, emphasizing the long association of the bird with humankind. The place of the Raven in myth, legend and history is long established, and this book describes the bird's fall from grace as a valued scavenger in medieval cities to a persecuted outcast in the modern wilds. The previous wide occurrence of Ravens is reviewed against the relationships between their present distribution, status and habitat requirements, as both a nesting and a non-breeding resident. The dependence of Ravens on carrion (especially sheep) within an omnivorous diet is the key to the species' ecology, and its social behaviour has evolved in close relation to this lifestyle. The flocking and communal roosting of non-breeders are major features of Raven behaviour, while their nesting habits emphasise the territorial nature of breeding birds and their adaptation to secure but harsh environments. Raven numbers vary in relation to their food supply, local populations adjusting accordingly, although the precise mechanism involved is still obscure. Ravens have a considerable capacity for recolonising old haunts when suitable conditions are restored, as well as exploiting new areas where the habitat becomes favourable, and there are local success stories to tell. Nationwide, however, the species' position is delicately balanced and depends on both sympathetic land management practices and improving attitudes to Ravens as friends not foe. Worldwide, Ravens are one of the most successful of all bird groups, occurring over a large part of the northern hemisphere, and replaced in some southern and tropical regions by other raven species which exploit the familiar raven niche in their own environments. The discussion of the northern hemisphere species is enlivened by reference to other species where useful. Finally, the Raven's age-old reputation for high intelligence is weighed critically against the available evidence. Today, Ravens carry a new omen in the modern world, as a barometer of goodwill to wildlife. Like those in the Tower of London, the continued existence of Ravens in our wild countryside will reveal something about both our current situation and our prospects for the future. The text is brought to life through wonderful illustrations by Chris Rose.

Birding World - 1999

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa: Ostrich to ducks - Stanley Cramp 1977

This authoritative reference work is designed to take account of the advances that have been made since the publication of the Handbook of British Birds. It provides comprehensive descriptions of over 770 species of the Western Palearctic.

Urban Biodiversity and Design - Norbert Muller 2010-05-10

With the continual growth of the world's urban population, biodiversity in towns and cities will play a critical role in global biodiversity. This is the first book to provide an overview of international developments in urban biodiversity and sustainable design. It brings together the views, experiences and expertise of leading scientists and designers from the industrialised and pre-industrialised countries from around the world. The contributors explore the biological, cultural and social values of urban biodiversity, including methods for assessing and evaluating urban biodiversity, social and educational issues, and practical measures for restoring and maintaining biodiversity in urban areas. Contributions come from presenters at an international scientific conference held in Erfurt, Germany 2008 during the 9th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biodiversity. This is also Part of our Conservation Science and Practice book series (with Zoological Society of London).

Subject Guide to Books in Print - 1975

Handbook of the Birds of Europe the Middle East and North Africa - Stanley Cramp 1978

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East, and North America - Stanley Cramp 1994-06

Volumes VI and VII of this beautifully illustrated and authoritative eight-volume reference work are worthy additions to the most comprehensive guide to the birds of the Western Palearctic available. Taking into account the great advances made in ornithology since the publication of the seminal Handbook of British Birds (1941)--which for many years provided the foundation on which the field was built--the eight volumes together will contain descriptions of over 760 species of birds, of which about 600 are breeding species. Each breeding species is described in detail in sections devoted to field characteristics, habitat, distribution, mortality and longevity, population (with maps showing breeding and wintering areas), social pattern and behavior, breeding, food, voice, plumages, moults, measurements, weights, structure, and geographical variation. Regular migration and accidental species are treated under these headings where relevant. Volume VI: Warblers contains descriptions of 64 species, including Warblers, Chiffchaffs, Kinglets, Goldcrests, and Firecrests. Volume VII: Flycatchers to Shrikes covers the Flycatchers, Tits, Babblers, Nuthatches, Wallcreepers, Treecreepers, Sunbirds, Orioles, and Shrikes. Like previous volumes, these volumes contain specially commissioned color plates of each species which show the full range of normal plumage together with more distant flight view. In addition, color plates of eggs, black-and-white illustrations, and many text-figures showing display postures, voice sonograms and melograms, and annual cycles, are included. All of these features combine to make volumes VI and VII proud additions to the set, an indispensable reference work for both the professional scientist and the ever-growing body of amateur ornithologists.

Subject Guide to Children's Books in Print 1997 - Bowker Editorial Staff 1996-09

Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia - Bernhard Grzimek 2003

Gale proudly presents the first completely revised and updated version of this acclaimed set in 30 years. Some reviewers call Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia the best reference work on animals ever published. Others call it the legacy left to us by famed zoologist and animal lover, Bernhard Grzimek. The accolades and praise go on for the newest addition to Gale's line of reference titles. The original 13-vol. set, published in Germany in the late 1960s, is internationally renowned for its scientific reporting, coverage and illustrations, and serves as a major point of reference for researchers and students studying the animal kingdom. Thorough articles familiarize readers with animals found everywhere on the globe, detailing their life cycles, predators, food systems, overall ecology and much more. Staying true to the original scientific pedigree, Gale enlisted prominent advisors and contributors from the international scientific community to incorporate recent developments in the animal world. Our new editions of Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia are sure to serve the needs of students at every academic level. While Gale strives to replicate print content, some content may not be available due to rights restrictions. Call your Sales Rep for details.

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa - 1977

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa - 1990

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa - Stanley Cramp 1993

The Handbook has established itself as an authoritative work of reference for Europe, together with the Middle East to Turkey, Iran, and Jordan, and Africa south to about 19° N. This seventh volume covers the flycatchers, tits, babblers, nuthatches, wallcreepers, treecreepers, sunbirds, orioles, and shrikes. Described in this volume are 45 species with specially commissioned colour plates from Norman Arlott, Kim Franklin, Alan Harris, and Chris Rose. The eight volumes will include descriptions of over 760 species, of which 600 species breed in the Western Palearctic area. The text takes into account the important advances that have taken place in ornithological knowledge in recent years. Every aspect of bird life is detailed: field characters, habitat, distribution, mortality,

longevity, population maps showing the breeding, food, voice, plumage, moults, measurements, weights, structure, and geographical variation.

The Sensory Ecology of Birds - Graham R. Martin 2017

1. Bird's eye views -- 2. Vision -- 3. Hearing and olfaction -- 4. Touch, taste, and magnetoreception -- 5. From senses to sensory ecology -- 6. Birds in the dark : complementary and partial information -- 7. Birds underwater : a paucity of information -- 8. What drives bird senses? -- 9. The sensory ecology of collisions and entrapment -- 10. Postscript: Conclusions, implications, and comment

Reviews of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology - George W. Ware 2012-12-06

Reviews of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology provides detailed review articles concerned with aspects of chemical contaminants, including pesticides, in the total environment with toxicological considerations and consequences.

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa - Stanley Cramp 1994

This entirely authoritative nine-volume work of reference was planned to take account of the great advances that have been made in ornithological knowledge, and in particular to reflect the wider geographic base of modern ornithological studies. The definitive work (which is concluded by Volume IX) contains descriptions of over 770 species of birds occurring in the Western Palearctic. Sections are included on field characters, habitat, distribution, mortality, population (with maps showing the breeding and wintering areas), movements, food, social pattern and behaviour, breeding, voice, plumages, moults, measurements, weights, structure, and geographical variation.

The Complexity of Bird Behaviour - Paul M. W. Hackett 2020-01-20

This book presents the facet theoretical framework as a tool for facilitating the conception of complex animal

behaviour research and the design of research procedures through employing mapping sentences. Using the facet theoretical framework, this book takes a holistic view of bird behaviour. Components of bird behavior are identified and then reassembled to facilitate an understanding of the behaviour in the context of its natural occurrence. This provides new insight on both the parts of the behaviour and how these interact as a whole. The multi-faceted approach to designing, evaluating and understanding bird behavior presented offers a template that is adaptable for investigating a wide variety of avian species and different forms of behaviour. Behavioural biologists, animal and comparative psychologists, other natural and behavioural scientists, as well as students of these disciplines will find this book to be an interesting and enlightening read.

Social Intelligence - Nathan Emery 2008

Why are humans so clever? The 'Social intelligence' hypothesis explores the idea that this cleverness has evolved through the increasing complexity of social groups. Our ability to understand and control nature is a by-product of our ability to understand the mental states of others and to use this knowledge to co-operate or deceive. These abilities have not emerged out of the blue. They can be found in many social animals that co-operate and compete with one another, birds as well as mammals. This book brings together contributions from an impressive list of authorities in the field, appropriately concluding with a chapter by Nick Humphrey (one of the pioneers in this field). This volume examines social intelligence in many different animal species and explores its development, evolution and the brain systems upon which it depends. Better understanding and further development of social intelligence is critical for the future of the human race and the world that we inhabit. Our problems will not be solved by mere cleverness, but by increased social co-operation.