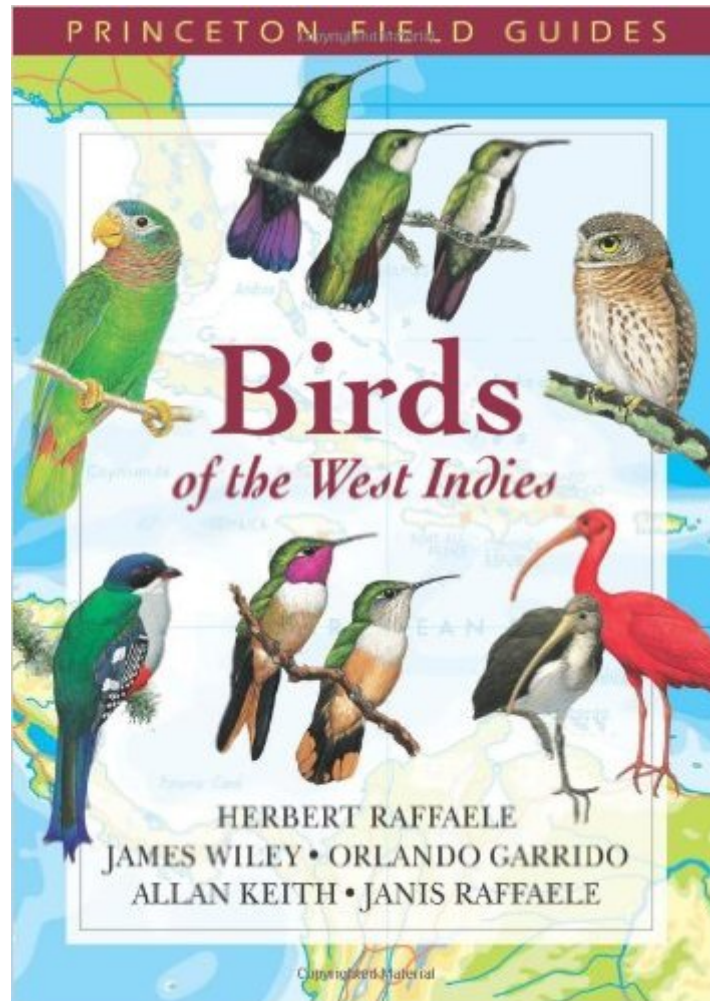


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# Birds Of The West Indies (Princeton Field Guides)



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Fully illustrated, easy to use, and completely up-to-date, *Birds of the West Indies* is the only field guide that covers all of the bird species known to occur in the region--including migrants and infrequently occurring forms. Each species is represented by a full description that includes identification field marks, status and range, habitat, and voice. A map showing the bird's distribution accompanies many species accounts, and plumages of all species are depicted in ninety-three beautifully rendered color plates. Bird lovers, vacationing tourists, local residents, and "armchair travelers" will all want to own this definitive field guide to the birds of the West Indies. Includes all species recorded in the region Features ninety-three color plates with concise text on facing pages for quick reference and easy identification Species accounts cover identification, voice, status and habitat, and range Color distribution maps

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## Customer Reviews

I just came back from St. Vincent where I used a copy of James Bond's "Birds of the Caribbean". It was acceptable, but it didn't have many colour plates or pictures of birds in flight. This book is all colour illustrations and has pictures of birds in flight. The information is also up to date. Many more useful tools for bird identification than in Bond! For example, this has habitat and maps of range.

This is an excellent field guide with great pictures of birds, making identification easier. The

descriptions about the different bird species inhabiting the West Indies are also very good. The guide seems to give fuller coverage to birds in the northern Caribbean islands, such as Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico, and somewhat less coverage to birds in the central and southern regions of the West Indian island chain, but it was still very helpful to me with bird identification on a recent trip to the island of Montserrat (about 300 miles southeast of Puerto Rico). Recommended for birders vacationing in the West Indies.

Though the previous *A Guide To The Birds of The West Indies* is unparalleled in its depth, this handy guide is what we were waiting for. It saves us the pains of lugging its bigger predecessor into swamps, jungles and fields, without sacrificing key information and wonderful drawings.

I used this guide in February 2007 on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Color illustrations were very good. But I missed the short behavioral cues that you find in Peterson's guides, like "scratches in leaves near road edges," "bobs head and swims half submerged." St. John's has a Park Ranger-led walk on Francis Bay trail that was very productive.

Much clearer and more up-to-date than *The Birds of the West Indies* (by James Bond) This book includes great full colour plates with lots of details. Descriptions are concise but very useful. I highly recommend this book to anyone birdwatching in the Caribbean.

Provides color plates for all species found in the West Indies, and helpful maps alongside the text, whenever necessary. All that you need for a field guide, at a reasonable price. It more than lives up to Princeton's reputation for fine guides,

Why is the One and Only? The color Plates The Cover and size The Distribution Maps The Basic and accurate Information Do I mention the color plates?

*Birds of the West Indies* is a much needed and well researched update of the classic book "Birds of the West Indies" by James Bond. This update provides layman and serious birders and researchers with critically important updates on species distribution and habitat areas. A must read for the serious birders and curious readers interested in understanding the birds of the West Indian Archipelago.

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