

Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti

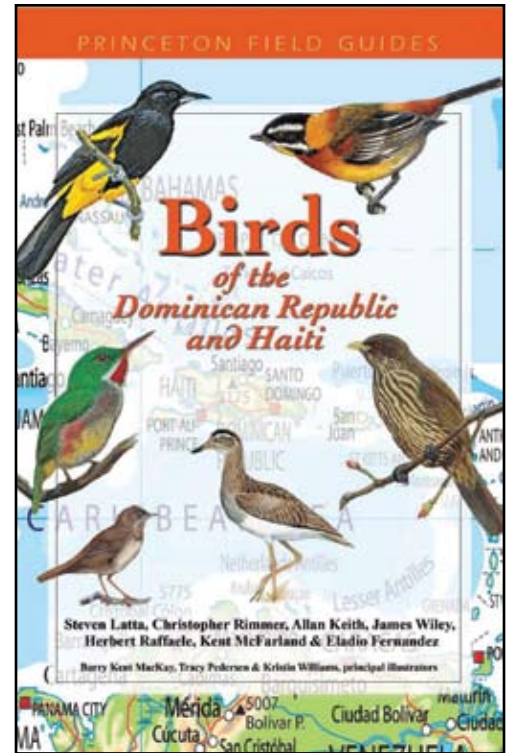
The First Field Guide for Hispaniola Birders

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Announcing the publication of a new book is a proud moment for any author. As a conservation biologist, I'm especially pleased to announce *Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti*. Published by Princeton University Press and co-authored by me and colleagues from the Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola (Hispaniolan Ornithological Society), Vermont Institute of Natural Science, and others, the book covers all 306 species of birds recorded on the island. Illustrated by principal artists Barry Kent MacKay, Tracy Pedersen and Kristin Williams, the guide promises to fill a large void in the birdwatching, conservation and environmental education needs of both the Dominican Republic and Haiti as the first comprehensive field guide devoted to the birds of the island.

Beyond providing a means of identifying bird species, the guide also provides current information on the biology and ecology of the island of Hispaniola's avifauna, and hopes to inspire a new generation of birdwatchers, ornithologists and conservationists.

With the support of Grupo Leon Jimenez of Santo Domingo, the guide will appear in Spanish as *Aves de la Republica Dominicana y Haiti*, while the World Bank and the National Aviary have financed the translation and printing of a French edition for use in Haiti, where it will appear as *Les Oiseaux du Haïti et de la République Dominicaine*. Proceeds from the sale of the guides will be donated to the Hispaniolan Conservation Fund. The Fund, established by the co-authors, will be used to support research and conservation of biodiversity efforts on the island.



Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti by Steven Latta, Christopher Rimmer, Allan Keith, James Wiley, Herbert Raffaele, Kent McFarland & Eladio Fernandez (Princeton University Press, 2006) is available from the National Aviary gift shop. Phone orders may be placed by calling 412-323-7235, ext. 201.



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