

Synopsis

Ecuador is one of the most bio-diverse countries in the world. With over 1,600 bird species in an area the size of the state of Nevada, it is on the "Bucket List" of many avian enthusiasts. More than half of the species on the continent of South America can be observed in this tiny nation. This book is intended to provide all the information needed to locate and enjoy the most important birding areas of Northwest Ecuador. Detailed maps and GPS coordinates are provided to locate each spot. Trail maps are supplied where possible. Target species for each reserve are identified along with a more complete bird list indicating which species have been previously observed. This is the first in a series of books that will identify the various birding areas of Ecuador.

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Customer Reviews

When I prepared for my first trip to Ecuador in 2015 the only published bird-finding guides were in fact 1997 volumes which had gone out of print. They gave me a bit of orientation, but a guide like this would have been so much more helpful. It's not perfect, but some reviewers seem to expect

either a field guide or a travel guide. You'll need to get a field guide, and you'll have to do a bit of research regarding lodging options, dining, transport, etc. But the introductory chapter offers a very decent primer on those subjects. The site descriptions are the heart of the book, including passages related to history, facilities, public transport, and bird species of particular note. A more complete bird list covering each site is included in the appendix. Am not sure which taxonomic authority he used, but I ran across very few points of confusion. Site selection is quite representative.

This is a frustrating example of a book having a core of excellent information while the actual experience of using it in electronic form leaves much to be desired. The problem is the set of maps that are very important to the book's use - and are largely unreadable. I have gone through the Kindle version, using both an iPhone 6, and a desktop iMac. The maps have microscopic print, and if, as on the iPhone, one tries to increase the size, the resolution is not there it allow reading the "blurred" names of places. The second point of aggravation is that a large portion of the book is made up of bird lists. Too many different bird lists, as some are for specific parks, lodges, etc. Thirdly, a particular set of parks/lodge areas (about five) were of particular interest, and I wished to study and mark up a copy. Unfortunately there is no way to print a small portion of the book. All in all, my disappointment was sufficient to be highly critical of the implementation of what could be a superb resource.

Found the descriptions very helpful. Suggestions of different lodges and areas for specific birds will be used for our trip to Ecuador in 2018.

Really great resource for people travelling to Ecuador to see it's amazing birds. Information about important sites throughout Northwest Ecuador, what birds you may find there, directions, info about lodging and food, etc. Really helpful for learning about which birds are likely to be seen and how to identify them. There are over 1800 species in Ecuador, and the recommended bird guide is huge. Glad I got this book.

This is a comprehensive guide to the birds of Northwest Ecuador. There are excellent photographs and very useful information. The numbers of species is extraordinary!

This is a great resource to review before you make a trip to Ecuador! found the reading interesting and once arriving to be accurate

This should not be called a bird book. I expected pictures (not a one!) of birds, not information on immunizations, visas, climate, history,.... This is just someone's bird list.

This e-book has very little information about the birds. I can find the same material and more in a comprehensive guide book for Ecuador.

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