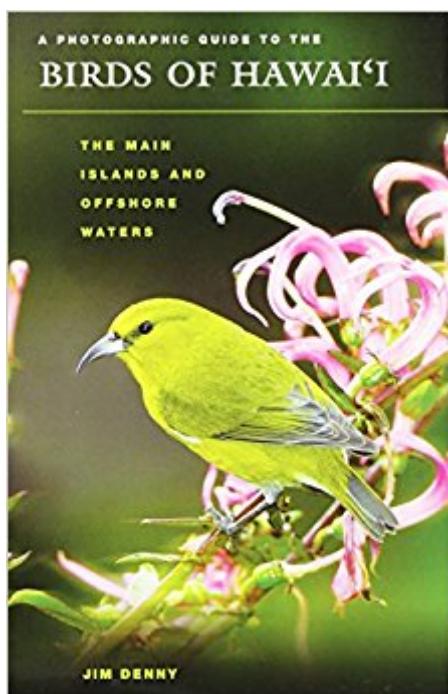


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Hawaiʻi is home to some of the most beautiful and sought after birds in the world. From the offshore waters, where graceful seabirds glide on the cool, refreshing trade winds, to the lush ancient forests of the mountains, where colorful endemic honeycreepers reside, Hawaiʻiʻs birds are wonderfully diverse. Introduced species and long-distance migrants contribute to the splendid assortment. Some island bird species are extremely abundant and instantly familiar since we encounter them daily in our outdoor activities. Others are so rare they are glimpsed only once in a lifetime. In these magnificent islands there is something for birders of every sort. Superbly illustrated in color by the author and Jack Jeffrey, two of Hawaiʻiʻs best nature photographers, this guide includes nearly every species of bird on land and at sea in the main Hawaiian Islands. In total, 170 species or subspecies are described and illustrated. This comprehensive work is an essential resource for those who are interested in identifying, locating, and learning more about the avifauna of Hawaiʻi.

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Only downside is it doesn't have a variety of photos for each bird (like juveniles, male/female, etc.). This is a wonderful reference, but not exactly a field guide (and not really intended to be, so it still gets top rating).

I did not have maps showing nesting or migration, like most bird books. Also I like it when the birds are sectioned into size and color. It makes it easier to locate if you are not familiar with the birds. Photo's are good, and info on introduction into areas is also good.

I have lived in Hawaii all of my life and some are so rare I have never seen them. I love the videos and the sound of their songs.

Some of the best photographs of Hawaiian birds are included in this little volume, along with accurate and easy-to-read text. This is a very worthwhile addition to the small number of good Hawaiian bird books. The book's limitations include an absence of birds for which no photograph is available, including the enigmatic Nukupu'u and the inaccessible endemic birds of the Northwest Chain. Obviously, in a photographic guide there can be no pictures of birds which went extinct before good photographs were possible. But the quality of the photos given, and the excellent text, make this a valuable book both for the experienced birder and the casual observer.

Great field guide for identifying most of what you are likely to see in Hawaii. Book is easy to use in the way it is organized. Pictures are good but with only one picture for most birds, it is lacking for species that have significant sexual dimorphism, different juvenile plumage or look different in flight versus perched. Should be very helpful for beginners as well as serious birders. Serious birders may want to use this book along with one or more of the other guides available since none are completely adequate individually.

Wish there were more species covered. Also would like a book with more photos. It will work fine for my use.

This is an essential book for current birding on Hawaii. The photographs of each of the birds are really instructive and allow easy identification. The text is just right - enough to be interesting. The book is a good size too and easy to carry around. I like the organization of dividing the birds into their habitat - makes it easy to find the descriptions. My favorites were the native Hawaiian birds, which are all so spectacular and unique.

The photographs are excellent, taken by a life-long lover of Hawaiian birds. The narratives are useful in a generic sense but not so much as a field guide -- good background information. There's not so much technical content as you might expect in a book like this but what is there is pleasant and accurate. It spends a lot less annoying time rhapsodizing about the lost species than other books so it's easier to read and more up to date than the others.

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