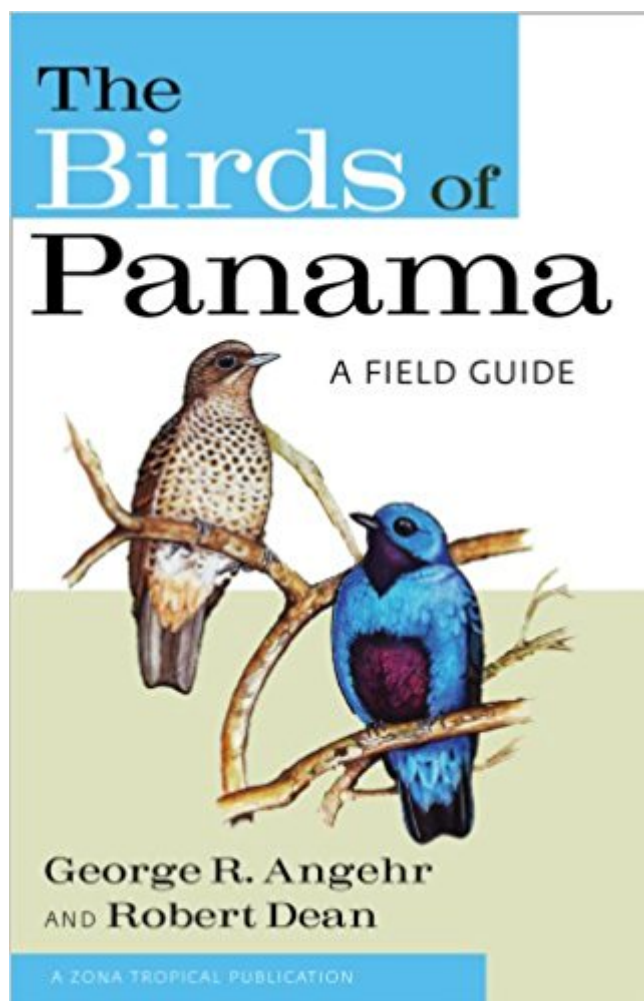


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The Birds Of Panama: A Field Guide (Zona Tropical Publications)



Synopsis

The isthmus of Panama, where North and South America meet, hosts more bird species than all of North America. More accessible than ever to birdwatchers and other ecotourists, the country has become a premier neotropical birding and nature tourism destination in recent years. The Birds of Panama will be an essential tool for the new generation of birders traveling in search of Panama's spectacular avifauna. This user-friendly, portable, and affordable identification guide features:

- large color illustrations of more than 900 species;
- the first range maps published to show the distribution of Panama's birds;
- concise text that describes field marks for identification, as well as habitat, behavior, and vocalizations;
- range maps and species accounts face illustration pages for quick, easy reference;
- the inclusion of North American migrants and seabirds, as well as female and juvenile plumage variations;
- an up-to-date species list for the country that reflects recent additions, taxonomic splits, and other changes in classification.

Panama's unique geography, small size, and varied habitats make it possible to see a vast diversity of birds within a short time. Its western and central areas harbor representatives of species found in Central America; species characteristic of South America may be found in the east. In the winter, birds from northern climes are commonly found in Panama as migrants. This is the one field guide the novice or experienced birder needs to identify birds in the field in Panama's diverse habitats.

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Customer Reviews

"Angehr and Dean have created an accurate, portable guide that will prove very useful to birders and casual observers wishing to savor the avian diversity of Panama." — Choice (August 2011)

Robert Dean is an avid birder and natural history illustrator. He is the illustrator of *Birds of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao: A Site and Field Guide*, *The Birds of Costa Rica: A Field Guide*, *The Birds of Panama: A Field Guide*, and *The Wildlife of Costa Rica: A Field Guide*, all from Cornell.

Nice accurate color illustrations, easy to understand maps for where birds are located as well as concise, write ups regarding birds habitat, elevation and calls. Sometimes a little confusing in discussions of comparison between species but that is a novice birder talking

Great book! Easy to follow guide and contained all the field marks that I needed to make an accurate ID. Help up fairly well after 10+ weeks in the field, too. I definitely recommend to any birder headed to Panama.

I would definitely recommend this field guide to anyone planning on visiting Panama. The clear illustrations and nice range maps make species identification fairly easy and it will give you an idea of what species are common in Panama. It is no Sibley's Guide, unfortunately, but for a novice birder in the tropics, it worked quite well.

While the illustrations are not on a par with the very best field guides, they are still very good. This guide, however, is a wealth of knowledge for helping learn field marks. Everything in the guide is explained extremely well. If it had been possible, I would have given this one 4.5 stars.

Complete guide. Well illustrated and good information.

We usually don't bring bird guides on trips as they weigh so much, but this book will have the place of honor in the suitcase! Text descriptions and ranges are on the page facing the illustration, so you can see everything at one.

I've been waiting for a Field Guide for the Panama. My husband and I just went on a cruise to the

Panama Canal in March 2011. It was excellent. Having this Field Guide helped me a lot. I was able to take photos and then find the birds and identify them. I'm a birder and this added to my life list. We went to 5 islands and this book helped throughout the trip.

We live in Panama and this book is very helpful for us to identify the birds we encounter

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