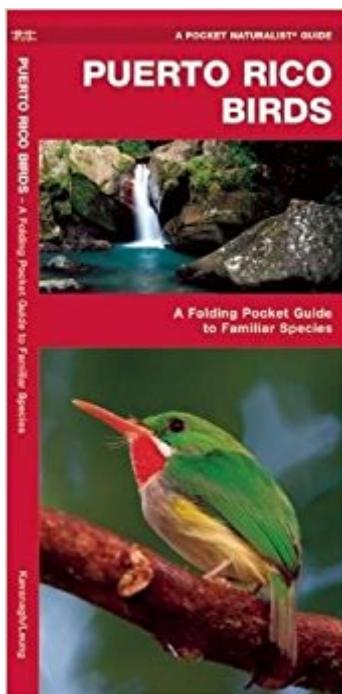


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# Puerto Rico Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## **Synopsis**

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is the permanent or migratory home of over 350 species of birds, 17 of which are endemic. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights over 140 familiar and unique species and includes a map featuring prominent bird-viewing areas. Laminated for durability, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information and ideal for field use by visitors and residents alike.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

This is an attempt at a quick reference waterproof pamphlet to some common birds of Puerto Rico, most of the endemics and some regional specialties. It also includes a location map with most of the

good birding areas on it. I am an experienced birder and just wanted a quick reference guide to the endemic and regional specialties. There are some big negatives: 1) the plates really are quite poor and tiny; 2) it's missing three endemics - elfin woods warbler, yellow-shouldered blackbird and puerto-rican spindalis; 3) it does include stripe-headed tanager but the puerto-rican spindalis was split from this species in 1997; 4) it's missing a lot of regional specialties; 5) it includes a number of introduced species possibly as they are common but most experienced birders know what these are as they are common in many places worldwide. It would have been better to have taken out birds like house sparrow, java sparrow and red avadavat and at least complete the endemics however tiny the plates. I don't recommend this for beginners who would need a far more comprehensive guide to be able to accurately identify most species and it's practically useless for expert birders who want a quick reference guide to the endemics. The only thing of any value IMO is the bird viewing areas map on the back which is why I have given it 2 not 1 stars

We took this guide with us on a birding expedition to Puerto Rico last week, and everyone in our tour group was asking to see it from time to time. Very helpful to know what the bird looks like that you are trying to sight when the guide gives the name of the bird only.

I thought this was a book. My fault. It's a color pamphlet.

The guide is small, clear and colorful. Easy to find birds to identify.

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