

Conservation of Tropical Birds has been written by four conservation biologists whose expertise spans all the tropical regions of the world. It is the first book to cover all the major issues in tropical bird conservation. Current problems faced by tropical bird conservationists are summarized and potential solutions outlined based on the results of case studies.

Birds are key indicators of ecosystem health, and are such a well-studied group of organisms that they provide an excellent lens through which to examine global conservation problems caused by phenomena such as climate change, declines in ecosystem services, habitat loss, fires, overexploitation, and invasive species. Therefore, the book also provides an engaging synopsis of the general issues in conservation and the problems faced by other wildlife.

This book will serve as an important resource and companion to all people interested in observing and conserving birds in the tropics and elsewhere.

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Cover image: The frugivorous and polygamous Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock (*Rupicola rupicola*) is a large (30 cm), localized, and spectacular member of the Neotropical Cotingidae family of sub-oscine songbirds. Sexually dimorphic like most cotingas, up to 40 males gather at understory leks around rocky outcrops in the Guianan shield rainforest and display energetically to attract the females. Raleighvallen - Voltzberg, Central Suriname Nature Reserve, June 2008. © Çağan H. Şekercioğlu (www.sekercioğlu.org)

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