

A special supplement
on the
building of
a basic
ornithological
library



Choosing An Ornithological Library
The Master List Of Bird Books
A Selection of Regional Bird Books
Some Recent and Forthcoming Books

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What books should be on the shelves of every serious birdwatcher or student ornithologist? What books should be considered essential to the collections of any college or public library? The editor, who is also a trustee of a small public library (56,000 books) was asked recently to provide the director with his selections for a balanced ornithological shelf.

For his answer, the editor has enlisted the counsel of seven of America's leading ornithologists. Each was asked to give his 25-title selection for the creation of a nuclear, balanced bird book library, on which any small library, or individual, can build. From these lists we have compiled a single Master List, in part derived from a consensus of the selections of our experts, and in part reflecting the editor's own judgment in specifically fulfilling the original request.

It is hoped that the lists that follow will serve both individuals and libraries in guiding their book selection, both in creating new collections and in modernizing old; we have found public library collections often haphazard, obsolete, and eclectic. If the reader is typical, his own collection is somewhat random, and the following lists will help suggest the gaps in his bookshelves.

The seven selectors whose lists follow were asked merely to provide a basic 25-title book list, and their responses are predictably diverse. Since all the lists are of interest, none has been altered, except to provide a uniformity of presentation. Unfortunately, a number of selections are out-of-print, hard to find, and expensive when found, but happily reprint publishers are making more and more of them available at reasonable prices. Book dealers often can locate hard-to-find rarities when given time for a search.

The selectors whose lists follow, but not in this order, are Dean Amadon, Lamont Curator of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History, New York; Thomas R. Howell, Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles; Robert J. Newman, Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; Kenneth C. Parkes, Curator of Birds, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; O. Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Director, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca; Robert W. Storer, Museum of Zoology, University of

Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Dale Zimmerman, Department of Zoology, University of New Mexico.

Each of our advisors compiled a list from a special, personal viewpoint, giving the reader insights into the way the listed books are viewed and used. Pettingill and Newman most closely adhere to our request for a list useful to home or library; Parkes gives us a list of books required by the working taxonomist and answer-provider to the questioning public. The lists of Howell, Storer, and Zimmerman reflect their interests both as teachers and researchers. Amadon, leaving the textbooks to others, reminds us of works of literary or other neglected merit.

For the purpose of this list, a multi-volume work is considered a single title. Since this is not a citation bibliography but a book list, titles—not authors—are listed first. The first mention of any title is given the complete reference, thereafter merely the title and author are noted, with an asterisk indicating prior mention.

What should the Master List provide? As one of the selectors comments, it should probably include the following: 1) a selection of the field guides needed for identification of the birds of North America; 2) the state, province, or regional works appropriate to the location of the library; 3) books that survey the birds of the continent and the world; 4) general texts on ornithology; 5) books on specialized subjects, or groups of birds and 6) works of particular literary or artistic merit. In the Master List, Category 2 has been omitted (except for such regional works whose usefulness makes them transcend this category); these books will be listed separately on p. 920.

With a few exceptions, books about birds of other continents have been omitted. Although birdwatchers are travelling with increasing frequency to every corner of the globe, most of such books do not really belong in the basic library. But the serious book collector will soon want to add to his basic collection the increasingly attractive and useful handbooks and field guides to other lands and other continents now being produced. Some of them, particularly those for areas to the south of us, will be among the first acquired.

OLIN SEWALL PETTINGILL, JR. says of his list, "I have interpreted 'basic' books as meaning works containing fundamental information on bird life or on special aspects of bird life. I have therefore excluded all guides to identification, all regional works, and all treatises of particular avian groups. I have also stuck closely to books almost entirely about birds . . ."

The indispensable top five listed in the order of decreasing importance

1. A New Dictionary of Birds, A. L. Thomson, Editor. 1964. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York.
2. The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of American Birds, E. M. Reilly, Jr. 1968. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York.
3. Birds of the World: A Survey of the Twenty-seven Orders and One Hundred and Fifty-five Families, O. L. Austin, Jr. 1961. Golden Press, New York.
4. Life Histories of North American Birds. 23 vols., A. C. Bent 1919-1968. U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C.
5. Check-list of North American Birds, Fifth edition. 1957. American Ornithologists' Union.

General texts

6. The Life of Birds, Joel Carl Welty. 1962. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. (The best and broadest coverage of bird biology.)
7. Bird Study, Andrew J. Berger. 1971. Dover Publications, New York. (Emphasis is on the study of birds in the field.)

Migration, Navigation (Orientation)

8. The Migrations of Birds, Jean Dorst. 1962. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. (Concerned primarily with migratory movements in different parts of the world.)
9. Bird Navigation, G. V. T. Matthews. Second edition. 1968. University Press, Cambridge. (Though quite technical and sometimes hard reading, it is the most thorough coverage of the subject.)
10. Travels and Traditions of Waterfowl, H. Albert Hochbaum. 1955. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis. Paperback edition, 1967. (Even though it deals with one group of birds, it is a near-classic treatise on migratory problems.)

Flight

11. The Flight of Birds Analyzed through Slow-motion Photography, John H. Storer. 1948. Cranbrook Institute of Science Bulletin No. 28, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. (I still consider this just about the best illustrated and understandable presentation of the aerodynamics of bird flight.)

Behavior

12. The Herring Gull's World: A Study of the Social Behaviour of Birds, Niko Tinbergen. 1953. Collins, London. (Unfortunately there is no one book thoroughly covering bird behavior for the amateur, but this work, practically a classic, should be required reading for anybody at all interested in bird behavior.)

Attracting birds and food habits

13. Songbirds in Your Garden, John K. Terres. New expanded edition. 1968. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

Reproductive cycle

14. The Life of the Robin, David Lack. Fourth edition. 1965. H. F. and G. Witherby, London.
15. The Canvasback on a Prairie Marsh, H. Albert Hochbaum. Second edition. 1959. Stackpole Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
16. Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow. Parts 1 and 2, Margaret M. Nice. 1937 and 1943. Transactions of the Linnaean Society of New York. Dover reprint available. (The first two books above give a well-rounded, readable account of the life history of a passerine and non-passerine species, respectively. They complement Welty and Berger very nicely. The last book, while hardly readable, has a wealth of information basic to the understanding of a bird's life cycle.)

Bird song

17. A Study of Bird Song, Edward A. Armstrong. 1963. Oxford University Press, London. (A good review of the whole subject including the literature.)
18. Bird-song: The Biology of Vocal Communication and Expression in Birds, W. H. Thorpe. 1961. University Press, Cambridge. (Unlike the Armstrong book, this is largely a theoretical and experimental approach but not highly technical.)

Distribution

19. Birds around the World: A Geographical Look at Evolution and Birds, Dean Amadon. 1966. Natural History Press, Garden City, New York. (Unfortunately rather brief, it is nonetheless a very readable treatment of the main principles of both geographical and ecological distribution.)

Endangered species and conservation problems

20. Wildlife in America, Peter Matthiessen. 1959. Viking Press, New York. (Recently reprinted.) (A good historical review of birds and other vertebrate animals depleted by man.)

Books that either defy classification or have special uses

21. The Birds, Roger Tory Peterson and the Editors of *Life*. 1963. Time Incorporated, New York. (Though limited in scope, it is chock full of

- meaty information, with superb illustrations, of the topics covered.)
22. *The World of Birds*, James Fisher and Roger Tory Peterson. 1964. Doubleday and Company, Garden City, New York.
(Three parts of the book are invaluable: the many aspects of bird watching, as complete as in any book I know; the series of world maps showing the distribution of each family of birds—available nowhere else; the section on birds and men, dealing with some unusual relationships. The bibliography of regional works on birds is outstanding.)
 23. *Fundamentals of Ornithology*, Josselyn Van Tyne and Andrew J. Berger. 1971. Dover Publications, New York.
(The text chapters are too technical and read poorly, but its extensive synopsis of world families makes it an indispensable book.)
 24. *Ecological Adaptations for Breeding in Birds*, David Lack. 1968. Methuen and Company, London.
(Basic reading for anyone interested in the breeding aspects of bird life anywhere in the world.)
 25. *Birds in Our Lives*, Alfred Stefferud, Editor. 1966. United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.
(Much of the text is aggravatingly sketchy; nevertheless it includes many topics not available within the covers of any other book.)



KENNETH C. PARKES emphasizes that his is a list of the books he considers basic to his own work. It excludes a number of valuable but specialized books, such as those on individual groups of birds, and some frequently used (by him) works such as Jonathan Dwight's "The Sequence of Plumages and Molts of the Passerine Birds of New York." He notes, too, that "there are also books not about birds that are fundamental to a working ornithological library, for example, a good . . . atlas." The books are not listed in any order of preference.

1. *Stalking Birds with Color Camera*, Arthur A. Allen. 1951. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.
2. *Check-list of North American Birds*, 5th Ed.*
3. *Life Histories of North American Birds*, A. C. Bent.*
(Absolutely indispensable.)
4. *Catalogue of Birds in the British Museum*, Various authors. 27 vols. 1874-1898. British Museum (Natural History), London.
(The only place one can key out any bird in the world, assuming it had been described prior to the pertinent volume. No museum can do without it.)
5. *Catalogue of the Birds of the Americas*, C. B. Cory, C. E. Hellmayr, and B. Conover. 1918-1949. Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.
(Usually referred to as 'Hellmayr'. Still the basic reference on taxonomy, distribution, and nomenclature of New World birds. Older volumes were more perfunctory and are very out of date, but once Hellmayr took over in 1924, the coverage was much more detailed.)
6. *Avian Biology*, 4 vols., Donald S. Farner and James R. King, Editors. 1971-? Academic Press.
(A book not yet published at this writing, although the first volume is expected in 1971. This will replace the badly out-of-date and uneven worked edited by A. J. Marshall, and will be a very useful standard reference for years to come. Multiplicity of authorship creates some unevenness.)
7. *Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States*. E. H. Forbush. 3 vols., 1925-1929. Mass. Dept. Agri.
(The Fuertes plates in this set make it transcend the status of state bird book; they probably constitute the best set of paintings of North American birds in any single work.) Rare and expensive.
8. *Living Birds of the World*, E. Thomas Gilliard. 1958. Doubleday & Co., New York.
(Stylistically inferior to the Austin work, but a more scholarly and carefully done reference work.)
9. *Birds of the World*. O. L. Austin, Jr.*
(I don't use this as often as I do the Gilliard book, but they complement each other nicely, both in text and illustrations. Beware the many errors in the original edition.)
10. *Red Data Book*, Vol. 2—Aves. 1966, with later supplements. International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. Morges, Switzerland.
(The basic sourcebook for information on rare and endangered species, from which most or all of the popular books on this subject have taken their date.)
11. *A Dictionary of Birds*, Alfred Newton and Hans Gadow. 1896. London.
(A fascinating storehouse of information, most outstanding on the origins of the names applied to birds. Coverage of anatomy is also excellent.) Rare.
12. *Handbook of North American Birds*, Vol. 1., Ralph S. Palmer, Ed. 1962. Yale University Press, New Haven.
(Indispensable for those groups of birds covered—loons through flamingos.)
13. *Check-list of Birds of the World*, 15 vols., vols. 8 and 11 not yet published, J. L. Peters and others. 1931- Harvard University Press. Cambridge.
(Although the earliest volumes are rather out of date and multiple authorship makes the

- quality of recent volumes uneven, this work is basic for all museum work.)
14. Field guides, various. R. T. Peterson, etc. See Master List.
(What need be said?)
 15. *The Birds*, R. T. Peterson.*
(I always recommend this to the interested layman as the best single inexpensive introduction to ornithology beyond mere identification.)
 16. *Birds of North and Middle America*, 11 vols., Robert Ridgway, (last 3 by Herbert Friedmann) 1901-1951. U.S. National Museum, Washington.
(Never completed, but the most important and thorough single work on taxonomy, nomenclature, descriptions and measurements, etc., for the area covered. Absolutely basic, and all too little known by younger workers.)
 17. *Birds of North America*, Chandler S. Robbins, Bertel Bruun and Herbert S. Zim. See Master List.
(In general I prefer Peterson, but both books are so inexpensive and handily-sized that I recommend 'get both.' Unfortunately, having both eastern and western birds in one book can be confusing and is a great temptation to wishful thinkers . . .)
 18. State bird book, whichever appropriate.
(In my case *Birds of Western Pennsylvania*, W. E. C. Todd, 1940, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh.)
 19. *A New Dictionary of birds*. A. L. Thomson, Ed.*
(By far the most useful single reference work to have within arm's length, especially when the telephone rings.)
 20. *Fundamentals of Ornithology*, J. Van Tyne and A. J. Berger.*
(Partly obsolete and very uneven, but still handy and with all its faults the most authoritative textbook on ornithology.)
 21. *The Handbook of British Birds*, 5 vols., H. F. Witherby, F. R. C. Jourdain, N. F. Ticehurst, and B. W. Tucker, 1938-1941. (later editions have some revisions.) Witherby Ltd., London.
(Far more than a regional work; probably the best and most complete bird book ever written as of its date. Information on many North American [i.e. Holarctic] species is more complete than that found in the American literature.)
 22. *Catalogue of the Edward E. Ayer Ornithological Library*, 2 vols., John T. Zimmer. 1926. Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.
(A tremendously useful guide to the earlier ornithological literature, with important bibliographic information, especially in collation of rare books.)
 23. *The Zoological Record—Aves*. Latest vol. is 104, 1970, incl. literature for 1967. Zoological Society of London. Indispensable to all.



THOMAS R. HOWELL writes "In compiling this list, I make the following assumptions about people who would use it. A. First of all people would want to identify the birds they see, hence 1. the appropriate Peterson field guide, 2. the Robbins et al. guide, which complements the above and includes all North American birds in one volume. B. Next, they want to know something of the local natural history and ecology, which means 3. the local state book. Some are better than others. C. Then they will want to know more about birds in general—what kinds there are in the world and what is known about them, which leads to selections 4-15, below.

4. *Birds of the World*, O. L. Austin, Jr.*
(Despite many minor errors, this is still the best guide to the natural history of all the orders and families.)
5. *The World of Birds*, J. Fisher and R. T. Peterson.*
(This covers birds of the world in a totally different fashion; the distribution maps alone are worth it.)
6. *A New Dictionary of Birds*, A. Thomson.*
(Not a dictionary in the usual sense, but a superb one-volume encyclopedia—authoritative, up-to-date, well illustrated—for the serious student.)
7. *Key to North American Birds*, 5th Ed. 2 vols., Elliott Coues. 1903. Estes & Co., Boston.
(Note, pronounced "cows". Oldie but goodie. Dated, of course, but where else can one find so much basic information about American birds in a single volume? Includes fascinating essays that reveal much about 19th century ornithology, family and generic characteristics, and the meaning and derivation of every scientific name. May be hard to find; try to get the last—1884—revision.)
8. *Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds*, 2 vols., Ed. by A. J. Marshall. 1960-61. Academic Press, New York.
(This is the work the most advanced students will consult for greater depth than any of the preceding works. Soon to be superseded by the new "Avian Biology" edited by Farner and King,* the first volume of which is scheduled to appear in 1971.)
9. *The Life of Birds*, J. C. Welty.*
(A textbook. Includes some anthropomorphic guff, but has good general coverage of world literature.)
10. *Fundamentals of Ornithology*, J. Van Tyne and A. J. Berger.*
(Also a textbook, and one that shows the seams of joint authorship. Useful coverage of families of world birds, and the best glossary of technical terms.)
11. *Life Histories of North American Birds*, A. C. Bent *et al.**
(Some will cry heresy, but I say this series

is greatly overrated, especially the earlier volumes. Many accounts are verbose and anecdotal rather than scientific; there is much useless repetition in giving separate accounts for subspecies. Still, some of the information is otherwise unavailable in a single source.)

12. Handbook of North American Birds, vol. 1. R. S. Palmer, Ed.*
(Despite some severe criticisms, a useful beginning.)

Now let's get cosmopolitan:

13. The Handbook of British Birds, Witherby, *et al.**
(A mine of information on all aspects of all birds found in Britain, which includes most European and many North American species. Color plates muddy but helpful.)
14. Oiseaux, Ed. by P. P. Grasse; vol. 15 in *Traite de Zoologie*, Masson et Cie., Paris. (Great for practicing your French. Fine compilation of contributions by leading French authorities; well-illustrated by photos and line drawings.)
15. Aves, by E. Stresemann. In: Kuentner and Krumbach, *Handbuch der Zoologie*, vol. 7, pt. 2.
(An enduring classic by the dean of living ornithologists. If you don't read German, this will make you regret it. Unfortunately out of print and almost impossible to obtain.)

D. Now for some areas of special interest, but not so specialized as to appeal only to a few.

16. Oceanic Birds of South America, Robert Cushman Murphy. 1936. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York.
(Another classic, the usefulness of which extends far beyond South America—as do the ranges of many of the birds. Best single source on sea birds.)
17. Bird Migration, Donald R. Griffin. 1964. Anchor Books, N. Y.
(Readable, up-to-date review of what is known about the perennially fascinating subject of how birds navigate, by a leading researcher in the field.)
18. Zoogeography, the zoogeographic distribution of animals, P. J. Darlington. 1964. Wiley, N.Y.
(The long chapter on bird distribution is the best available summary on the subject even if some interpretations are still controversial.)
19. The Herring Gull's World, N. Tinbergen.*
(Far more than an account of a single species, this serves as a guide to the modern approach to the study of animal behavior; highly readable and informative.)
20. Bird-song, W. H. Thorpe.*
(This is the best source of information on a subject of never-ending curiosity and interest.)

21. The Life of the Robin, David Lack.*
(Another classic, showing how much can be learned by patient, detailed study of a common species in familiar surroundings. Available as a Pelican paperback.)
22. Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow, M. M. Nice.*
(A classic like the preceding, showing how studies of common local species can be important contributions to ornithology.)

E. With only three titles to go, I will settle with some misgivings for some standard references.

23. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th ed.*
(Inevitably out-of-date in details, but still the quasi-official source on the systematics and distribution of all North American birds.)
24. The Birds of North and Middle America, by R. Ridgway and H. Friedmann.*
(I include this as it is the only source of measurements and detailed plumage descriptions; of value to banders, aviculturists, and ecologists, among others.)
25. The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of American Birds, E. M. Reilly, Jr.*



DALE ZIMMERMAN says of his selections "Two factors have guided my listing: one, my personal use of this or that volume (or series) over the years; and two, your suggestion that our target should be a medium-sized town library looking for worthwhile material. The list I've prepared actually contains some items that might be out of place in such a library, but useful to serious amateurs, bird-banders, and others. A list of 50 books would have been easier in many ways. I excluded numerous good works on certain special groups of birds, and passed over several works on specific aspects of ornithology primarily because Pettingill and other texts provide summaries. Because it covers so few species I did not include the single published volume of our North American Handbook.*

1. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th Ed.*
2. The Bird: its form and function, William Beebe. 1965. Dover Press, New York (reprint).
3. Life Histories of North American Birds, A. C. Bent, *et al.**
4. The World of Birds, J. Fisher and R. T. Peterson.*
5. The Book of Birds, Gilbert Grosvenor and Alexander Wetmore. 1939. National Geographic Society, Washington,

6. A Guide to Bird-watching, J. J. Hickey. 1943. Oxford Press, New York.
7. Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds. A. J. Marshall.*
8. The Birds, R. T. Peterson.*
9. Birds of North and Middle America. R. Ridgway and H. Friedmann.*
10. A New Dictionary of birds, A. Thomson.*
11. Bird-song, W. H. Thorpe.*
12. The Herring Gull's World, Niko Tinbergen.*
13. Fundamentals of Ornithology, J. Van Tyne and A. Berger.*
14. The Life of Birds, J. C. Welty.*
15. Bird Display and Behaviour. An Introduction to the Study of Psychology, Edward A. Armstrong. 1965. Dover Press (reprint).
16. Bird Migration. D. R. Griffin.*

The other nine books listed by Dr. Zimmerman are state and regional works for his southwestern U.S. region, which will be found listed in the separate regional list on p. 920.



ROBERT W. STORER submitted his list in narrative style. We print it herewith somewhat altered, in order to give each title mentioned a separate entry, and to add publication data for those books not selected by others.

1. Field guides (East, West, Texas) R. T. Peterson. See Master List.
(A beginning bird watcher will first need field guides. A Peterson guide appropriate to his region is essential.)
2. Birds of North America, C. S. Robbins, B. Bruun, and H. S. Zim. See Master List.
(With the above, a good combination.)
3. Guides to Bird Finding, (East, 1951; and West, 1953; of the Rockies), 2 vols. O. S. Pettingill, Jr. Oxford Univ. Press, N.Y.
4. A good state book.
(The latter are very uneven in quality. Some of the newer works, like R. Mengel's Birds of Kentucky, can be recommended without reservation, and some older works like E. H. Forbush, Birds of Massachusetts*, have held up remarkably well. A beginner should consult experienced ornithologists or critical reviews in *The Auk* or *Bird-Banding*, before making his choice.)
5. Bird, Louis and Lois Darling. 1962. Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston.
(Recommended for more general information on birds.)
6. The Birds, R. T. Peterson.*
(Both are very well written, informative, and written for the layman.)

As one becomes more interested in birds, his need for works which go deeper into the subject grows. Perhaps the best sequence would be:

7. Ornithology in Laboratory and Field, O. Sewall Pettingill, Jr. 4th ed. 1970. Burgess Publishing Co., Minneapolis.
8. The New Dictionary of Birds, A. L. Thomson.*
9. Avian Biology, D. Farner and J. R. King.*
(The first volume of which will be published this fall. This will bring up to date and expand A. J. Marshall's "Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds",* which is at present the best general treatise on the biology of birds in English.)
10. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th Ed.*
(Is currently the best source of information on the distribution of birds on this continent.)
11. Birds of the World, A. O. Austin, Jr.*
(Gives a good account of the diversity of birds. Unfortunately there is no really good general work on North American birds comparable to the next title.)
12. The Handbook of British Birds, Witherby et al.*
13. The Handbook of North American Birds, R. L. Palmer, ed.*
(Is a good start in this direction, and is highly recommended.)
14. The Herring Gull's World, Niko Tinbergen.*
15. King Solomon's Ring, Konrad Lorenz. 1952. Crowell & Co., New York.
(are excellent reading and can easily convert a birder to the field of bird behavior.)

Armchair travelers can find much to interest them in

16. Bowerbirds, A. J. Marshall. 1964. Oxford Univ. Press, N.Y.
17. Birds of Arabia, R. Meinertzaen. 1954. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.
18. Oceanic Birds of South America, R. C. Murphy.*

Those concerned with the problem of extinction will find much to think about in the carefully documented

19. The Passenger Pigeon, it's natural history and extinction, A. W. Schorger. 1954. Univ. of Wisconsin Press, Madison.

Other books about single species or groups of species which can be strongly recommended are:

20. The Kirtland's Warbler, Harold Mayfield. 1960. Cranbrook Institute, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
21. Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow, M. M. Nice.*
22. The Wild Turkey, A. W. Schorger, 1966. Univ. of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

Every ornithologist wants some "luxury" books. Three that have scientific merit as well as extraordinarily beautiful plates are:

23. Hummingbirds, Crawford H. Greenewalt, 1960, Doubleday & Co., New York.
24. Birds of Greenland, Finn Salomonsen, 1960, Munksgaard, Copenhagen.
25. Shorebirds of North America, G. D. Stout, P. Matthiessen, R. S. Palmer, R. V. Clem, 1967, Viking Press, New York.



DEAN AMADON demurred at listing the 25 basic books for beginning an ornithological library, holding that at least half of them should probably be non-ornithological, for example, a good text on genetics, on biostatistics, etc. But he did come up with a unique selection that is based more on "literary and cultural considerations (with some exceptions); books that I re-read in part or in whole from time to time." Since his emphasis is on *authors*, our previous order is reversed.

- 1-3. Field Guides. R. T. Peterson,* R. H. Pough, Robbins, Bruun & Zim.* See Master List. (Pack them all; don't play favorites!)
4. Handbooks: Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America, 2nd Ed. Frank M. Chapman. 1940. Dover Press, New York (reprint). (Still worth having as a reference, and not merely as a pioneering classic.)
5. A. C. Bent, Life histories.* (Still a source of useful information. Especially in the earlier volumes one finds some very nice descriptions of a less-spoiled America. The late H. H. Collins brought out a two-volume Bent sampler, which was roundly criticized. True, there is not enough there to make it a reference on particular species, but for anyone interested in casual reading, they are worth taking along on a summer vacation.)
6. J. C. Welty. The Life of Birds.* (Still the best general coverage of ornithology. A refreshing example of the fact that a comparative unknown can sometimes outperform the professionals.)
7. J. Fisher. The Shell Bird-book. 1966. Ebury Press & Michael Joseph, London. (Not a shell game but a by-product of the Shell Oil Company. A fine example of the late author's scholarship and interest in history. Why doesn't someone write a similar volume for America?)
8. R. C. Murphy. Oceanic Birds of South America.* (A somewhat esoteric subject. Still, we should all know something of the Wandering Albatross and penguin! A beautifully organized

and written work, with some of the best work of the late Lee Jaques as illustration.)

9. John James Audubon—Yes, by all means in one form or another, preferably one that includes the charming "Delineations" which he scattered among his bird biographies.
10. Alexander Wilson—Although I have read a fair amount about Wilson, and once by chance saw the public statue of him, bird in one hand, sketch book in the other, in Paisley, Scotland, I have never, I confess, read much by him. Of course, we all recall the poor Ivory-billed Woodpecker that nearly ripped its captor's domicile to pieces in its efforts to escape. I vow to read more.
11. Elliott Coues—Coues wrote brilliantly, even when only compiling a bibliography. His "Birds of the Northwest" and "Birds of the Colorado Valley" were evidently printed in good supply by the government, and can usually be picked up from second hand dealers.
12. Ernest Thompson Seton—My feelings about Seton are reflected in the fact that I still resent the pedestrian treatment he received in a short obituary in *The Auk*, although that must have been 25 years ago! Well, brilliance is sometimes resented. But one hardly knows what to recommend: "Two Little Savages" is for boys and only incidentally about birds; "Birds of Manitoba" not easy to come by.
13. William Beebe—Like Seton, a virtuoso whose style could be a bit florid at times but never dull. "Pheasants of the World" is a rather specialized subject; almost any of his other books will contain some material on birds.
14. John Burroughs—Burroughs' first book "Wake-Robin" is more ornithological than most of his later volumes, even if the "robin" in the title is a flower.
15. Bradford Torrey—"Spring Notes from Tennessee" (1896). A leisurely account of a birding and botanizing vacation in Tennessee, at a time when Civil War veterans still strolled about at Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain discussing old times. Torrey wrote a prose as pure as the song of the Field Sparrow; he was an expert at field identification long before Ludlow Griscom was heard from. A second hand dealer secured all of Torrey's ten or so books for me over the course of a year, but the above remains my favorite.
16. William Henry Hudson—Hudson collected birds as a young man and with Sclater's help wrote "Birds of La Plata." Perhaps we could say that he is the only ornithologist who later became a recognized literary figure. "Green Mansions" and "The Purple Land" will scarcely qualify for present purposes but all of the books Hudson wrote in England in later years contain considerable information about birds.

ROBERT J. NEWMAN directs his list more toward the serious amateur than the public library shelf, feeling strongly that the lists for each should *not* be the same. He notes "I felt that the list should not include books dealing with specialized areas of interest that are not of universal appeal among birders—subjects such as photographing birds, bird banding, taxonomic practice. Second, I would recommend to easterners some books I would not recommend to westerners and vice versa. Third, I interpreted your instructions to mean that we should not select books that are other than North American in major content. I personally feel that most people interested enough in birds to purchase 25 works on the subject have a breadth of curiosity that extends beyond this continent. Austin's *Birds of the World** would have high priority . . ."

1. *Birds of North America*, Robbins, Bruun, and Zim.*
- 2-3. *Field Guides* in either the Peterson or Pough (Audubon) series, giving complete national coverage. Because the Audubon series requires three books to do the job, I consider Peterson's guides somewhat the better choice.
4. The state bird book for the state of residence.
5. The state bird books for adjoining states.
6. *Life Histories of North American Birds*, A. C. Bent.*
7. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th Ed.*
8. *The Life of Birds*, J. C. Welty.*
9. *Ornithology in Laboratory and Field*, O. S. Pettingill, Jr.*
10. *Fundamentals of Ornithology*, J. Van Tyne and A. Berger.*
11. *Handbook of North American Birds*, vol. 1, R. S. Palmer, Ed.*
12. *Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America*, F. M. Chapman* or *Handbook of Birds of the Western United States*, F. A. Bailey, 7th ed. 1921. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, depending on whether one lives in the East or in the West.
13. *New Dictionary of Birds*, A. L. Thomson, Ed.*
14. *The Migrations of Birds*, J. Dorst* or D. R. Griffin's *Bird Migration*.*
15. *The Herring Gull's World*, N. Tinbergen.*
16. *Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow*, 2 vols. M. M. Nice.*
17. A book about attracting birds, such as *Songbirds in Your Garden*, J. Terres.*
18. *The Bird Watcher's Anthology*, R. T. Peterson, Ed. 1957. Bonanza Books, New York.
19. *Wild America*, R. T. Peterson and J. Fisher, 1955. Houghton Mifflin, Boston.
20. A biography of Audubon. I personally find Stanley Clisby Arthur's *Audubon, 1937*, Harmanon, New Orleans, more entertaining than F. H. Herrick's *Audubon, 1917*. D. Appleton, New York, the definitive work.
21. Some of the writings of Audubon—either the journals or the bird biographies, both available as Dover reprints.
22. A guide to bird finding. The problem here is obsolescence. For this reason *The Bird Watcher's America*, O. S. Pettingill, Jr. Ed. 1965, McGraw-Hill, is probably more useful now than his two earlier, more specific guides. (See Master List.)
23. *Birds' Nests, A Field Guide*, Richard Healdstrom, 1949. Ives Washburn, New York, or *Birds' Nests of the West*, 1951. Ives Washburn, New York, depending on one's place of residence.
24. *Travels and Traditions of Waterfowl*, H. A. Hochbaum.*
25. *The Bird Watcher's Quiz Book*, R. T. Peterson.
26. *1001 Questions Answered About Birds*, Allan D. and Helen G. Cruickshank. 1958. Dodd, Mead, New York.
27. *A Guide to Bird Watching*, J. J. Hickey.*
28. *The World of Birds*, J. Fisher and R. T. Peterson.*
29. *The Warblers of North America*, L. Griscom, A. Sprunt, Eds. 1957. Devin-Adair, New York.

The Master List Of Bird Books,

A selection of 60 titles

There is nothing magical about the number 60, which is the number finally selected for this list. Originally our selectors were asked for lists limited to 25 titles, but when it came to making a consensus, only about 17 titles were selected on more than two lists, leaving us a most unbalanced, incomplete book collection. So the consensus list has been expanded to include a more balanced and well-rounded library. Even now, the number 60 means little, since the average library will not want every field guide listed here, and will need several of the regional works recommended in a separate list. Obviously, many fine and desirable books are missing; we repeat that this is a basic selection, and while every collector may favor this or that book omitted here, no one setting up an ornithological library can go far wrong starting with this list, and building upon it.

—R.S.A. Jr.

Field Guides

A selection of these must be in every basic library.

1. A Field Guide to the Birds, Roger T. Peterson. 1947. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. (Eastern birds.)
2. A Field Guide to Western Birds, Roger T. Peterson. 1961. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. (Includes Hawaii.)
3. A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas, Roger T. Peterson. 1960. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
4. Audubon Guides, Eastern Land Birds (1946), Water Birds (1951), Richard H. Pough. Doubleday & Co., New York.
5. Audubon Guide, Western Birds, Richard H. Pough. 1957. (Cannot be used without Eastern guides.)
6. Birds of North America, Chandler S. Robbins, Bertel Bruun, H. S. Zim. 1966. Golden Press, New York.
7. A Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe, 2nd Ed. R. T. Peterson, G. Mountfort, P. A. D. Hollom. 1966. Collins, London. (Useful especially for East Coast observers.)
8. Birds of Europe, Bertel Bruun, Arthur Singer. 1971. See "New Books."
9. Birds of the Ocean, W. B. Alexander. Rev. ed. 1954. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. (Unaccountably missing from the selectors'

lists. Indispensable for ocean watchers and travelers.)

10. Birds of the West Indies, James Bond. 1960. Collins, London. Being revised. (Includes birds sometimes seen in Gulf coast states.)
11. A Guide to Bird-finding East of the Rockies, O. S. Pettingill, Jr. 1951. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
12. A Guide to Bird-finding West of the Rockies, O. S. Pettingill, Jr. 1953. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. (Both books somewhat dated but useful. See regional list for more current bird-finding guides.)
13. Birds' Nests: A Field Guide, Richard Headstrom,* or Birds' Nests of the West, same author.*
14. A Coloured Key to the Wildfowl of the World, Peter Scott. 1957. Scribner's Sons, New York. (Every species figured; handy guide to those zoo escapes.)
15. Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico, Ernest P. Edwards, late 1971. See "New Books."

General References

16. A New Dictionary of Birds, A. L. Thomson.*
17. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th Ed.*
18. Birds of the World, O. L. Austin, Jr., and A. Singer.*
19. The World of Birds, J. Fisher and R. T. Peterson.*
20. Life Histories of North American Birds, 23 vols. A. C. Bent *et al.**
21. The Birds, R. T. Peterson.*

Important world and regional books

22. Living Birds of the World, E. T. Gilliard.*
23. The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of Birds, E. M. Reilly, Jr.*
24. Handbook of North American Birds, Vol. 1. R. S. Palmer.*
25. Birds of Canada, P. A. Taverner, 1943. Musson Book Co., Toronto.
26. The Birds of Canada, W. Earl Godfrey, 1967. National Museum of Canada, Ottawa.
27. The Handbook of British Birds, Witherby *et al.**
28. Birds of Europe, Bertel Bruun and Arthur Singer.* See "New Books." Also in Field Guide form (new).
29. A Guide to the Birds of South America, R. M. DeSchaunsee. See "New Books."
30. Oceanic Birds of South America, R. C. Murphy.*

Every library should include one or more state, provincial, or regional books, including that of the home area. See special list.

Textbooks

31. Avian Biology, D. Farner and J. W. King. When issued.*
32. The Life of Birds, J. C. Welty.*
33. The Fundamentals of Ornithology, J. Van Tyne and A. Berger.*
34. Ornithology in Field and Laboratory, O. S. Pettingill, Jr.*
(Excellent bibliography.)

Specialized subjects

35. The Migration of Birds, J. Dorst.*
36. Bird Migration, D. R. Griffin.*
37. Radar Ornithology, Eric Eastwood. 1967, Barnes & Noble, New York.
(Omitted from selector's lists, but a fascinating introduction to one of the most promising techniques of migration study.)
38. Bird-song, W. H. Thorpe.*
39. Bird Song, E. A. Armstrong.*
40. The Flight of Birds, R. W. Storer.*

Behavior

41. The Herring Gull's World, N. Tinbergen.*
42. Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow, M. M. Nice.*
43. Bird Display and Behavior, E. A. Armstrong.*
44. The Life of the Robin, D. Lack.*

Conservation

The multitude of titles in this field precludes listing here. Books specifically concerned with problems of bird survival include:

45. The Passenger Pigeon, A. W. Schorger.*
46. Peregrine Falcon Populations, their biology and decline, J. J. Hickey, ed. 1969, Univ. of Wisconsin Press, Madison.
47. Extinct and Vanishing Birds of the World, James C. Greenway, Jr. 1967. Dover Press, N.Y.

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48. The Ducks, Geese, and Swans of North America, F. H. Kortwright, 1943. Am. Wildlife Institute, Washington.
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Lavishly illustrated books

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54. Hummingbirds, Crawford H. Greenewalt.*
55. Birds of the Northern Forest, J. F. Lansdowne and J. A. Livingston, 1966. Houghton Mifflin, Boston.
56. Birds of the Eastern Forest, J. F. Lansdowne and J. A. Livingston, 1968. Houghton Mifflin, Boston.

Bird Watching

57. A Guide to Bird Watching, J. J. Hickey.*
58. Watching Birds, James Fisher. 1941, rev. 1951. Pelican Books, Harmondsworth, England. A fine brief introduction.

Good reading

In addition to the books recommended by the selectors, especially Amadon, the following two anthologies are suggested:

59. The Bird Watcher's Anthology, R. T. Peterson.*
60. A Treasury of Bird Lore, Joseph Wood Krutch and Paul S. Eriksson, eds. 1962. Doubleday & Co., New York.

A Selection of Regional Bird Books

compiled by Marc A. Brodtkin
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Although books have been published on the birds of almost every state and province, some of these are so out of date and difficult to obtain that the modern book collector would be well advised to select a more recent work from an adjacent area, rather than to waste time and expense searching for the only book with his area in the title. By judicious selecting, the collector can "cover" the continent with books giving detailed information on all the species, with no more than six or eight regional works. Books published before 1925, unless of exceptional interest, have been omitted.

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Some Recent and Forthcoming Books

- Birds of America*, J. J. Audubon, is being reprinted in limited edition (250 copies) by Johnson Reprint Co., New York. This edition, produced to be as close a duplicate of the original elephant folio edition as possible, is priced at \$5400. (A bargain \$4500 pre-publication.) With single prints from the original now priced up to \$3000, the print galleries should have a field day ripping this new edition apart.
- The Hungry Bird Book*, Robert Arbib, Tony Soper. 1971 Taplinger, New York. Americanization of a popular British bird-attracting handbook. \$4.95.
- Eagles, Hawks and Falcons of the World*, Leslie Brown and Dean Amadon. 1968. McGraw-Hill, New York. A beautiful book that belongs somewhere in these listings. \$59.50.
- Birds of Europe*, Bertel Bruun, ill. Arthur Singer. Oct., 1971. Western Publishing Co., New York. Describes and pictures 516 species, including birds of European U.S.S.R., vagrants and accidentals. 448 range maps. A handsome library book. \$16.95.
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- The World of the Gull*, David F. Costello. Nov., 1971. J. B. Lippincott Co., New York. Living World Series. Treats "all aspects of the lives of gulls from nesting habits to migration patterns and methods of communication." 85 photographs. \$5.95.
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- Louis Agassiz Fuertes and the Singular Beauty of Birds*, Frederick George Marcham, ed. Oct., 1971. Harper and Row, New York. Sixty-four color plates, 75 sketches in one or two colors, 232 pp. Beautifully produced selection of the master's work. Text includes diary excerpts. \$29.95 through 1971, \$35.00 thereafter.
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- Flying Birds*, David & Katie Urry. 1969. Harper & Row, New York. Brief text, excellent photographs, of birds in flight, with notes on photo technique. \$7.95.
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- Puffin Island*, Ada & Frank Graham, Jr. Ill. Les Line. 1971. Cowles Book Co., New York. A summer on Machias Seal Island, N.B. Junior high school level. \$4.95.
- Worklist of Birds of the World*, Ernest P. Edwards. 1971. Publ. Ernest P. Edwards, Sweet Briar, Va. Rough draft, mimeographed. Subpasserines ready now \$4.50. Passerines, when available \$5.50. Both \$9.00.
- Backyard Wild Birds of the East and Midwest, Backyard Wild Birds of California and the Pacific Northwest*, Vinson Brown. 1971. Crown Publ. Inc. New York. Pocket guides. \$1.00 each.
- A Bibliography of Arizona Ornithology*, Anders H. Anderson, 1971. 272 pp. Univ. of Arizona Press, Tucson. \$7.95.
- Pictorial Guide to the Birds of North America*, Leonard Lee Rue, III, 1970. Thos. Y. Crowell Co., New York. Well illustrated general work by an expert photographer. \$12.50.

High Arctic, George Miksch Sutton. Oct., 1971. Paul S. Eriksson, Inc., New York. Informal account of an arctic expedition, with 11 full color reproductions "ready for framing." \$12.95, \$14.95.

The Family Life of Birds, Hans Dossenbach & Emil Buhner. Oct., 1971, McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York. 260 color photographs and drawings; popularized account of the breeding behavior of a cross section of the bird world. \$12.95.

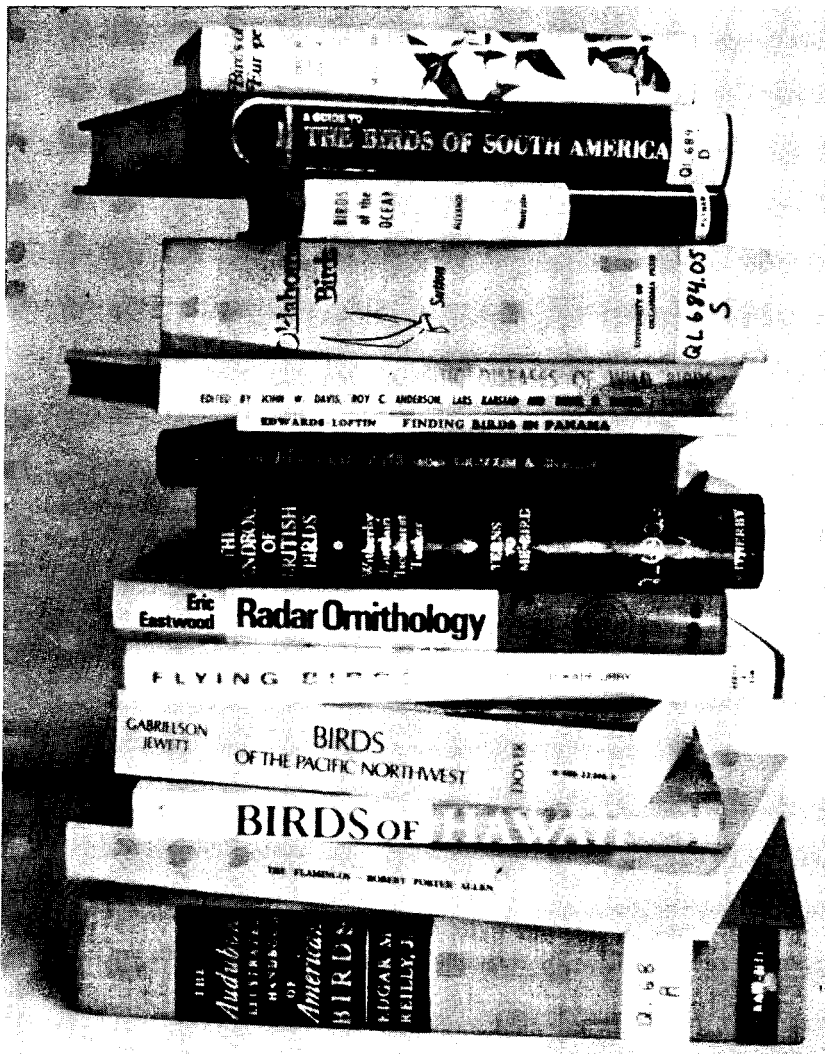
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Portraits of Tropical Birds, John S. Dunning. 1971. Livingston Publ. Co., Wynnewood,

Pa. 1971. Seventy-two full page color photographs of birds. Text. \$20.00.

Families of Birds, Oliver L. Austin, Jr. Ill. A. Singer. 1971. Golden Press, New York. Pocket condensation of *The World of Birds* by the same author. A handy, information-packed pocket guide. \$1.95. To be published in deluxe format at \$5.95.

Recent important reprints by Dover Press, New York, include *The Warblers of North America*, Frank M. Chapman (1907) 1968, with a new introduction by Dean Amadon, 24 plates. \$3.50. *Birds of the Pacific Northwest*, Ira N. Gabrielson and Stanley Jewett, (publ. 1940 as *Birds of Oregon*) 1970. \$5.00. *Bird Study*, Andrew J. Berger. \$3.95.



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