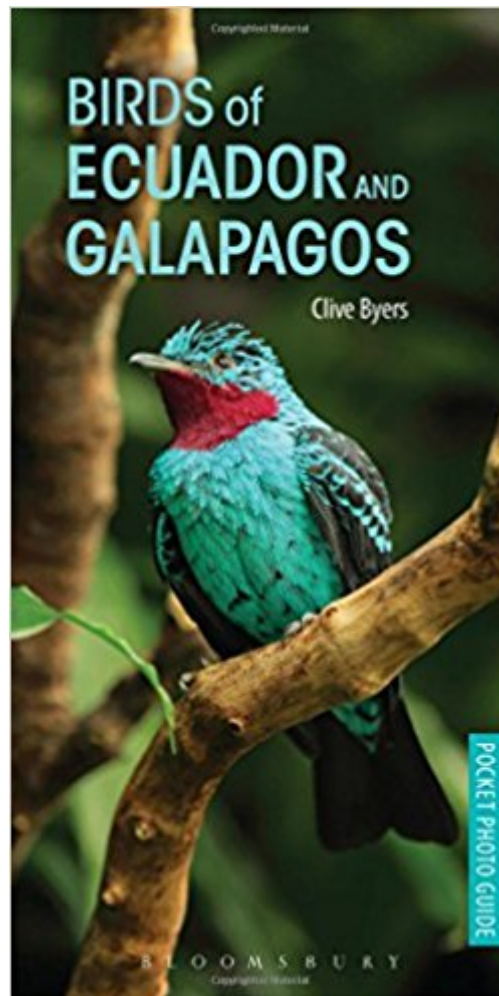




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Synopsis

Although it is one of South America's smallest countries, Ecuador is home to nearly 1,600 species of birds. This is thanks to the huge variety of habitats created by the Andes. The country is a birder's paradise and an increasingly popular tourist destination. Areas such as Tandayapa, Mindo and La Selva are renowned for their birdwatching potential and boast such dramatic species as Toucan Barbet, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Andean Condor, Giant Conebill and Ocellated Tapaculo, plus an array of brightly colored manikins, cotingas, tanagers and hummingbirds. Offshore, the Galapagos Islands provide one of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles. Two hundred and fifty-two of Ecuador and the Galapagos' most interesting and spectacular birds are featured in this concise and easy-to-use guide. Illustrated with clear color photography and brief but authoritative descriptions the Pocket Photo Guides highlight the species of birds and animals from each region that the traveler is most likely to see, as well as those that are genuinely endemic (only to be seen in that country or region) or special rarities. The genuine pocket size allow the books to be carried around on trips and excursions and will take up minimal backpack and suitcase space.

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other regions. He illustrated A Guide to the Warblers of the Western Palearctic and has contributed illustrations to a number of journals and books.

While this guide is very inexpensive, it is very incomplete, with a great many notable exclusions. The book has useful commentary about the birds that were included, but it is of very limited use as a field guide. My impression is that the author selected birds based on the available photographs. With these limitations in mind, the very low cost merits your consideration.

Light weight. Not very comprehensive, but try and carry around a book with almost 1,000 species. So I would say, okay, but don't take this if you are a serious birder. It got me in the ballpark until I could get home and use a better book.

I agree with Argos. It has limited use, but I will take it on my trip there. Also, the index does not include a way to search among, for example, herons. You must know the full name of the bird to find it in the index. Best way to use the book is to leaf through it by taxonomy to find anything in the field.

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