



WorldTwitch Book Awards 2004

2004 was another outstanding year for high quality bird books. Following are the WorldTwitch Awards based on publications seen to date. Additional awards may be granted should other deserving books come to light.

WorldTwitch 2004 Best Bird Reference Book

Josep del Hoyo, Andrew Elliott & David Christie (eds.) **Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 9: Cotingas to Pipits and Wagtails**. Details. 864 pages. 78 color plates plus 440 color photographs. Lynx Edicions 2004. **US | UK | FR | CA**

This superb volume covers the remainder of the New World suboscine passerines not included in volume 8 (cotingas, manakins and tyrant flycatchers), the New Zealand Wrens (now provisionally placed in their own suborder between the suboscines and oscines), the Australian scrub-birds and lyre-birds (here separated from the bowerbirds and Australian treecreepers), and the larks, swallow and pipits. It incorporates taxonomic revisions and new information discovered since the publication of Ridgely & Tudor volume 2, along with color paintings of many species not previously illustrated. As always, the species accounts have been written by leading experts and incorporate the latest reports from the field. The family summaries are lucid and illustrated with excellent photographs, including many from eastern Brazil.

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