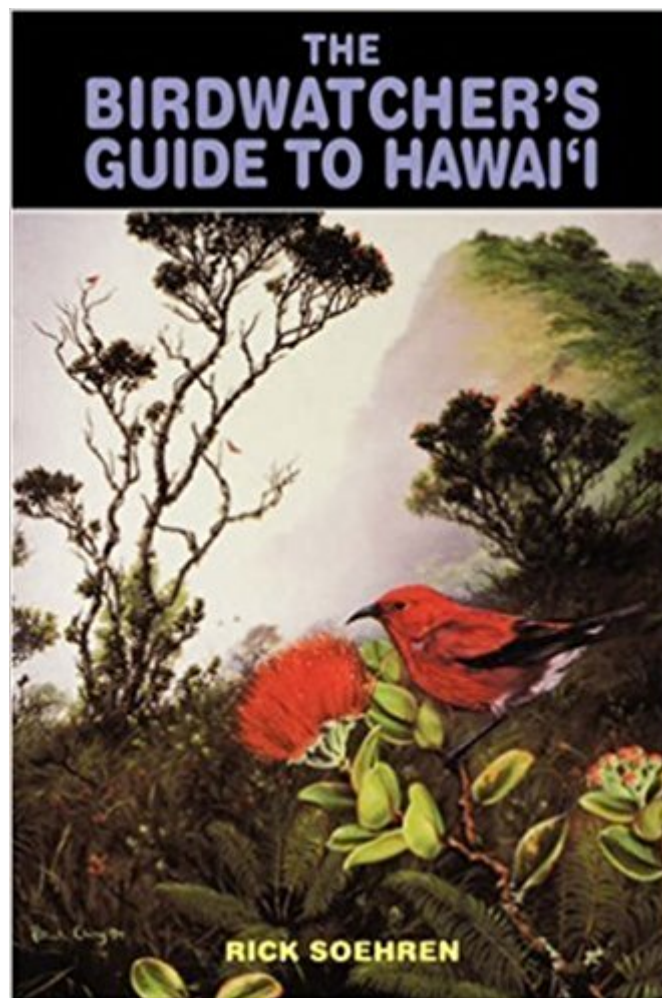




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This is the first site-specific birding book written especially for the casual or novice birder. It is a fully illustrated look at more than 60 top birding sites on Oahu, Kauai, the Big Island, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. Every spot described offers something special: forest-dwelling birds unique to Hawaii, seabirds that rarely visit the shore, or introduced birds found in city parks and gardens. Birds of greatest interest and those most likely to be seen at each site are given particular attention, with information on seasonal occurrences to help visitors plan their birding trips. Site descriptions note activities and nearby points of interest, detailed directions to the sites, and available facilities for visitors. Helpful occurrence tables show at a glance where common and uncommon birds can be found. General information on birding in Hawaii, a description of the processes that led to extensive speciation, and a review of the threats against Hawaiian birdlife are included.

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This book needs updating. Sadly, the native bird populations on Kauai are plummeting and the information in this book no longer applies. This has happened on Kauai in the last ten years and bird species that were easy to see in the early 2000's are disappearing and possibly joining the tragic extinctions of previous bird extinctions on the islands. You should not base a birding trip to see the endemic Kauai forest birds based on the information in this book. On other islands, this book information is still useful, but I prefer the Pratt book "Enjoying Birds and Other Wildlife on Hawaii", which may or may not still be in print. If you are going to Hawaii for birding, you should do your trip research on-line for more accurate information, or you will likely be disappointed.

This book would benefit from an update but there is plenty of information that has helped us to plan a trip to Kauai and Big Island.

This book was not helpful. We ended up wasting a whole day from our trip due to this book.

not a sibley's but a great guide book list bird species by habitat and island. highly recommend for those interested in bird watching

Probably a good book for a professor perhaps but I'm just a traveler who wanted to see pretty color pictures of Hawaiian birds so that I could identify them on my trip. The majority of black & white pictures in this book left me feeling...."unprepared" for the wonderful world of colorful Hawaiian fauna.

Very few pictures of Hawaiian birds in this book. Two of the pictures are a chicken and a cardinal. Most of the pictures are black and white -- and of scenery, not birds. It provides suggestions for places to look, but isn't going to help you identify what you saw or help you know what to look for. I would not recommend this book.

Adequate but not extensive. I visited Kauai this time and was able to find some birding areas.

I thought this was a field guide, however, it's a location guide. I expect to only visit one of the islands, so it will be a good start. I will likely just photocopy the pages I need rather than bring the book when I travel to Hawaii in a few months. Until I visit Hawaii, I will not know how helpful it will be.

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