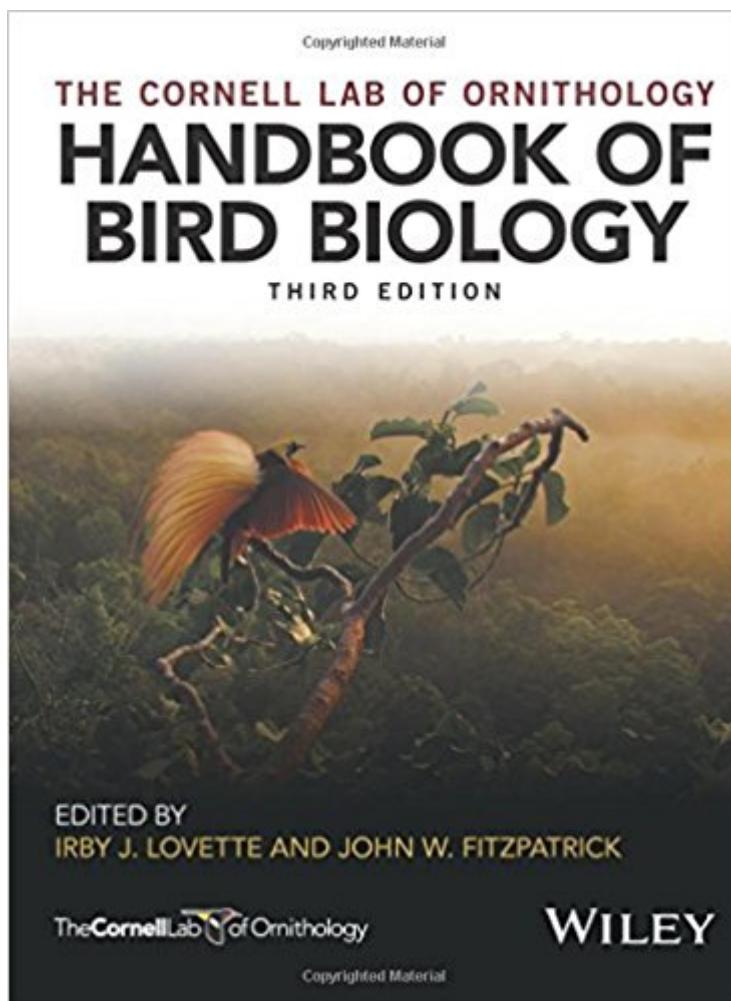


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I got this for a friend who loves birds, but when it came in the mail I decided to keep it for myself instead. I love the way it explains how birds do all of the amazing things that they do, all with beautiful photographs and illustrations. This is not a book to read cover-to-cover, but whenever I look something up here I find myself reading more and more, usually far beyond my original question. It seems to me like a book written by real experts, but for people like me who just have a general interest in birds. I wish I could go back decades and become a college student to use this book in a class.

Though I'm not an ornithologist, I'm fascinated by the depth and clarity of this comprehensive textbook. It is beautifully illustrated with full color photos, drawings and graphs. The organization takes the reader on a step by step exploration of every aspect of bird biology in all parts of our world.

This college-level text is accessible to anyone with an interest in things avian. Begins with the evolutionary roots and considers species from all over the world. Excellent photos, diagrams and illustrations, glossary, index, web links, and clear writing. If you're ready to tackle an in-depth study of birds, look no further. But be advised: think text book - this is not, *per se*, a handbook.

The *Handbook of Bird Biology* is a thorough, comprehensive coverage of topics in the origins, taxonomy, anatomy, behavior, plumage, migrations, and distribution of birds, including the latest evidence from the fossil record and molecular genetics to inform avian systematics and the sometimes surprising relationships among groups of bird families and species.

This comprehensively written and superbly illustrated book on ornithology from the Cornell Lab of Bird Biology (published by Wiley) is the pinnacle of avian education for the general population of bird lovers (ornithologists without degrees) out there. Reading this book is the next best thing to actually becoming an ornithologist. However, the reference to "handbook" in the title is a misnomer;

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