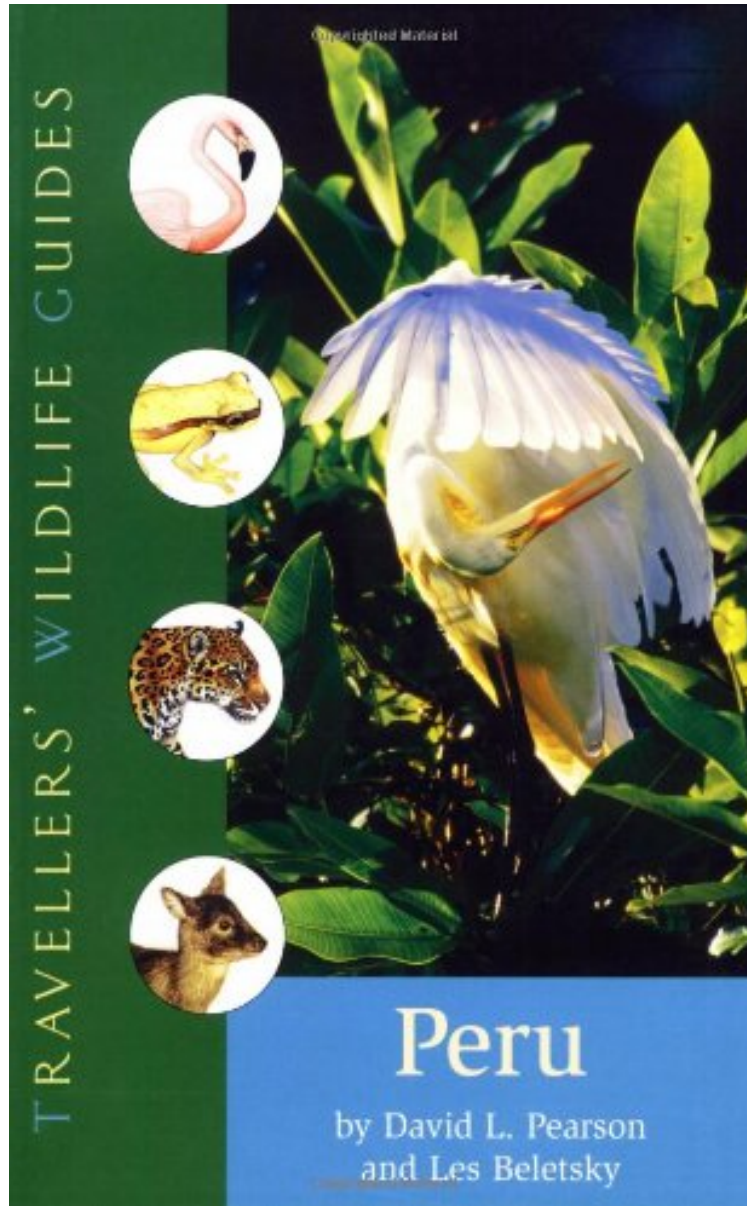


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I REALLY wanted to like this book...By Trailhoundz...but I just can't get excited about it. My grumps:1. This is a heavy, heavy guide. I've never seen a field guide so big and I'm not

that excited about carrying it while hiking!2. I'd be more willing to carry a big, heavy guide if there were more pictures. As it is, I'd guess that 2/3 of the book is text. The text is intricate and well-written, but as a field guide I want PICTURES and little text blurbs. I don't need extensive climate descriptions or pages on mating habits. Totally overkill.3. It seems only the popular/common species are pictured. And it is an odd collection of pictures too... insects are photos (VERY overexposed), plants very light colored simple illustrations, and mammals are intricately painted. No continuity. And spiders? Totally absent. With the hundreds of species of arachnid in Peru, why aren't a few of them included? At least? I think flowers are pretty absent, too. I was verrrry close to returning this book but I wasn't able to find anything else that seemed comparable to bring along. So I have decided to keep it and give it a try for my 2-week trip in March. We'll see how that goes.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great companionBy San Fran ManFor anyone not willing to commit to hauling around the big standard bird guide for Peru, or in search of a book that covers animals as well, the Wildlife Guide is a must-have, right up there with a good pair of binoculars. Yes, there were birds I saw more than once that weren't in the guide, but that's to be expected, considering the ground the guide covers and the size (and excellence) of its illustrations. Not only is the book a field guide to identification, it's full of readable, informative essays on the country's ecosystems and the fauna to be found there. They ain't Sibley, but then, Sibley doesn't cover capybaras. I've used both the Ecuador and Peru editions of this book, and recommend them highly to anyone with even a passing interest in bird spotting and wildlife watching. My only slight gripe is that the heavyweight glossy stock is great for durability, but the weight of the thing, along with binocs, water, and incidentals, made for a semi-burdensome daypack while hiking in the thin mountain air. And oh, yeah, it really could use more on insects. As was the case with other reviewers, our guide in Tambopata - who hadn't seen the book before - immediately wanted to know where he could get a copy. (Speaking of which: be sure to buy this before you leave for Peru. I only spotted a single copy in one bookstore during the month I was there.)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. it is a very nice book, but not great as a field guide ...By CustomerShould have taken the advice of the other reviews - yes, it is a very nice book, but not great as a field guide and VERY heavy and wordy. Would like to see more pictures.

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