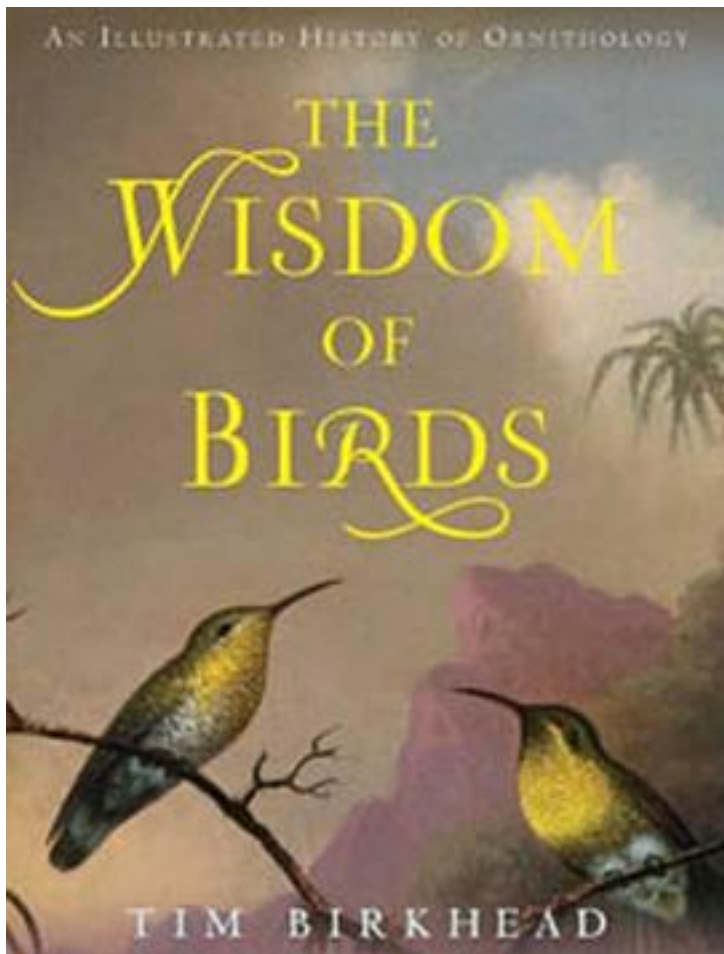


# The Wisdom of Birds



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What the birds have taught us: a gorgeously rendered and comprehensive history of ornithology, from folklore to facts--the perfect gift for bird enthusiasts everywhere. Leading ornithologist Tim Birkhead takes readers on a journey through the wonderful

world of birds: conception and egg, territory and song, breeding and migration. In the process, he reveals how birders have overcome centuries-old superstitions and untested truths to achieve a firmer understanding of birds. He also details when and how this knowledge was first acquired, detailing the various myths and misconceptions that were believed to be true throughout the ages and when they were finally corrected. Conceived for a general audience, and illustrated throughout with more than one hundred exquisitely beautiful illustrations, many of them rarely if ever seen before, "The Wisdom of Birds" is a book full of stories, knowledge, and unexpected revelations. Engaging and accessible, it is an illustrated history of birds--and all they have taught us.

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## 评论

这本书讲鸟类学历史，乍一看主题很生僻，看进去真是好玩极了。不仅学到好多关于鸟的知识，而且读到细微具体的科学史，多少聪明人走多少弯路打多少口水仗做多少开始以为有用后来发现没用再后来的确有功，才得到这么一点点知识。这样文笔好有趣味懂专业的人写的专业科学史是最好看的！书中大量从中世纪到十九世纪图书中翻印的鸟类插图精美绝伦。我这种从来不买书的人看完后想的是，将来在旧书店看到要买一本。

好看的插图是附带的，更好看的是人类如何一点一滴地积累出对恐龙苗裔的全面认识。我们今天的某些常识，在中世纪甚至仅仅30年前，可能还不那么理所当然。

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## 书评

嗯，这本书到底好还是不好呢？我个人觉得插图是一流，非常精美，我就是在图书馆翻看这本书，被插图吸引了才借的。书的文字部分，我略嫌干巴巴、学究气。我觉得作者既然为鸟类学家，应该有更多第一手的感受和经验，那不妨多从第一手资料写起啊！但是每一篇除了开头和结尾是有...

书名是the wisdom of birds，不过对内容更准确的概括应该是the wisdom about birds。当然，作者有充分的理由使用现在这个名字，因为这是对17世纪John Ray的鸟类学巨著the wisdom of god的模仿。在John Ray之前，有亚里士多德和普林尼和一系列的中世纪博物学者，但（作者认为）...

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