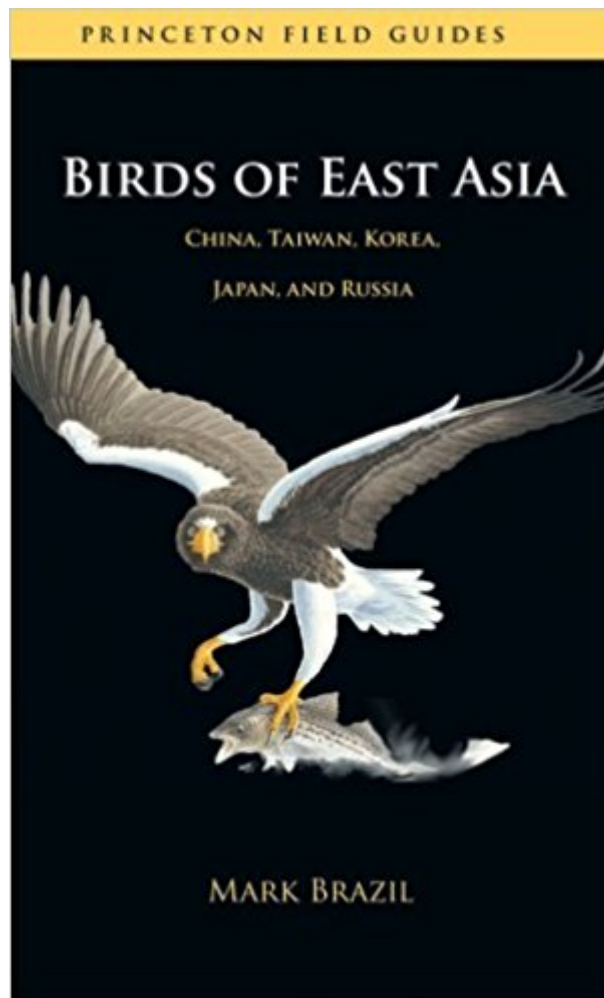




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"Well-written and well-organized, this excellent book will be widely applauded by the professional and amateur birding community."--Susan Myers, Victor Emanuel Nature Tours

I bought this and had it shipped to me in China which cost a small fortune, but I couldn't get Birds of China sent to me where I was. Used it on several short birding trips and sometimes it was as good or better than what my Chinese birding guides had, but there were definitely birds missing. It wasn't very clear how much of China was covered. We were mostly in eastern China but perhaps not quite as limited an area as the book intended to cover. For example, we saw lots of Yellow-Throated Laughing Thrushes [*Garrulax Galbanus*] at the YueLiang Wan Nature Reserve in Jiangxi Province and the book doesn't even list the species. Of course on other supposedly "authoritative" works, it is listed as a species of "Least Concern" but with a range only in India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. The Chinese guides told us that it is highly endangered in China with a population of only about 200. We must have seen 30 or more individuals in one Nature Reserve where a dozen or more photographers were out trying to get good shots of them. Probably this is a good guide if you are traveling more widely in East Asia but not focusing on China.

We used this guide on a two week trip to Korea and Japan in April 2015. The trip was with non-birder friends and we spent a day at Suncheon Bay Eco Park as well as looking at birds in parks around shrines etc in Seoul, Geongju, and Tokyo. Since we did not have experience with Asian birds we had a learning curve about endemic genera of that region. The index of the plates

inside the back cover was extremely useful in navigating to the plates that would be most helpful in identification. The listing of frequency table were helpful also. The drawings were more than adequate for identification. Some of the nomenclature for common names seemed more UK than US. The book fit easily into a pajaró.

A good guide with good information and pretty good drawings. However, I expected a guide of birds of China and Russia, however it only covers the easternmost parts of these countries. Good for Korea and Japan, but not good for China or Russia!

I just received this book in time for an upcoming trip to NE China. The plates are opposite the range maps and field notes for easy reference. The artwork is excellent and also includes some juvenile forms and seasonal variations. The field notes are concise and helpful and include notes on subspecies. The binding is rugged and durable. The only other comparable book is *Birds of China* by MacKinnon and Phillipps, which I also own. MacKinnon's book is bulkier and has an awkward layout with maps and plates in front and field notes in the back. One very important caveat is that MacKinnon covers all of China while *Birds of East Asia* includes only coastal China (up to about 110 degrees east). Travelers to Western China are advised to buy MacKinnon's book instead. Overall, *Birds of East Asia* is a portable and useful field guide. Highly recommended.

Excellent well illustrated easy to follow book. I spend a lot of time in Japan and have taken up natural history photography. Wanted to know exactly what I was capturing and for birds this does the trick!

A very comprehensive guide to all the birds of East Asia. While I lived in east China, this book was open everyday! I don't think there are many books available for these regions, so I'm glad this one was available. I am giving 4 stars, because some of the range maps need updating. I don't know if it can be helped though, due to lack of data! There were several species WAY out range that were quite common in areas where they were not supposed to be, no big deal though, this did not hinder my identification. I highly recommend this book!

This book has been favorably reviewed online and in many publications. I see no point in repeating everything. Suffice to say, the text is extensive and the artwork is of a very high quality. Given the geographic coverage, a huge number of species is dealt with. Many vagrants from North America

and other parts of the world are illustrated. Quite a few names have changed during the years since the book was published, but annotating a text can be a very useful learning exercise. I look forward to using this book the field.

I lived in Japan for two years before buying this book. I would recommend this book for anyone traveling in Japan. I found it applicable and accurate on even some of the more remote islands in Japan. I have carried it everywhere with me for a year, and the binding and pages have held up well to the use. Information included isn't comprehensive, but is more than sufficient for a field guide.

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