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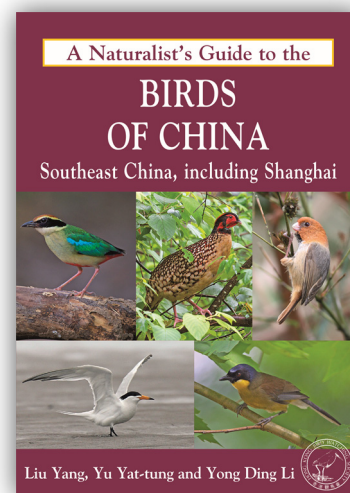


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神州大地一向被尊稱為「地大物博，自然資源非常豐富」，特別是野生動植物方面，由於開發比其他已發展地區遲，因此仍然保留很多珍貴的動植物品種，「雀鳥」正是其中一項最矚目的類別，無數外地觀鳥者絡繹不絕前往中國的雲南、四川、西藏等偏遠地區，尋找在東方仍未消失的珍稀禽鳥。然而，即使「開發」起步較遲，但牠們現在卻以過去前所未有的速度被破壞，例如整片棲息地被「發展」、非法捕獵、環境污染、入侵物種佔據等等，鳥類的數目不斷下降，瀕危鳥種的數目不斷上升，這都是全球保育人士關注的焦點。

華南地區是中國最早發展的地區之一，深圳特區的移山填海震驚國際，廣東人食野味範圍之廣早已傳遍海內外，廣西更是各類野味的集散地，而華南往北上至華東上海沿岸等地，甚至再往北走，大量濕地已經變成各類型的開發區，華南地區是數以十萬以至百萬計候鳥遷徙的重要中途補給站，保育華南地區的雀鳥也是保護整個「東亞澳大利西亞遷飛區」的候鳥及這個地區的無數留鳥。

本書作者來自內地、香港及新加坡的年青資深觀鳥者及研究員，包括廣州中山大學的劉陽博士、澳洲國立大學的研究生楊鼎立先生及香港觀鳥會研究經理余日東先生。他們除了撰寫內容外，更把所有作者稿費捐贈給由香港觀鳥會統籌的「中國沿海水鳥同步調查」計劃，藉此對這地區的沿海遷徙水鳥有更多認識，作為保育的重要依據。



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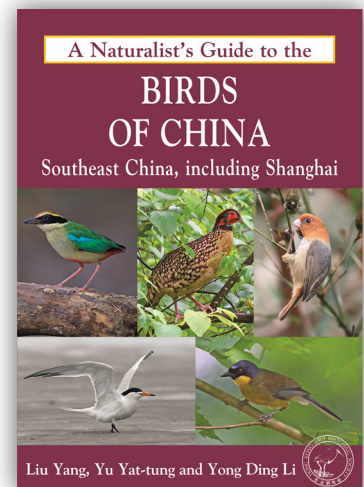


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Mainland China has always been describing as “a place with vast territory and abundant resources, especially on fauna and flora”. As the pace of development of mainland China was far later than the developed countries, many of our precious species could be preserved till recent years. Bird is one of the most attractive wildlife, so that many overseas birdwatchers come from a long way to visit the rare birds located in the remote areas. However, birds in China are now facing threats in an unprecedented large scale. In a densely populated area of South China region, there has an enormous pressure of development, pollution and destruction of the natural environment. Together with a massive scale of wildlife hunting and spreading of invasive species, many birds in this region has become highly threatened and could have a high chance of getting extinct in the coming future.

Reclamations along all the coastal areas in China already destroy many intertidal mudflats, a key feeding habitat for several tens of thousands waterbirds. China coast is an important stopover site for these birds to refuel their bodies to continue their epic migrations from the Arctic area in the north to SE Asia and Australia in the south. Another problem that the HKBWS, together with international NGO, e.g. BirdLife International, plan to tackle immediately is the consumption of wild bird. The consuming of wildlife in Guangdong Province was already well-known by many of us. Guangxi is also the collecting and distributing center of all kinds of wildlife.

The authors of this book are experienced birdwatchers and researchers from mainland China, Hong Kong and Singapore: Dr. Liu Yang from Sun Yat-sen University, Mr Yong Ding Li from Australian National University and Mr. Yu Yat Tung from Hong Kong Bird Watching Society. The authors plan to use this book to arouse more interest from the public to the birds and their habitats in this region. They also donate all loyalty derived from this book to the “China Coastal Waterbird Census” organized by HKBWS for promoting a systematic survey of waterbirds in China to provide comparable and essential information for the numbers and distributions of waterbirds, that contributes to wildlife conservation in this area.



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