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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wildlife Conservation Society Birds of Brazil: The Atlantic Forest of Southeast Brazil, including So Paulo and Rio de Janeiro (WCS Birds of Brazil Field Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful guide but a bit large for the fieldBy T. WebsterBeautiful book in the same Wildlife Conservation Society series with the Birds of Brazil: Pantanal and Cerrado of Central Brazil. The series is published by the Cornell University Press. The authors are top notch and the illustrations are outstanding. The species range maps are next to the species description for ease of reference. English, Latin, and Portuguese names are provided and indexed. The main drawback for someone wanting to use this as a field guide is its size: 432 glossy pages, just a bit smaller than the large Sibley Guide to Birds. On the other hand, it is smaller than Ber van Perlo's excellent and comprehensive Field Guide to the Birds of Brazil (Oxford University Press), and the illustrations are larger. The alternatives include Tomas Sigris's 2 volume field guide (one volume with illustrations and the other with text), which is a good reference but less handy (it has text in both Portuguese and English, which takes additional space), and the Princeton University Press Illustrated Checklist volumes for South America, which divide the continent by region, which may work for you if you will be in just one region of this very large country. (Brazil is larger than the continental US and there are many different habitat regions.) Also a consideration, the Princeton guides are a handy size, but the range maps are at the back of the book, separated from the species entries and pictures. In addition, there are individual guides for SE Brazil, for example, a very nicely produced book by Honkala and Niiranen A Birdwatching Guide to South-east Brazil, which has photos of the species and extensive information on the best birding sites in the states of Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Espirito Santo, and Sao Paulo (mainly in the Mato Atlantico) and what you might find there. In Brazil you can buy Devey and Endrigo's Aves da Grande Sao Paulo that has short species descriptions in Portuguese and covers Sao Paulo state, including Intervales. In short, there are now several excellent references for birders chasing the close to 1900 species in Brazil, but there is still a need for small field guides, or even an app of this series of books. I just purchased the Nature Guides Oxford app for iOS based on van Perlo's Field Guide to the Birds of Brazil. It cost \$14.99, which is very reasonable. Have not used the app much yet, but it has bird songs and photos in addition to the information in the Oxford field guide. One oddity of the app is that you can enlarge the photos only by spreading your fingers and holding--if you take your fingers off the screen the photo shrinks back to normal size. The enlarged photos are sharp, so you can see the ear marks of a hummingbird, for instance. Would be nice to have the option of double-tapping the photo for a static enlargement that reduces when you tap it again, a common app feature. Since my first birding trip to Brazil in 2009 the references have gotten quite a bit better and more diverse. I look forward to the remaining volumes of this 5 volume project.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Warren Bielenberggreat book, nice artwork and very good descriptions of birds and habitats in the Atlantic forests0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary BookBy CustomerAn extraordinary book. Spectacular illustrations and clear, concise text. Very easy to use. A breakthrough book for Brazilian birding.

Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world and is one of the planet's richest places for bird diversity, especially when it comes to the number of endemic species. Brazil's Atlantic Forest region is one of the most dazzling of all. Immediately surrounding So Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, this area of Brazil is also a relatively accessible area to birders from around the world. In the Birds of Brazil Field Guides, the Wildlife Conservation Society brings together a top international team to do justice to the incredible diversity of Brazilian birds. This second guide presents 927 bird species, 863 illustrated, that occur in just the southeastern Atlantic Forest biome (Mata Atlantica in Portuguese). Of these species, 140 are endemic and 105 near endemic to just this region; 83 of these are threatened. Modern and compact, this field guide provides illustrations of unparalleled quality, key field marks, and regional range maps to facilitate easy recognition of all species normally occurring in this vibrant and critically important area of Brazil.