

## Special Issue

# Bird Parasites—3rd Edition

### Message from the Guest Editor

Birds are parasitized by a wide variety of endo- and ectoparasites. While the effects of some parasites on their bird hosts can be relatively benign, others have been shown to have major impacts, ranging from reduced reproductive fitness to death. While our knowledge of avian parasites and host–parasite relationships has increased considerably over the past several decades, considerable gaps remain, including parasite distributions, host–parasite relationships, and the effects of geography on these distributions and relationships. In this Special Issue, we seek to gather papers that will advance our overall knowledge of bird parasites and provide a further foundation for our ability to conduct studies to (1) test ecological theory, (2) provide an improved understanding of biogeographic patterns and the drivers of these patterns, (3) allow for the predictive modeling of parasite distributions based on climate change predictions, (4) improve our knowledge of parasitic effects on host fitness, (5) allow for broader assessments of host specialization versus host generalism by parasites and the factors underlying these strategies.

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