

Special Issue

Conservation of Birds and Their Habitats in Forest Landscapes

Message from the Guest Editors

Deforestation and habitat degradation, mainly caused by intensified land cover and land use change, are the main drivers of global biodiversity loss, creating a need for high quality research to guide the more sustainable use of global forest resources. Birds have been used as bioindicators of environmental integrity because they provide services that are essential for ecosystem functioning and sustainability. Most studies of birds detail the effects of punctual disturbances on their diversity and abundance and are usually developed at small temporal and spatial scales. However, the rapid pace of land cover and land use change requires a consideration of the functional role of bird species or other groups on ecosystems and the development of methods in order to anticipate potential future problems over large areas. We encourage the submission of articles that focus on the conservation of forest birds, predictive and prospective analyses of the effects of forest loss and degradation on birds, the influence of anthropogenic and environmental variables on the distribution and abundance of forest birds, and the role of birds as dispersers in the conservation of forest landscapes.

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