Bird Culture: Diversity and Functions of Bird Vocalizations

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Bird songs/calls are among the most beautiful, complex sounds produced in the natural world. These acoustic signals are generally the most important means of communication in birds, and the variation in the efficiency of signaling has major fitness consequences. Although songs/calls serve similar functions (e.g., species recognition, mate attraction, territory defense, status advertising) in many birds, the structure of these signals varies greatly among species. By exploring the diversity and functions of bird vocalizations, we can better understand the evolution of animal signals and the role those signals play in speciation and maintaining biological diversity.

In this Special Issue of Animals, we invite the submission of manuscripts, both original research and review articles, addressing the functions of all types of bird vocalizations. Manuscripts that discuss the maintenance of song diversity, playback experiment design, ecoacoustics, and acoustic indices are also welcome. We invite you to share your recent discoveries through this Special Issue

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