



Bird Functional Diversity and Ecosystem Services in Forests

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Dear Colleagues,

Forests cover 30% of the land surface globally but support the highest terrestrial biodiversity. Birds are important components of community trophic interactions, with roles ranging from apex predators to secondary producers and scavengers. In this sense, many avian species contribute significant ecosystem services to forests and to the human economic enterprise.

For this Special Issue, we invite you to submit work highlighting the different functional roles of birds in forest communities as well as the important ecosystem services they provide to wildland, urban, and agri-forest systems. The role of birds in forest communities is at great risk due to population declines resulting from factors including habitat conversion, over-exploitation, and climate change, with implications for future community functionality and human well-being.





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