

Bird Names for Birds: An Initiative to Increase Inclusivity in the Birding and Ornithological Communities



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The concern about eponymous and honorific common bird names is not new. But the movement to see these names changed is. Eponyms (a person after whom a discovery, invention, place, etc., is named or thought to be named) and honorific common bird names (a name given to something in honor of a person) are problematic because they perpetuate colonialism and the racism associated with it. Jordan Rutter is a birder and ornithologist. She co-founded Bird Names For Birds, an initiative to remove eponymous and honorific bird names to help increase inclusivity in the birding and ornithological communities

Please join Jordan Rutter in a Q&A-style conversation about this topic.

Bird Names for Birds website:
www.birdnamesforbirds.wordpress.com