

Bird Notes by Rick Pyeritz

And the winner is..... ***Tom Tribble!*** Tom had the most correct answers identifying the endemic species found in the continental United States. For his knowledge of endemic US birds, he wins a gift certificate to cover the cost of a Ventures Birding one-day outing of his choice. No one identified New Guinea as the country with the most endemic species.

LIST OF ENDEMIC BIRD SPECIES FOUND IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

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| 1. Island Scrub Jay | 9. Red-cockaded Woodpecker |
| 2. Florida Scrub Jay | 10. Bachman's Sparrow |
| 3. Saltmarsh Seaside Sparrow | 11. Lesser Prairie Chicken |
| 4. Gunnison Sage Grouse | 12. Cape-Sable Seaside Sparrow |
| 5. Black Rosy Finch | 13. Carolina Chickadee |
| 6. Brown Capped Rosy Finch | 14. Fish Crow |
| 7. Yellow-billed Magpie | 15. Boat-tailed Grackle |
| 8. McKay's Bunting | |

The country in the World with the most endemic species is **NEW GUINEA** with 330, followed by Australia with 238, Philippines with 185, Brazil with 181, Peru with 104. These figures are as of Year 2000.

The two double-endemics are the Island Scrub Jay, found only US & California, and the Yellow-billed Magpie, also found only in US & California. The endemic subspecies is the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow.

You may notice that the top three countries with endemic species are islands. The reasons for this will be examined in a future issue of **Bird Notes**.

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