

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

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**.

For questions and/or suggestions contact me at eapyeritz@gmail.com.