

# AvianLexiconAtlas: Glossary & Gazetteer

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## CATEGORIES

- a. **Behavior:** Description of a specific behavior (ex: shy). Includes birds named after what their song sounds like, and if a species is named after another species because it has similar behavior.
- b. **Miscellaneous:** Select if unique identification includes the following terms that do NOT fit into any of the other categories:
  - i. Common, Elegant, Festive, Imperial, Magnificent, Royal, Sacred, Wild, King (case specific, could be size or trait)
  - ii. Species name is in reference to an historical event, myth, story or descriptor (like 'sultan') that is unrelated to any of the other categories. Please include the reference you used to make this categorization.
- c. **Geographic Location:** Name of geographic location, includes general geography descriptors (ex: eastern, western). Includes regions/ranges named after the local indigenous cultures.
  - i. You need to be able to point to a specific location or region on a map using the given name. If a descriptor refers to a habitat that occurs in multiple places and is not a contiguous region and it describes a general habitat then it is Natural History (e.g. paramo).
- d. **Natural History:** Description of a natural history trait - includes habitat (paradise, mountain, grassland, highland, nest type, upland, lowland), diet, smell (musk)

- e. **Local language:** Species name is the phonetic English pronunciation of what the species is called by local indigenous cultures (ex: Initi tanager)
- f. **Person:** Name of a person.
  - i. Consult the **Survey of Honorifics** tab on the [Eponyms List](#) (compiled by Bird Names for Birds, used with permission). Species are listed in alphabetical order by English common name. \*This is a Google sheets file so it will be easier to search
  - ii. Consult the [Whose Bird Index](#) for a working list of species named after people. Species are listed in alphabetical order by binomial nomenclature. Thank you to Shauna Rasband for transcribing the scanned PDF we had of this index!
- g. **Physical trait:** Physical characteristics such as the color or patterns of feather/skin/beak/feet/eyes or the description of a particular physical feature (curved-bill, wattle). This can be a specific part of the body/plumage (ex: beak, legs, crown, rump) or broadly related to plumage patterning. See glossary for common words for physical traits, colors, and patterns. General terms related to plumage complexity (e.g., painted, beautiful, handsome, drab, ornate, plain) should be listed as physical traits.
 

Further clarification about determining occurrence of trait in both sexes or only one sex: If you were naming the species just based on the female bird, would you name the bird that name? If it has brown wings you would not name it black-winged (for example). Otherwise, if the patterning is still present in both sexes, but duller in the female (for example), that would be considered a physical trait in both sexes. Ex: Both sexes have a yellow throat but the female's is duller.

  - i. **Both sexes physical trait:** Species named after physical characteristic that occurs in both males and females
  - ii. **Male physical trait:** Species named only after male physical characteristics (may apply to sexually dimorphic species).
  - iii. **Female physical trait:** Species named only after female plumage characteristics (may apply to sexually dimorphic species).
- h. **Size:** Description of general size of species (lesser, greater, giant, pygmy, little)

## **GLOSSARY**

**Barred** [physical trait] = pattern with sharp/distinct lines or bars

**Bay** [physical trait] = reddish-brown color

**Beautiful** [physical trait]

**Booted** [physical trait] = as if wearing boots

**Buff** [physical trait] = light brownish yellow

**Celestial** [physical trait] = sky-blue

**Campo** [natural history] = lives in grassland habitat in South America, particularly in Brazil  
**Chestnut** [physical trait, in most cases, but double check] = reddish shade of brown color  
**Cinereous** [physical trait] = ash-gray  
**Comb** [physical trait] = Fleshy growth or crest on the top of the head  
**Common** [miscellaneous]  
**Diademed** [physical trait] = forecrown  
**Dimorphic** [physical trait if in reference to morphs within a species, or miscellaneous depending on context]  
**Dusky** [physical trait, in most cases, but double check] = Somewhat dark in color, shadowy in color, marked by slight or deficient light  
**Dwarf** [size]  
**Eastern** [geographic location]  
**Elegant** [miscellaneous or physical trait depending on intention]  
**Fairy** [size] = small  
**Fasciated** [physical trait] = Marked by broad, colored bands  
**Fawn** [physical descriptor] = “cinnamon buff”  
**Ferruginous** [physical descriptor] = reddish brown colored; rust-colored  
**Festive** [miscellaneous]  
**Fiery** [physical trait] = bright red color  
**Flammulated** [physical trait] = flame-like  
**Fronted** [physical trait] = term for forehead  
**Fulvous** [physical trait] = glowing yellow, brownish  
**Fuscous** [physical trait] = darken, black  
**Giant** [size]  
**Gilded** [physical trait] = covered thinly with gold leaf  
**Glaucous** [physical trait] = pale  
**Glowing** [physical trait]  
**Gorgeted** [physical trait] = a patch of color on the throat  
**Grassland** [natural history trait]  
**Greater** [size]  
**Guttulate** [physical trait] = patterns with little spots, speckled, tear drop  
**Handsome** [physical trait]  
**Highland** [natural history trait]  
**Hoary** [physical trait] = Pale silvery gray color  
**Hooded** [physical trait] = a crest, color, or formation of feathers on the head that looks like a hood  
**Horned** [physical trait, in most cases, but double check] = feather tufts that look like horns  
**House** [natural history trait]  
**Imperial** [miscellaneous]  
**Isabelline** [physical trait] = grayish-yellow color  
**Joyful** [miscellaneous]  
**King** [miscellaneous]  
**Lesser** [size]

**Little** [size]

**Lunulated** [physical trait] having markings shaped like crescents

**Magnificent** [miscellaneous]

**Magpie** [physical trait] = black and white coloration (\*When used as a descriptor for species that aren't classified as magpies)

**Mottled** [physical trait] = marked with spots or smears of color

**Mountain** [natural history trait]

**Moustached** [physical trait] = feathers resembling a mustache

**Nankeen** [physical trait] = color of plumage resembling nankeen cloth.

**Northern** [Geographical location] = can mean northern hemisphere OR northern portion of country/region

**Olivaceous** [physical trait] = Olive-green, dusky yellowish color

**Ocellated** [physical trait] = refers to a pattern that looks like eye spots (black and white eye looking spots)

**Ocherous/Ochraceous/Ochre** [physical trait] = brownish-yellow color

**Ornate** [general descriptor]

**Painted** [physical trait]

**Pallid** [physical trait] = pale or lacking color

**Paradise** [natural history] = Colonial reference to a warm place in the tropics

**Perplexing** [miscellaneous] = referring to taxonomic confusion

**Pied** [physical trait] = having two or more different colors.

**Pileated** [physical trait] = having the pileum covered by a crest

**Pinnated** [physical trait] = feathered

**Plain** [physical trait]. Opposite of ornate. Make sure that this does not refer to habitat.

**Plumbeous** [physical trait] = dull gray; color of lead

**Plain** [physical trait]

**Plumbeous** [physical trait] = dull gray, lead-colored

**Pygmy** [size]

-quit Caribbean term for small bird, used as part of a compound- e.g., "Bananaquit", "Grassquit"

**Royal** [miscellaneous]

**Ruddy** [physical trait] = rust red color

**Rufescent** [physical trait] = reddish

**Rufous** [physical trait] = reddish brown color

**Russet** [physical trait] = dark brown color with a reddish-orange tinge

**Saturnine** [physical trait] = Gloomy, leaden color (grayish-black)

**Sacred** [miscellaneous]

**Saffron** [physical trait] = orange-red color

**Scaled** [physical trait] = referring to a pattern that looks like plate-like armor

**Scarlet** [Physical Trait]= color related to red

**Scintillant** [physical trait] = referring to flashy/sparkling color

**Semipalmated** [physical trait] = partially-webbed feet

**Shy** [behavior]

**Simple** [miscellaneous]

**Speckled** [physical trait] = pattern marked with small spots of color

**Spangled** [physical trait] = pattern that looks like small plates of shining metal/small glittering objects

**Striated** [physical trait] = marked with long, thin parallel streaks

**Stygian** [physical trait] = very dark (relating to the Styx River)

**Superb** [miscellaneous]

**Tawny** [physical trait] = of an orange-brown or yellowish-brown color

**Unadorned** [physical trait]

**Varied** [physical trait or miscellaneous depending on context]

**Variigated** [physical trait] = Refers to patterns marked by multiple distinct colors

**Vented** [physical trait] = having an opening or openings of the wings to help in flight

**Vermiculated** [physical trait] = marked with sinuous or wavy lines

**Versicolor** [physical trait] = means 'various colors'

**Vinous** [physical trait] = reddish color of wine

**Vitelline** [physical trait] = egg yolk yellow

**Wattle** [physical trait] = Fleshy outgrowth that hangs on the head or neck of several groups of birds

**Western** [geographic location]

## **Field Marks:**

Click on the following links for websites that identify English names and locations of specific physical traits on birds

1. All About Birds. (2009 April 20). Bird ID Skills: Field Marks. *Cornell Lab of Ornithology*.  
<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/bird-id-skills-field-marks/>
2. Jacob, J. (n.d.). External Anatomy of Chickens. *USDA Poultry Extension: Small and Backyard Poultry*. <https://poultry.extension.org/articles/poultry-anatomy/external-anatomy-of-chickens/>

**GAZETTEER:** Index of specific place names. Any documented variations of the spelling for an indexed place name are listed at the end of its entry.

**\*Disclaimer:** These descriptions are not meant to be exhaustive. Descriptions are based on what was needed to identify a term used in English common names for birds as an historic or current term associated with a geographic location. We recognize that the regions listed here may be associated with different terminology in different cultures and languages.

**Abd al Kuri:** island between NE Somalia and Socotra

**Aberdare:** mountain range in C Kenya

**Abyssinia:** antiquated term for Ethiopia; Abyssinian, Abysinian

- Acadia:** former colony of France, composed of parts of Maritime Canada and Maine.
- Aceh:** region of N Sumatra, Indonesia
- Acre:** 1) state in W Brazil 2) district of the former Ottoman Empire, modern Israel
- Adamawa:** Adamawa Plateau, a highland region in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Central African Republic.
- Adélie Land:** French-claimed territory in Antarctica. Anglicized as Adelie.
- Afghanistan:** country in C Asia; Afghan
- Africa:** second largest continent (not a country).
- Aguiguan:** island in the Northern Marianas, N Pacific
- Agulhas:** southernmost tip of the Cape of Good Hope, S Africa
- Ahanta:** Ahanta = Ashanti, aka Ghana, a country in West Africa and also formerly a kingdom whose borders do not necessarily align with the modern nation.
- Ala Shan:** plateau region of the SW Gobi, C Asia
- Alagoas:** region of NE Brazil
- Alaotra:** Largest lake in Madagascar
- Albertine:** Albertine rift, geologic feature in E Africa
- Aldabra:** atoll in the Seychelles, Indian Ocean
- Aleutian Islands:** chain of islands in the north Pacific, stretching from Alaska to Russia through the Bering Sea.
- Algeria:** country in N Africa
- Allpahuayo:** region and nature preserve in NE Peru
- Alor:** Archipelago in Indonesia
- Altai:** Mountain chain in Central Asia
- Altamira:** port city in Tamaulipas, NE Mexico
- Alta Floresta:** area in Mato Grosso, Brazil
- Amami:** Island group in the Ryukyu Islands.
- Amani:** nature reserve in Usambaras, NE Tanzania
- Amazon:** The river, rainforest, and general geographic region.
- Amber Mountain:** massif in N Madagascar
- Ambon:** Island in the Maluku Islands, Indonesia. In historic uses, it is spelled Amboyna or Amboina.
- America:** North and/or South America, or the Western Hemisphere in general.
- Amsterdam, île:** Island in French Antarctic Island territory.
- Amur:** Amur River region, extreme NE Russia, Korea, and China.
- Ancash:** region in WC Peru
- Andaman:** Group of islands and surrounding sea, between India and Thailand.
- Andes:** mountain range in South America; Andean
- Angola:** country on SW coast of Africa
- Anjouan:** Island in the Comoros, Indian Ocean
- Ankober:** town in C Ethiopia, E Africa
- Annam:** colonial French protectorate in modern C Vietnam
- Annobón:** island in Gulf of Guinea
- Antarctic:** The continent of Antarctica, or more broadly, latitudes greater than roughly 66° S (Antarctic Circle).

**Antilles:** Island chain in the Caribbean, consisting of the Greater Antilles (Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hispaniola, Jamaica) and Lesser Antilles; Antillean

**Antioquia:** region of Colombia

**Antipodes:** generally, the Southern Hemisphere, referring to the exact opposite location from a point on the other side of the globe. Specifically, the Antipodes Islands, a group of subantarctic islands S of NZ

**Apo:** mountain in Mindanao, Philippines

**Apurímac:** region in S Peru, along with a river of the same name

**Arabia:** Arabian Peninsula, or more specifically, the country of Saudi Arabia; Arabian.

**Arafura:** Sea between Australia and western Papua New Guinea

**Araripe:** region in NE Brazil

**Arctic:** areas north of approximately 66° N latitude.

**Arfak:** highest point in West Papua, New Guinea

**Aripuanã:** city in Mato Grosso, Brazil

**Arizona:** state in the SW USA.

**Armenia:** Country in the Caucasus Mtns; Armenian.

**Ascension:** Island in the S Atlantic.

**Ashambu:** locality in Tamil Nadu, India

**Asia:** Continent attached to Europe

**Asir:** 'Asir Highlands, in SW Saudi Arabia

**Atherton:** plateau in N Queensland, Australia

**Atitlán, Lake:** Deepest lake in Central America, located in Guatemala.

**Atiu:** Island in the Cook Islands, Pacific.

**Atlantic: 1)** ocean **2)** rainforest on the Atlantic coast of Brazil.

**Atlas:** mountain range in NW Africa

**Auckland Islands:** Island group south of the main islands of NZ.

**Austral: 1)** Southern. Typically used in reference to Australia and New Zealand, or to the oceans to the south. **2)** Austral Islands, the southernmost group in French Polynesia.

**Australia:** small continent or large island near New Zealand.

**Australasia:** term for the geographic region encompassing Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific islands. In biogeography, it refers to those areas plus the islands east of the Wallace Line.

**Austronesia:** Somewhat overlaps Australasia, but refers specifically to areas where Austronesian languages are spoken: Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Polynesia, Melanesia, islands throughout SE Asia.

**Ayacucho:** region in S Peru

**Ayeyarwady:** region of Myanmar

**Azuay:** Province in Ecuador

**Azores:** island chain in C Atlantic

**Aztec:** refers to the rough area of the Aztec Empire. Use as a geographic term outdated, as the Aztec Empire did not use the name for themselves or their homeland.

**Bagobo:** Indigenous group in Mindanao, Philippines. Refers to their homeland between the Davao Gulf and Mount Apo

**Bahamas:** islands in the Caribbean

**Bahia:** state in NE Brazil

**Baikal:** Lake in Russia, deepest in the world.

**Balearic:** Islands in the Mediterranean, including Mallorca and Ibiza.

**Bali:** island in Indonesia

**Baliem:** valley in New Guinea

**Balsas:** river in SW Mexico

**Baltimore:** city in Maryland, E USA

**Bamenda:** city in NW Cameroon

**Bananal:** island in the Araguaia river, Brazil

**Banasura:** mountain in Wayanad, Kerala, India

**Banda Sea:** sea around Maluku Islands, Indonesia

**Banggai:** Island in Indonesia

**Bangwa:** locality in NW Cameroon

**Barbados:** island in the Caribbean

**Barbary:** Antiquated term for North Africa, particularly the coast.

**Barbuda:** island in the Caribbean, part of the nation of Antigua and Barbuda

**Barusan:** Barusan Islands, near Sumatra.

**Basra:** port city on the Persian Gulf coast of Iraq

**Bass:** strait between Australia and Tasmania

**Baudó:** river and mountain range in NW Colombia

**Beijing:** capital of China

**Bengal:** region of S Asia including Bangladesh and parts of India.

**Benguela:** city and state in Angola

**Benguet:** state in Luzon, Philippines

**Bermuda:** island in the Caribbean

**Bhutan:** country in the Himalayas

**Biak:** Island NW of New Guinea

**Bicol:** peninsula on SE tip of Luzon, Philippines

**Bioko:** island in the Gulf of Guinea, part of the country of Equatorial Guinea

**Bismarck:** sea, archipelago, and mountain range in New Guinea

**Blue Mountains:** mountain range in Jamaica

**Boa Nova:** municipality and park in Bahia state, Brazil

**Bogotá:** Capital of Colombia

**Bohemia:** W portion of Czechia.

**Bohol:** island in Visayas, Philippines

**Bolivia:** country in South America

**Bonin:** Islands between Japan and Guam

**Boran:** people group in C Ethiopia

**Boreal:** Northern. Usually refers to the boreal forest belt. (likely classified as Natural History)

**Borneo:** large island in SE Asia

**Bougainville:** island in the Solomon Island chain (although an autonomous region of Papua New Guinea)



- Bounty Islands:** group of tiny islands in the Pacific, governed by NZ
- Brazil:** country in South America; Brazilian
- Bûgûn:** people of Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India.
- Bukidnon:** landlocked province on the island of Mindanao, Philippines
- Burma:** former name of the country of Myanmar, SE Asia
- Buru:** island in the Maluku islands of Indonesia. Formerly spelled Boeroe, Boro, or Bouru
- Caatinga:** ecoregion in NE Brazil, characterized by semi-arid shrubland
- Cachar:** district in Assam, India
- Cajamarca:** region in N Peru
- Calayan:** island in N Philippines
- California:** state on the west coast of the USA
- Cajamarca:** important cultural and commercial center in the northern Andes, Peru
- Cambodia:** country in SE Asia
- Cameroon:** country in WC Africa, on the Bight of Biafra (the sharp southern turn the coast makes from W Africa)
- Camiguin:** Island off Mindanao, Philippines
- Campbell Islands:** subantarctic islands governed by NZ
- Campina:** ecoregion of open grassland and shrubland in Brazil (should be classified as Natural History)
- Campo:** tropical savanna region of Brazil (should be classified as Natural History)
- Canada:** country in North America; Canada, Canadian
- Canary Islands:** group of islands off the coast of Morocco
- Caquetá:** river in Colombia
- Cape:** in biogeographic terms, the southernmost part of Africa, named for the Cape of Good Hope. Can also refer to former Cape Colony, Cape provinces, and Cape Town, which share the same origin.
- Cape Barren:** island in the Bass Strait, north of Tasmania
- Cape May:** peninsula in NJ, USA, that is a important bird migration site
- Cape Verde:** island nation off W Africa
- Caracas:** capital of Venezuela
- Caribbean:** sea separating N and S America in the Atlantic Ocean. Also Carib, for the Indigenous people of the area that are the source of the name
- Carolina:** two states on E coast of USA; formerly a single British colony under the name
- Caroline Islands:** group of tiny islands north of New Guinea, in Micronesia and Palau
- Carpentarian:** Refers to Gulf of Carpentaria Secondary Area in Northern Australia
- Caspian:** From the name of an ancient nomadic group in the area, the Caspian Sea and/or depression in Central Asia. More broadly applied to the region of the Caucasus, Iranian highlands, south-central Russia, and the steppes of Central Asia.
- Cassia:** county in Idaho, NW USA
- Cauca:** river in Colombia
- Caucasus:** mountainous region between the Black and Caspian Seas, consisting of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and parts of Russia
- Caura:** river in Venezuela, tributary of the Orinoco
- Cayenne:** river and capital city of French Guiana

- Ceará:** state in NE Brazil
- Cebu:** island in the Philippines
- Chachapoyas:** province in Amazonas, Peru
- Chaco:** lives in the chaco region of South America; Chaco, Chacoan
- Chami:** Chami language is an Embera language of Colombia
- Chatham Islands:** group of islands E of NZ
- Chile:** country in S South America; Chilean
- Chiloé:** archipelago (and also largest island of group) off the coast of Chile
- Chin Hills:** hills i W Myanmar
- China:** large country in Asia
- Chinchipe:** river in N Peru
- Chiribiquete:** Serranía de Chiribiquete, mountain range in Colombia
- Chirinda:** forest in Gazaland, Mozambique
- Chiriquí:** province in SW Panama
- Choco:** Coastal Colombian department (administrative area like a state).
- Choiseul:** island in the Solomons
- Cholo:** alternate spelling of Thyolo, mountain in Malawi
- Christmas Island:** island in the Indian Ocean, controlled by Australia. Historically also referred to the island of Kiritimati, in the Pacific.
- Clarión:** one of the Revillagigedo Islands, W of Mexico, Pacific
- Cochabamba:** city in C Bolivia
- Cocos Island:** island in the Pacific, part of Costa Rica
- Coiba:** island off the S coast of Panama
- Colima:** state in W Mexico
- Colombia:** country in South America
- Comoros:** Archipelago nation in Indian Ocean near Africa; Comoro, Comoros
- Congo:** the region around the Congo River. Often used to refer to Central Africa as a whole, not just the Republic of Congo or the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Connecticut:** state on US E coast
- Cook Islands:** island group in the S Pacific
- Cordillera:** chain of mountain ranges; specifically: 1) the American Cordillera, the vast chain of mountains from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego and the Antarctic Peninsula, including the Rockies, Cascade, Sierra Nevada, Sierra Madres, Andes, and many others 2) Cordillera Central, Luzon, Philippines (should be classified as Natural History)
- Cordillera Azul:** range and protected area in C Peru
- Córdoba:** province in C Argentina
- Corsica:** island in Mediterranean between Italy and France
- Costa Rica:** country in Central America
- Cozumel:** island in the Caribbean off the coast of Yucatan
- Crozet:** subantarctic island group in the Indian Ocean
- Cuba:** largest island in the Greater Antilles
- Cundinamarca:** region in C Colombia

- Cuzco:** city and region in S Peru. Sometimes spelled Cusco.
- Cyprus:** island in the E Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey
- Dalat:** city in SC Vietnam
- Dalmatia:** ancient Roman province, now part of Croatia
- Damar:** island in Maluku, Indonesia
- Damara:** region of Namibia, named for its native people
- Darjeeling:** city in West Bengal, India, in the Himalayas
- Dartford:** town near Kent, England
- Dauria:** historical name for SE Siberia, from nomadic Dauuri/Daguuri people native to area; Daurian
- Dayak:** ethnic group in New Guinea, referring to their homeland in the SC interior areas
- Dead Sea:** inland saltwater lake between Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank
- Diamantina:** plateau in Bahia state, Brazil
- Dja River:** river in along the Cameroon/Republic of Congo border, WC Africa
- Djibouti:** small country in NE Africa
- Drakensberg:** escarpment on the southern edge of the South African plateau
- Duida:** tepui mountain in Venezuela
- Dulit:** mountain in Borneo
- East Coast:** in the case of the akalat, the east coast of Africa
- Ecuador:** country in equatorial South America
- Egypt:** country in NE Africa
- Eiao:** island in the NW Marquesas
- Elgon:** mountain on border of Uganda and Kenya
- El Oro:** Province in Ecuador
- Emei:** mountain in Sichuan, China
- Enggano:** island off the coast of Sumatra
- Equator:** latitudinal midpoint of the Earth, and those regions around it.
- Esmeraldas:** province and river in Ecuador
- Española:** island in the Galapagos
- Ethiopia:** landlocked country on the Horn of Africa (E Africa)
- Eungella:** alternative name for Clarke range, E Queensland, NE Australia
- Eurasia:** the landmass containing both Asia and Europe
- Europe:** small portion of Eurasia
- Eyrean:** Lake Eyre (now known as Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre) system in the desert of central Australia, in northern South Australia
- Falklands:** islands off coast of Argentina
- Fanti:** people of S Ghana, used to refer to their homeland between Accra and Sekondi-Takoradi
- Far East:** the Pacific coastal regions of Asia, particularly China, Japan, Korea, and Russia
- Fatu Hiva:** island in the S Marquesas
- Fiji:** island nation in S Pacific
- Fiordland:** bioregion in NZ
- Floreana:** island in the Galapagos
- Flores:** island in Indonesia

**Flores Sea:** sea in Indonesia, bordering the island of Flores

**Fly River:** large river in New Guinea

**Foja:** mountains in NW New Guinea

**Fuerteventura:** island in the Canaries, E Atlantic

**Fujian:** province in SE China. Sometimes spelled Fukien or Hokkien.

**Fynbos:** small belt of natural shrubland or heathland vegetation located in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape provinces of South Africa

**Gabela:** town in W Angola

**Gabon:** country in WC Africa

**Galápagos:** islands in Pacific

**Gambaga:** city in NE Ghana

**Ganongga:** Possibly a misspelling or alternate writing of where it is found: Ranongga, in WC Solomon Is.

**Gansu:** province in NW China

**Geelvink:** Bay off of New Guinea

**Genovesa:** island in the Galápagos

**Ghana:** country in W Africa

**Gila:** river and two mountain ranges along it, in Arizona

**Gough Island:** island in the S Atlantic

**Gran Canaria:** island in the Canaries

**Grand Cayman:** island in the Caymans, Antilles

**Grand Comoro:** largest island in the Comoros

**Greater Antilles:** part of the Antilles chain, mostly larger islands- Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the Caymans

**Grenada:** island nation in the Caribbean

**Guadalcanal:** island in the Solomon islands

**Guadalupe:** a small island off the coast of Baja California

**Guadeloupe:** island in the Caribbean, French territory

**Guam:** island in Micronesia

**Guanay:** refers to the guano islands off the coast of Peru

**Guatemala:** country in C America

**Guayaquil:** city in Ecuador and surrounding region

**Guiana:** region of N South America, consisting of Suriname, Guyana, and French Guiana. More narrowly, it refers to the last. Can also be a reference to the Guiana Shield, a major geologic feature

**Guinea:** broadly, the coastal regions of West Africa along the Gulf of Guinea. Can also refer to the modern nations of Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, or Guinea-Bissau. Occasionally used in early modern times to evoke any far away location, such as in "guinea pig".

**Gunnison:** river basin in W Colorado, USA

**Hainan:** island province of China, South China Sea, usually referencing the largest island in said province

**Halmahera:** largest island in the Maluku, Indonesia

**Hawai'i:** island chain in Pacific Ocean; Hawaiian

**Heard Island:** desolate island in the Antarctic Ocean, SW of Australia

**Henderson Island:** small island in the Pitcairn group, S Pacific. Henderson, Henderson Island.

**Herero:** ethnic group in SW Africa, referring to their homeland in Namibia, Angola, and Botswana

**Hispaniola:** large island in the Greater Antilles, comprised of the nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic

**Himalayas:** large mountain range separating the Indian subcontinent from the rest of Asia

**Honduras:** country in C America

**Hudson Bay:** large bay in NE Canada; Hudsonian

**Huon:** peninsula in E PNG

**Humaitá:** town and district in S Paraguay

**Humboldt Current:** cold low-salinity current that flows S to N along the W coast of S America. Some birds named Humboldt are for this current, but others are directly for its namesake, Alexander Humboldt- requires careful checking.

**Ibadan:** capital of Oyo state, W Nigeria

**Iberia:** peninsula in W Europe, containing Spain and Portugal

**Iceland:** island nation in the N Atlantic

**Imeri:** Serra Imeri prominent mountain on the borders of Brazil and Venezuela

**Inaccessible Island:** tiny isolated island in the S Atlantic, with a harbor only usable a few days each year

**Inca:** Indigenous people of Andean South America. Used to refer to areas of Peru especially, but also larger areas of W South America

**Inagua:** island in the Bahamas

**Inambari:** tributary of the Amazon in Peru, but also applied downstream in Bolivia and Brazil

**India:** country S of Himalayas, and more broadly the subcontinent it is part of

**Indochina:** historical term for SE Asia, particularly those under French colonial control

**Iquitos:** region of the Peruvian Amazon, specifically its largest city, but also an ecoregion of várzea in Peru and Brazil

**Iran:** country in W Asia

**Iraq:** country in W Asia

**Iringa:** district in SC Tanzania

**Iriomote:** island in the S Ryukyus, W Pacific

**Isabela:** Isabella Province, N Luzon, Philippines

**Isthmus (of Panama):** the narrow land connecting N and S America; Isthmian

**Italy:** country in Europe, primarily consisting of a peninsula in the Mediterranean

**Itatiaia:** Itatiaia is a Brazilian municipality of the state of Rio de Janeiro.

**Itombwe:** mountain in E DRC

**Ituri:** large forest in C Africa

**Izu:** island group S of Honshu, Japan

**Jalca:** La Jalca is a district of the Chachapoyas Province in the Amazonas Region, Peru.

**Jamaica:** island nation in the Greater Antilles

**Japan:** island nation off the E coast of Asia

**Java:** island in Indonesia

**Jos Plateau:** plateau in C Nigeria

**Juan Fernández:** island chain off the coast of Chile

**Junín:** lake in province of the same name, Peru

- Kabobo:** mountain in E DRC
- Kadavu:** island in Fiji
- Kai:** Group of islands in southeastern part of the Maluku Islands, Indonesia
- Kalahari:** desert in S Africa, including parts of Botswana, South Africa, and Namibia
- Kalkadoon:** Indigenous Australian tribe living in the Mount Isa region of Queensland, Australia
- Kalao:** island in S Sulawesi, Indonesia
- Kamchatka:** Peninsula in E Russia
- Kangean:** island N of Bali, Indonesia
- Karamoja:** region in NE Uganda
- Karoo:** region of inland South Africa, characterized by arid semi-desert ecosystem
- Kashmir:** historically, valley between the Great Himalaya and Pir Panjal range. Modern region consists of areas under Chinese, Indian, and Pakistani control
- Katanga:** region of S DRC, C Africa
- Kaua'i:** island in the W Hawai'ian islands. Anglicized as Kauai.
- Kent:** county in England; Kentish
- Kentucky:** US state, located in the Appalachians
- Kenya:** country in E Africa
- Kerguelen Islands:** subantarctic islands in the S Indian Ocean. Also known as the Desolation Islands.
- Kermadec Islands:** subtropical archipelago NE of NZ
- Key West:** island off the S tip of Florida
- Kikuyu:** largest ethnic group in Kenya, geographically refers to C Kenya homeland
- Kilimanjaro:** tallest mountain in Africa, located in Tanzania, E Africa
- Kilombero:** district in C Zambia
- Kimberley:** northern part of Western Australia
- Kiritimati:** atoll in the Pacific, part of Kiribati. Historically called Christmas Island, but that name refers to an Australian territory in the Indian Ocean.
- Knysna:** Town and nature reserve in South Africa.
- Kofiau:** island W of New Guinea
- Kolombangara:** island in the New Georgia chain, Solomon Islands
- Kona:** area of western part of island of Hawai'i
- Kopje:** a small hill in a generally flat area. (should be classified as Natural History)
- Kordofan:** historic province of C Sudan, NE Africa
- Kosrae:** island in Micronesia
- Kungwe:** locality in DRC
- Kurdistan:** geographic area home to the Kurdish people, in W Asia, comprising parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria.
- La Selle:** highest point in Haiti
- Labrador:** province in NE Canada
- Lake Lufira:** artificial lake in SE DRC
- Lana'i:** island in Hawai'i
- Lapland:** historic name for Sápmi, homeland of the Sámi people in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia
- Latakoo:** former name for Kuruman, oasis town in Kalahari, N South Africa

**Laysan:** island NW of the main Hawai'ian islands

**Lesser Antilles:** chain of small islands in E Caribbean, part of the Antilles as a whole

**Levant:** historic term for the eastern coast of the Mediterranean, including Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine.

**Leymebamba:** locality in Amazonas, Peru

**Leyte:** island in the Visayas, C Philippines

**Liben:** area on the border between Somalia and Ethiopia

**Lifou:** island in the Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia

**Lita:** Locality in Imbabura, Ecuador

**Loanga:** national park in W Gabon

**Lompobattang:** mountain in SE Sulawesi, Indonesia

**Lord Howe:** island between Australia and NZ

**Louisiade:** archipelago E of New Guinea

**Louisiana:** A state in the USA. Historically could also refer to any part of North America west of the Mississippi (e.g., the Louisiana Purchase)

**Luapula:** province in N Zambia, SC Africa

**Luzon:** island in the Philippines

**Maccoa:** misspelling of Macau, China, which also has nothing to do with the bird in question. May have been used as a general term for a far-off place (similar to older uses of "Guinea")

**Macquarie:** island between Australia and NZ

**Madagascar:** Island country in SW Africa; Madagascar, Mascarene, Malagasy

**Madeira:** island group in Atlantic, off coasts of Portugal and N Africa

**Magdalena:** river valley in N Colombia

**Magellanic Strait:** straits separating mainland South America from Tierra del Fuego

**Maghreb:** NW Africa, including Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, and Western Sahara. Historically, it denoted the western ("al-Maghrib") portion of the Arabic world.

**Makatea:** atoll in the Tuamotus, French Polynesia

**Makira:** island in the Solomon Islands. Also called San Cristóbal

**Malabar:** SW coast of India

**Malaita:** island in Solomons

**Malawi:** country in SE Africa

**Malaysia:** Island country in SE Asia. Also broadly used for the region as a whole. Malay, Malayan, Malaysian.

**Mali:** country in NW Africa

**Malindi:** bay and town on Indian Ocean, Kenya

**Mallee:** Region in northwestern Victoria and southeastern South Australia

**Mamberamo:** River basin in northern Papua

**Manchuria:** far NE region of China, bordering Russia and the Korean Peninsula

**Mangareva:** island in French Polynesia

**Manipur:** state in India

**Manicoré:** Municipality in the state of Amazonas, Brazil

**Man, Isle of:** island between Britain and Ireland; Manx

- Manú:** region and river in Peru
- Manus:** island NE of New Guinea
- Mantanani:** island group off the N tip of Borneo
- Maracaibo:** lake, city, and surrounding area in NW Venezuela
- Marañon:** river and valley in Peruvian Andes
- Mariana:** island chain in the N Pacific, south of Japan
- Marianne:** island in Seychelles, W Indian Ocean
- Mariqua:** river in S Africa. Also spelled Marico.
- Marquesas:** island group in French Polynesia
- Martinique:** island in the Lesser Antilles
- Masatierra:** island off the coast of Chile. literally “más a tierra”, Spanish for “closer to land”. Current name Robinson Crusoe Island, for the shipwrecked sailor who lived there 5 years and partially inspired the novel.
- Mascarene Islands:** Group of islands in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar. Includes Republic of Mauritius, Rodrigues Island, and Reunion Island.
- Matinan:** mountains in Sulawesi, Indonesia
- Mato Grosso:** state in WC Brazil
- Maui:** island in Hawai'i
- Maui-nui:** prehistoric extent of Maui, which included modern Moloka'i, Lana'i, and Kaho'olawe
- Maupiti:** island in the Leeward Islands, French Polynesia
- Mauritius:** island in the Indian Ocean, E of Madagascar
- Mayotte:** island NW of Madagascar
- Mbulu:** district in Tanzania
- Mediterranean:** large sea separating Europe, Africa, and Asia
- Mekong:** river in Cambodia
- Melanesia:** geographic region and cultural grouping of the Pacific, including New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and the Solomon Islands
- Mentawai:** island chain and strait off the W coast of Sumatra, Indonesia
- Meratus:** mountain range in S Kalimantan, Indonesia
- Mérida:** Andes of Venezuela in Mérida and Táchira.
- Mexico:** large country in North America
- Micronesia:** geographic and cultural region of the Pacific, composed of around 2000 islands. The four largest groups are the Carolines, Marianas, Gilberts, and Marshalls.
- Middle America:** somewhat outdated term for Central America
- Minahassa:** peninsula of Sulawesi, Indonesia
- Minas Gerais:** state in SE Brazil
- Mindanao:** island in the Philippines
- Mindoro:** island in the Philippines
- Miombo:** a type of tropical savannah in C Africa, Miombo woodlands form a broad belt across south-central Africa, running from Angola in the west to Tanzania in the east. (Natural History)
- Mishana:** Allpahuayo-Mishana National reserve, is a protected area in Peru located southwest of Iquitos in the region of Loreto



- Mishmi:** mountain range at border of India and China
- Mississippi:** river and state in the USA
- Moheli:** island in the Comoros, Indian Ocean
- Moluccas:** Islands in Indonesia. Also spelled Maluku.
- Mombasa:** Kenyan coastal city.
- Mongolia:** landlocked country in Asia, between Russia and China. Also refers more broadly to the homelands of the nomadic Mongolian peoples, including parts of China (Inner Mongolia), Russia, and elsewhere in C Asia.
- Monte:** ecoregion of arid scrub, Argentina
- Montserrat:** island in the Lesser Antilles
- Mo'orea:** Anglicized as Moorea. Island near Tahiti, French Polynesia
- Morotai:** island in Maluku, Indonesia
- Morrison:** Tallest mountain peak in Taiwan, named after a U.S. official, but currently known as Yushan or Jade Mountain
- Mount Cameroon:** Active volcano in SW Cameroon
- Mount Kupe:** mountain in W Cameroon, W Africa
- Mount Victoria:** colonial name for Na Ma Taung, mountain in W Myanmar
- Muisca:** Indigenous group in C Colombia, used to refer to their homelands in the Eastern Cordillera
- Munchique:** massif in Colombia
- Muscovy:** antiquated name for Russia, particularly European Russia centered on Moscow
- Mussau:** island in St. Matthias group, N Bismarck Archipelago
- Naga:** Nagaland, state in NE India
- Namaqua:** refers to SW Africa- homeland of Nama people, with the Khoekhoe suffix "place-of"
- Namuli:** second-highest mountain in Mozambique
- Napo:** province and river in Ecuador
- Narcondam:** Island in the Andaman Islands, India.
- Nashville:** city in Tennessee, USA
- Natal:** former province in South Africa, reorganized in 1994 into KwaZulu-Natal
- Natewa:** peninsula in Fiji
- Naung Mung:** village in Kachin, N Myanmar
- Nauru:** island nation in C Pacific
- Nazca:** city and region of S coastal Peru, home of the ancient Nazca culture
- Nechisar:** national park in S Ethiopia
- Negros:** island in the Philippines
- Neotropics:** the tropical regions of the Western Hemisphere (aka "New World tropics")
- Negros:** island in the Philippines
- Nepal:** country in the Himalayas
- New Britain:** island in the Bismarck Archipelago, W Papua New Guinea
- New Caledonia:** island W of Australia
- New Georgia:** island in the Solomon Islands
- New Guinea:** large island north of Australia. Consists of West Papua (Indonesia) and the nation of Papua New Guinea

**New Hanover:** island in New Ireland province, PNG

**New Holland:** antiquated colonial name for Australia

**New Ireland:** island NE of New Guinea

**New Zealand:** chain of large islands E of Australia in the Pacific

**Nias:** island off coast of Sumatra, Indonesia

**Niau:** small island in French Polynesia

**Nicaragua:** country in C America

**Nicobar:** island chain in the Indian Ocean, S of the Andamans. Also refers to individual islands (Car Nicobar, Great Nicobar, Little Nicobar)

**Nightingale Island:** island in the S Atlantic

**Nihoa:** island in NW Hawai'i

**Nile Valley:** valley around the Nile, including parts of Egypt, Sudan, South Sudan, and Ethiopia

**Nilgiri:** mountain range in the Indian states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala

**Nimba:** mountain of border of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea, W Africa

**Niuafu'ou:** anglicized Niuafuou. Island in Tonga, S Pacific

**Nonggang:** natural reserve in Guangxi Zhuang, China

**Norfolk:** island group E of Australia and N of NZ, S Pacific

**Noronha:** Fernando de Noronha Archipelago (main island and Rata I), off the coast of NE Brazil (Pernambuco).

**North Island:** one of the two primary islands of NZ

**Nubia:** region of desert along the Nile River

**Nuku Hiva:** island in the Marquesas

**Nullarbor:** arid plain in S Australia. Latin for "no trees"

**Numfor:** island NW of New Guinea

**Nyanza:** Kinyarwanda for "lake", specifically referring to Lake Victoria, E Africa

**O'ahu:** anglicized Oahu. island in Hawai'i

**Oaxaca:** state in S Mexico

**Obi:** island chain in Maluku, Indonesia

**Obbia:** Hobyo, Somalia

**Ogea:** two islands, Ogea Driki and Ogea Levu, in SE Fiji

**Okarito:** town on W coast of South Island, NZ

**Okinawa:** island in the Ryukyus, N Pacific

**Oman:** country on the Arabian Peninsula, forming one part of the Strait of Hormuz

**Opalton:** Winton-Oplatton region of western Queensland, Australia

**Orange River:** large river in South Africa and Namibia

**Orient:** outdated term for "eastern", i.e. Asian

**Oriente:** eastern region of Cuba

**Orinoco:** river in South America

**Ouvéa:** island near New Caledonia, S Pacific

**Ovambo:** ethnic group in SW Africa, used to refer to parts of Namibia and Angola

**Oxapampa:** province in C Peru

**Pacific:** large ocean

- Pagan:** island in the Northern Marianas, NW Pacific
- Palani:** town and a taluk headquarters in Dindigul district of the western part of Tamil Nadu state in India
- Palau:** island nation in the WC Pacific
- Palawan:** island chain in the Philippines
- Palestine:** disputed country in the Middle East. Modern political usage applies to Gaza and West Bank, but historically applied to a larger region
- Pampas:** grassland region in S South America, including parts of Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil
- Panama:** country in C America
- Panao:** town in C Peru
- Pantanal:** wetland area in Mato Grosso do Sul, SW Brazil
- Panay:** island in C Philippines
- Pangani:** town in Tanga, NW Tanzania
- Pantepui:** another term for tepuis
- Papua:** pre-colonial name for the island of New Guinea. Modern usage applies it to the Indonesian province of West Papua, or the independent nation of PNG
- Papuan:** Papua or New Guinea
- Pará:** state in N Brazil
- Paraguay:** country in South America
- Paramillo:** mountain ranges in the Colombian Andes
- Paramo:** alpine tundra ecosystem in the Andes, South America (**should be classified as Natural History**)
- Paria:** peninsula in Venezuela
- Patagonia:** region of South America, including much of Chile and Argentina
- Pemba:** island in Zanzibar chain, Tanzania
- Pechora:** river in Komi Republic, Siberia, Russia
- Perijá:** The Serranía del Perijá, Cordillera de Perijá or Sierra de Perijá [pe.ri.'xa] is a mountain range, an extension of the eastern Andean branch (Cordillera Oriental), in northern South America, between Colombia and Venezuela
- Pernambuco:** state in NE Brazil
- Persia:** historic name for a large portion of Central Asia, primarily modern Iran. Also refers to the Persian Gulf.
- Peru:** country in South America
- Philadelphia:** city in Pennsylvania, USA
- Philippines:** island country in E Asia, N of Indonesia
- Phoenix:** tiny uninhabited island in the C Pacific
- Pirre:** Cerro Pirré, mountain in E Panama
- Pitcairn:** island in the S Pacific
- Pitt Island:** island in the Chathams, NZ
- Piura:** province and river in NW Peru
- Planalto:** highland plateau of Brazil
- Pohnpei:** island in the Caroline islands, Micronesia

**Polynesia:** geographic and cultural region of the Pacific, including most of the oceanic islands E of Fiji from Hawai'i in the north, NZ in the SW, and Easter Island in the E. French Polynesia is a colonial territory that encompasses some, but not all, of this region.

**Príncipe:** one of the eponymous islands of the country of São Tome and Príncipe, Gulf of Guinea, W Africa

**Puerto Rico:** island in the Greater Antilles, Caribbean

**Puna [should be categorized as natural history]:** region of South America

**Purus:** River in Brazil

**Ra'iatea:** island in the Society Islands, French Polynesia, S Pacific

**Raja Ampat:** archipelago located off the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula on the island of New Guinea

**Rapa:** island in the Bass Islands, French Polynesia, S Pacific

**Rarotonga:** largest of the Cook Islands, S Pacific

**Razo:** islet in Desertas group, Cape Verde

**Red Sea:** sea between Africa and the Arabian Peninsula

**Rennell:** island in the Solomons, W Pacific

**Restinga:** coastal sand-ridge habitat in northeastern Brazil (should be categorized as natural history)

**Réunion:** island in the W Indian Ocean, E of Madagascar

**Rimitara:** island in Austral Islands

**Rinjani:** mountain on Lombok, Indonesia

**Rio Branco:** tributary of the Rio Negro, Brazil

**Rio de Janeiro:** city and surrounding state, Brazil

**Rio Madeira:** largest tributary of the Amazon, Brazil

**Rio Negro:** one of several rivers in South America, most notably a tributary of the Amazon

**Río Orinoco:** river in Venezuela and Colombia, draining into the Atlantic S of Trinidad and Tobago

**Río Suno:** river in E Ecuador

**Rodrigues:** island in the W Indian Ocean

**Romblon:** province in the Philippines

**Rondonia:** State in Brazil

**Roraima:** Tepui mountain in Venezuela

**Rota:** island in the Marianas

**Rote:** island SW of Timor, Indonesia

**Rotuma:** island in N Fiji

**Roviana:** lagoon on New Georgia, Solomon Islands

**Ruaha:** river and park in SC Tanzania

**Rubeho:** town in Morogoro, C Tanzania

**Ruvu:** river in Morogoro, E Tanzania

**Rwenzori:** Mountain range in Uganda and DRC

**Ryukyu:** island chain S of Japan

**Saipan:** island in the Northern Marianas, NW Pacific

**Sahel:** arid region south of the Sahara

**Sakalava:** ethnic group in Madagascar, used to refer to their homeland in W Madagascar

**Sakhalin:** island claimed by both Russia and Japan, located between the two N of Hokkaido

**Salinas:** salt plains in N Argentina

**Samar:** Island in the Philippines

**Samoa:** Island in the Pacific

**San Andrés:** island in the Caribbean, E of Nicaragua

**San Blas:** city in Nayarit, WC Mexico

**San Cristóbal:** island in the Galápagos

**Sandhills:** bioregion in the central Great Plains, especially Nebraska

**Sandwich Islands:** outdated colonial name for Hawai'i

**Sangihe:** Island in the Philippines

**Santa Cruz:** 1) island chain in the Solomon Islands 2) island in the Channel Islands, CA, USA

**Santa Marta:** Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, an isolated mountain massif located on northern Colombia, South America

**Santarem:** city in Brazil

**São Francisco:** river in EC Brazil

**São Paulo:** city and state in S Brazil

**São Tomé:** one of the islands of São Tomé and Príncipe. Gulf of Guinea

**Sapayoa:** River in Ecuador

**Sardinia:** island in the Mediterranean between Italy and Iberia

**Scotland:** country in northern part of island of Britain

**Selva:** nature preserve in Peru

**Sepik-Ramu:** River basins in northern Papua New Guinea

**Senegal:** country in W Africa

**Sennar:** city and state in E Sudan

**Seram:** island in Indonesia

**Serendib:** ancient name for Sri Lanka

**Serra do Mar:** mountain range in SE Brazil

**Seychelles:** island group in the Indian Ocean

**Siam:** Antiquated name for Thailand; Siamese

**Siau:** Island in Indonesia

**Siberia:** vast region of N Asia, from the Urals to the Pacific, in Russia

**Sichuan:** province in SW China. Alternate historic spellings Szechuan or Szechwan.

**Sierra [should be categorized as natural history]:** Spanish for “mountain range”; refers to several ranges in Central and South America

**Sierra de Lema:** mountain range in SE Venezuela

**Sierra Leone:** country in W Africa

**Sierra Madre:** 1) Sierra Madre Occidental, mountain range in W Mexico 2) mountain range in Luzon, Philippines

**Sierra Nevada:** Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, mountain range in N Colombia

**Sikkim:** state in the Himalayas, N India

**Simeulue:** island in Indonesia, W of Sumatra

**Sinai:** peninsula in Egypt, between the Red and Mediterranean Seas

- Sinaloa:** state in NW Mexico
- Sincorá:** Serra do Sincorá, part of the Espinhaço Mountains in Bahia, Brazil
- Sind:** province of Sindh, Pakistan
- Sira:** mountain range in C Peru
- Snares Islands:** group of islands in S Pacific, S of NZ
- Snow Mountain:** one of the tallest mountain ranges in New Guinea
- Sokoke:** forest in coastal Kenya
- Solomon Islands:** a group of islands in the C Pacific, and also a nation of the same name that partially overlaps said archipelago
- Somalia:** country in E Africa; Somali
- Society Islands:** island group including Tahiti, French Polynesia, S Pacific
- Socorro:** island off Pacific coast of Mexico
- Socotra:** island in the Indian Ocean, south of the Arabian Peninsula
- Sooretama:** town and biological reserve in Espírito Santo, Brazil
- South Africa:** large country on southern tip of African continent
- South America:** continent south of North America
- South Georgia:** island in the S Atlantic
- South Island:** one of the two primary islands in NZ
- South Pare:** mountain range in E Tanzania
- Spain:** largest country on the Iberian peninsula
- Spice (Islands):** Maluku or Molucca islands, Indonesia
- Sri Lanka:** island nation SE of India
- St. Helena:** island in the S Atlantic
- St. Kitts:** island in the Lesser Antilles
- St. Lucia:** island in the Lesser Antilles
- St. Vincent:** island in the Lesser Antilles
- Steppe:** a large area of flat unforested grassland in southeastern Europe or Siberia
- Stephens Island:** island between the North and South Islands of NZ
- Stewart Island:** island S of NZ
- Subantarctic:** region of Southern Hemisphere north of 66° S
- Sucre:** state in Venezuela
- Sudan:** country in NE Africa
- Sula:** 1) island in the Philippines 2) short for Sulawesi
- Sulawesi:** island in Indonesia
- Sulu:** island chain in the Philippines
- Sumatra:** island in Indonesia
- Sumba:** island in Indonesia
- Sunda:** island chain in Indonesia
- Swahili:** coast of E Africa, especially NE Tanzania, named for the largest ethnic group
- Syria:** country in the Middle East; historically applied to a much larger area now consisting of multiple countries
- Tabar:** island group E of New Guinea

- Tabon:** island in C Philippines
- Tabora:** region of C Tanzania
- Tacarcuna:** mountain area in Darién, E Panama
- Tacazze:** also spelled Tekezé, river in NE Ethiopia
- Táchira:** state in E Venezuela
- Tagula:** island in the Louisiade Archipelago, SE of New Guinea
- Tahiti:** island in French Polynesia
- Taita:** small mountain range in Kenya, E Africa.
- Taiwan:** small island nation in the South China Sea.
- Talamanca:** Cordillera de Talamanca, a mountain range in Costa Rica and western Panama.
- Talaud:** island groups in Indonesia
- Taliabu:** island in the Maluku
- Tamaulipas:** state in NE Mexico
- Tana River:** river in Kenya
- Tanganyika:** colonial name for mainland Tanzania (excluding Zanzibar). Name retained by one of the African Great Lakes.
- Tanimbar:** island group in the Maluku
- Tanna:** island in Vanuatu
- Tanzania:** country in E Africa, consisting of mainland Tanganyika (historic term) and the islands of Zanzibar.
- Tapajos:** The Tapajós is a river in Brazil
- Tarim:** region of W China
- Tasmania:** island south of Australia
- Tatamá:** Tatamá National Nature Park is located in the western Colombian mountain range.
- Taveta:** town in S Kenya, basically in Tanzania
- Taveuni:** island in Fiji
- Tawitawi:** island in the Philippines
- Tboli:** area of Cotabato, Philippines
- Temotu:** province of the Solomon Islands
- Tenerife:** island in the Canaries
- Tenggara:** island group in the Sundas, Indonesia
- Tennessee:** state in C US, in Appalachian Mountains
- Tepui:** Tepui region of South America, highland region mostly in Venezuela (table top mountains - classified as Natural History)
- Terek:** river in the N Caucasus, flowing into the Caspian Sea
- Tibet:** high elevation plateau N of the Himalayas
- Tierra del Fuego:** large island off the tip of South America; Fuegian
- Timor:** island in the Lesser Sundas, split between Indonesia and the nation of East Timor
- Tinian:** island in the Marianas, N Pacific
- Titicaca:** lake in the Andes, on the border of Bolivia and Peru
- Transvolcanic:** mountain range in C Mexico
- Tres Marías:** island chain off coast of Nayarit, WC Mexico

- Trindade, Ilha da:** island in Atlantic, E of Brazil
- Trinidad:** island in Caribbean NE of Venezuela
- Tristan da Cunha:** island in S Atlantic
- Tropeiro:** Rota de Tropeiros, a historic cattle-droving route in Brazil
- Tropics:** region surrounding the Equator between roughly 23° N and S.
- Truk:** former name for Chuuk Atoll, Micronesia
- Tsavo:** river and region in Kenya
- Tsingy:** unique limestone karst landscape only found in Madagascar
- Tocuya:** locality in Lara, Venezuela
- Togian:** island group in Indonesia, W of Sulawesi
- Togo:** country in W Africa
- Tolima:** volcano and surrounding region in Colombia
- Tonga:** island nation in the S Pacific
- Torres Strait:** strait separating Australia and New Guinea
- Tuamotu:** group of islands in French Polynesia
- Tucumán:** province in N Argentina
- Tumbes:** ecoregion in coastal Ecuador and Peru, consisting of dry forests
- Turkestan:** region of C Asia home to multiple Turkic people groups, mostly incorporated into the Chinese province of Xinjiang.
- Tuxtla:** Sierra de los Tuxtlas, mountain range in Veracruz, SW Mexico
- Ua Pou:** 'Uapou, island in the Marquesas, S Pacific
- Udzungwa:** mountain range in Tanzania, E Africa
- Uganda:** landlocked country in EC Africa
- Uluguru:** mountain range in Tanzania, E Africa
- Usambara:** mountain range in Tanzania, E Africa
- Ural:** mountain range in Eurasia
- Urrao:** in the subregion southwest of the department of Antioquia, Colombia
- Urubamba:** province in S Peru
- Utcubamba:** (hispanicized spelling), in Quechua Utkhupampa: is one of seven provinces of the Amazonas Region, Peru.
- Vanikoro:** island in the Santa Cruz group, Solomon Islands
- Vanuatu:** Island nation in the south Pacific
- Várzea:** specific type of seasonally flooded forest in the Amazon
- Venezuela:** Country in South America; Venezuelan
- Veraguas:** province in Panama
- Vietnam:** country in SE Asia
- Vilcabamba:** mountain range and former city in Cuzco region, Peru
- Virginia:** US state on east coast; historically, could refer to anywhere in the Mid-Atlantic region, "Virginia Colony"
- Visayan Islands:** Chain of islands within the Philippines
- Vogelkop:** colonial Dutch name for the Bird's Head Peninsula, New Guinea
- Waigeo:** island in West Papua, Indonesia



**Wakatobi:** islands off the coast of Sulawesi

**Wake Island:** atoll in Micronesia

**Wakolo:** lake on Buru island, Moluccas

**Wallacea:** biogeographic region for area E of the Wallace line, including Australia, New Guinea, and the eastern part of Indonesia.

**Warsangli:** refers to Warsangali clan, a major Somali group

**Wayanad:** district in Kerala, India

**West Indies:** Islands of the Caribbean; West Indian

**West Solomons:** western portion of Solomon Islands

**Westland:** district of NZ

**Wetar:** island in Indonesia

**Xingu:** river in Brazil, major tributary of the Amazon

**Xinjiang:** far western portion of China. “Xinjiang” is the official Chinese name, while “Turkestan” refers to mostly the same area and is used by some of the Turkic peoples who live there.

**Yap:** group of islands in Micronesia

**Yapacana:** tepui in S Venezuela

**Yemen:** country on the Arabian Peninsula bordering the Red Sea

**Yucatan:** peninsula province of Mexico

**Yungas:** bioregion of the Andes, transitional between the highlands and the eastern forests

**Yunnan:** subtropical province in S China

**Zamboanga:** peninsula of Mindanao, Philippines

**Zanzibar:** island group off the coast of Tanzania

**Zapata:** swamp in Cuba