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Puerto Rico is bursting with brilliant color. The trees, the flowers, the rainbows, and even the buildings are a tropical prism, and none shine brighter than the birds of the island. Puerto Rico is a great destination for birdwatchers, particularly in El Yunque National Rainforest and on the southern and southwest coasts, where many dry forests and wildlife preserves are located. Here are some of the interesting winged characters you will find on your next trip to Puerto Rico. Puerto Rican parrot. Perhaps the most stunning bird of the island, the Puerto Rican parrot, is found in El Yunque National Forest only on the island of Puerto Rico, the female subsists on insects and spiders, while the male has a typical hummingbird diet of nectar.[9] Hummingbirds and other gleaners are also sometimes attracted to the sap wells created by sapsuckers. Sapsuckers, which are in the woodpecker family, drill small holes in living tree branches to get the sap flowing.Â A guide to the birds of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Princeton University Press. pp. 103â€“137. ISBN 0-691-02424-3. Puerto Rico Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide to Familiar Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide) by James Kavanagh Pamphlet \$7.95. In Stock. Ships from and sold by Amazon.com.Â I used this field guide while on a Sierra Club Service Trip to the US Virgin Islands and specifically the US Virgin Islands National Park on St. John. It contains very accurate and helpful descriptions and information on sighting and identifying birds in this region. The color plates were especially good. I highly recommend it to anyone traveling to Puerto Rico and/or the USVI whether or not they are a committed birder. Read more. Helpful.

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