

# Tree species selection in shade coffee matters to birds

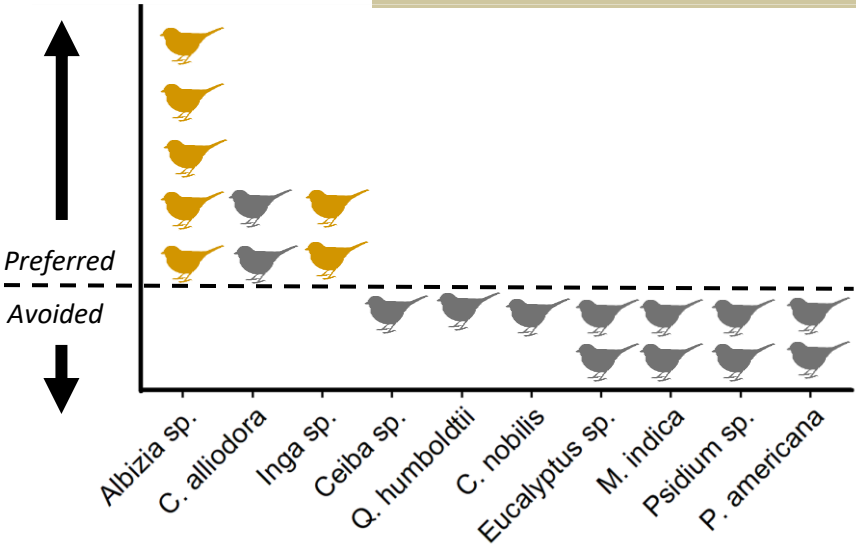


Every year, billions of migratory birds travel to the neotropics to spend the winter in coffee-producing landscapes. Coffee grown under a shade canopy can be important habitat for birds and other wildlife.



Birds on shade-coffee farms don't forage randomly. Instead they prefer some native trees over others, especially leguminous trees.

Find out more about Bird-friendly® Coffee here: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/bird-friendly-coffee>



Leguminous trees (Fabaceae) fertilize soil with nitrogen, provide lumber and fuelwood and attract birds for pest control—a win-win for farmers.



Migratory Tennessee Warbler



Shade-coffee farm in Nicaragua



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