

# New bird species named for Harvard 'father of biodiversity'

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Here's something to tweet about: A new species of bird has been named for a retired Harvard biologist known as "the father of biodiversity."

The Rainforest Trust said Wednesday that the antbird discovered last year in northern Peru has been given the name *Myrmoderus eowilsoni* in honor of E.O. Wilson.

Wilson is a myrmecologist—an entomologist who studies ants. He's credited with coining the term "biodiversity" in 1988.

Wilson said having a bird named for him is akin to winning a Nobel prize "because it's such a rarity to have a true [new species](#) discovered."

Rainforest Trust CEO Paul Salaman called the new bird's namesake "the most esteemed [conservation biologist](#) alive."

The 88-year-old Wilson is an honorary curator of entomology at Harvard.

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