

posed for promiscuous mating systems in tropical fruit-eating birds by the Snows, Willis, and myself, emphasizes how little we know about these species, their food resources, and the factors that regulate population density and reproductive success. Clearly, future work

on these birds should include a more detailed characterization of their food resources. I thank E. O. Willis and D. W. Snow for comments.—ROBERT E. RICKLEFS, *Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.*

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