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## Early bird: assembling the avian tree of life

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Birds are among the most prominent and engaging creatures in many ecosystems worldwide. They have been the subject of an extraordinary number and diversity of scientific studies. Our ability to fully interpret many of these studies will be enhanced by an accurate and robust phylogeny for all birds. Efforts to reconstruct avian phylogeny with DNA data began in the 1970s and continue today. This talk will review highlights of the Early Bird project, the most comprehensive study of avian phylogeny published to date, report on ongoing efforts to further resolve avian relationships with genome-scale data sets, and explore the implications of some previously unsuspected relationships for the adaptive evolutionary history of birds.

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