

# Roger Tory Peterson Quotes

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I consider myself to have been the bridge between the shotgun and the binoculars in bird watching. Before I came along, the primary way to observe birds was to shoot them and stuff them.

~Roger Tory Peterson

The truth of the matter is, the birds could very well live without us, but many -- perhaps all -- of us would find life incomplete, indeed almost intolerable without the birds.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Birds are indicators of the environment. If they are in trouble, we know we'll soon be in trouble.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Vultures are homely, but they clean up all the garbage and that's good. And they're elegant in the sky.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Birds have wings; they're free; they can fly where they want when they want. They have the kind of mobility many people envy.

~Roger Tory Peterson

The more you look, the more you will see.

~Roger Tory Peterson

The other creatures with which we share this world have their rights too, but not speaking our language, they have no voice, no vote; it is our moral duty to take care of them.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Of all the various out-door recreations I have tried, when it comes to genuine, exciting sport, give me hunting with a camera.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Birds are, perhaps, the most eloquent expression of reality.

~Roger Tory Peterson

More birds have adapted to a changing world than have failed. Very few have the narrow tolerance of the ivory-billed woodpecker or the Bachman's warbler.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Not all is doom and gloom. We are beginning to understand the natural world and are gaining a reverence for life - all life.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Penguins are an indicator of the health of our watery planet, and if they are unable to survive, we had better take notice or we might find our own survival threatened.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Butterflies may be better indicators of the health of our environment than birds.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Birding, after all, is just a game. Going beyond that is what is important.

~Roger Tory Peterson

Conservation is not just an ideal that we read about; it works.

~Roger Tory Peterson

I can recognize the calls of practically every bird in North America. There are some in Africa I don't know, though

~Roger Tory Peterson

Birds are an ecological litmus paper.

~Roger Tory Peterson

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