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ABOUT THE COVER ARTIST *

Barry Van Dusen, a wildlife artist and illustrator living in Princeton, Massachusetts, is a frequent contributor to *Bird Observer*. Barry is preparing work for several exhibits this summer. He is submitting work to the Birds in Art show (a juried exhibition in Wisconsin), and his work will appear at the Society of Wildlife Artists show in London in July (Barry is the only American member of this elective society, to which he has belonged since 1994). Paintings derived from Barry's 1997 trip to India are scheduled to go on display at the Glasgow Museums, in Scotland, in the year 2000. In May of this year, Barry will leave the studio briefly to serve as guest leader for an eastern Massachusetts birding trip run by Speyside Wildlife, a Scottish tour company.