

impossible, to use without considerable prior experience, and there are occasional transpositions in figure legends (e.g. for Long-eared Owl [*Asio otus*] the central pair of age labels should be transposed).

Nevertheless, this is an extremely useful and attractively produced book that should be in the possession of anyone that regularly handles nonpasserines in Europe, or that has a keen interest in determining their age or sex in the field. Furthermore, because many of the species covered in this guide

(e.g. waterfowl, raptors, owls) are regular throughout the Holarctic, it will also be of interest to many outside Western Europe. However, in reference to the last point, it is a pity that there is no statement in this book about the extent to which the ageing and sexing techniques described are applicable to non-European populations.—BEN C. SHELDON, *Department of Zoology, Uppsala University, Villavägen 9, S-752 36 Uppsala, Sweden.*



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