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Communications

To the editor,

I agree with Richard Glinski's article in June 1976 issue of *American Birds* entitled "Birdwatching etiquette: the need for a developing philosophy."

The worth—to birders and biologists—of the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek area can certainly not be overemphasized. But the statement that "the Zone-tailed Hawk, Gray Hawk, Black Hawk, Thick-billed Kingbird, Rose-throated Becard and the Five-striped Sparrow, whose only known breeding territories in the United States occur along this narrow belt of riparian forest" is not totally correct.

Although usually in small numbers the Black Hawk can be found breeding along the Gila River in New Mexico. Here in west Texas it can be found breeding along Limpia Creek in the Davis Mountains, along Cibola Creek in the Shafter area and the Nagele Ranch area near Ruidosa.

The Zone-tailed Hawk too can be found elsewhere. It is present in fairly good numbers in the Davis Mountains and has been the subject of recent investigations by the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute. It is also found elsewhere in Texas and in southern New Mexico.

—Steve West, Box 1248, Presidio,
Tex. 79845.

To the editor,

A.D. Brewer (*AB* 31: 234, 1977) concludes his brief article on the first observation of a Golden-winged Warbler in Trinidad with the statement: "the present record constitutes a range extension of 700 miles to the east". It should be noted that Bond (*Birds of the West Indies*, 2nd edition, 1971, p. 188) calls this warbler a "rare winter resident or transient" in Puerto Rico. Indeed, on November 12, 1975 I observed a male and female of this species at close range near the Parador El Verde, at the western edge of Luquillo National Forest. Next day, Dr. T.K. Shires and I again located the birds in the same spot. This eastern Puerto Rico locality is only some 330 miles to the west of Arima in Trinidad.

—N. S. Halmi, R# 6, Iowa City, IA 52240.

To the editor,

I have been meaning to write you about the Robert Clem painting of an Eskimo Curlew that you published in *American Birds* 31:138a, 1977. You might be interested to know of the conversation I had with him before he painted the picture. I suggested that it should be a mood picture showing the bird walking off into extinction. I think it is one of the most beautiful in the book and since the bird is extinct, perhaps a prophetic one.

—Gardner D. Stout, 48 Rosebrook Road, New Canaan, Conn. 06840.

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