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## ...from the editor's desk

**H**ave you ever seriously contemplated the job of a Regional Editor for *American Birds*? Each one serves as the standard-bearer for the advance of field birding in his or her region. Each writes seasonal reports that represent a distillation of literally hundreds of observations and sightings submitted by several hundred observers, and puts those records in context within the confines of the region. Every one of them diligently works to cultivate a network of data gatherers that are accurate, reliable, and punctual. All of them work to submit reports that are cohesive, readable, and timely. Each endeavors to set the pace for other birders in his or her region. Actually writing the seasonal summary is an astounding feat because it is here where, magician-like, they transform raw data into comprehensive, precise accounts of the dynamic birdlife of their regions. And all of this painstaking work is a completely volunteer effort.

Hats off, thumbs up, high fives, and three resounding cheers for each and every one of our 60 Regional Editors!!

Guy McCaskie is, and always has been the Regional Editors' Regional Editor. For 27 years he has shone as the beacon, the brightness of which other Regional Editors have aspired to. On June 21, 1990, the American Birding Association honored Guy by bestowing on him its coveted Ludlow Griscom Award. Congratulations, Guy. We add our best wishes along with the hundreds of others there that night.

One of our unfailingly loyal Regional Editors has retired after 30 years of reporting on the birdlife of the Central Southern Region. Thomas A. Imhof started as a Regional Editor in 1960, following the retirement of Robert Newman. He moved to Alabama in 1946 and was, in that year, a prime mover in the establishment of the Birmingham Audubon Society. He has participated in or compiled the Birmingham Christmas Bird Count since 1947. In 1955, the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation began a project to detail the birdlife of the entire state. They conscripted Imhof to head up the project, the result of which was the publication, in 1962, of *Alabama Birds*. In 1976, the University of Alabama Press published Imhof's extensively revised version, and this stands as the authoritative reference for the state today. Tom Imhof has, during his long tenure as Regional Editor of the Spring season report been a tireless and enthusiastic field birder. He has been a driving force in the development of ornithology in the state. He has pioneered accurate record keeping and record evaluation with regard to bird distribution in Alabama. He has served as the Breeding Bird Survey coordinator for decades. His data gathering, as well as that of his contemporaries, has given us the very context in which we can understand breeding and migration patterns in the State of Alabama in particular and the central South in general. We sincerely thank you, Tom, for several decades of devoted service. Your Spring season reports have been educational for all of us.

Jerome A. Jackson, Regional Editor for the Nesting Season reports for the Central Southern Region has retired after 12 years of service to *American Birds*. His last column appeared in the Winter 1989 (Vol. 43, No. 5) issue. Jerry's reports were always written with a view toward conservation of the threatened or endangered species in the central South and we have certainly benefited from his accuracy in reporting and his unique point of view. We extend warm thanks to you Jerry, and wish you every good fortune in all of your future endeavors.

*American Birds* welcomes to its ranks Greg D. Jackson, whose first column will appear in the Fall issue (Vol. 44, No. 3). He will in the future be regularly writing the Autumn column for the Central Southern Region. Greg is one of Alabama's most active field birders and, as President of the Alabama Ornithological Society is intimately involved with bolstering membership and bringing to the Society new and innovative programs. Additionally, he is the author/editor of the "Mobile Bird Club News," and his articles have appeared in *American Birds Birding*, and *Alabama Birdlife*. He organized and now maintains the Alabama Rare Bird Alert and has been the compiler of the Gulf Shores Christmas Bird Count since 1983.

Greg's field abilities are significant as he has, since moving to Alabama in 1969, established three first Alabama records, found numerous state rarities and is credited with finding a second North American record. Since 1984 Greg has conducted shorebird surveys for the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. He enjoys getting into the field as often as his medical practice will allow.

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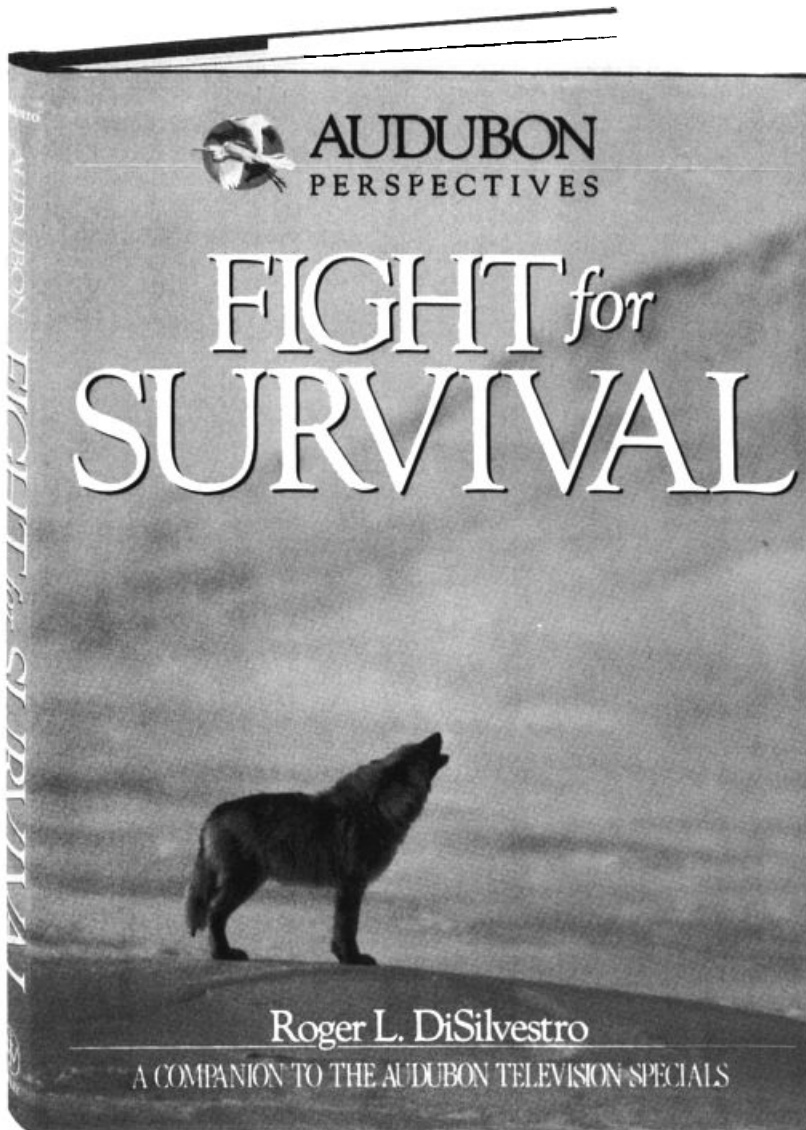
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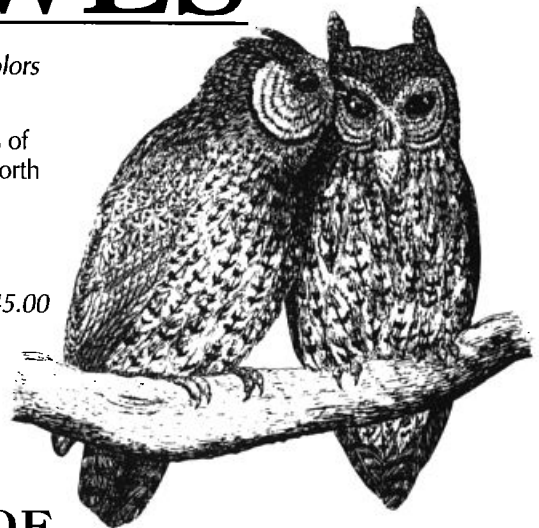
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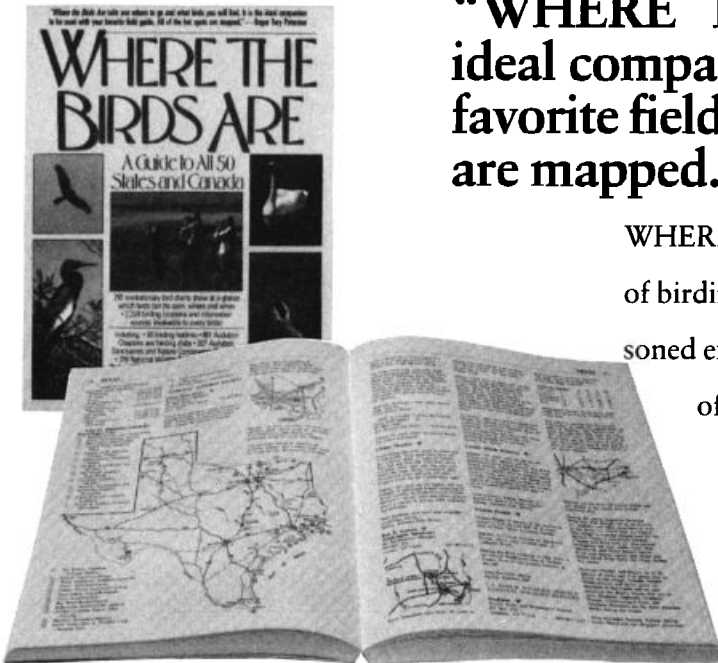
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