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ON THE COVER

The Rufous-capped Warbler is a denizen of scrubby oak and coniferous woodlands of Mexico. Prior to 1990, there were but 14 records for the United States, but in the past decade the number of records has doubled. Some of these recent records have involved birds staying for lengthy periods, but none longer than this male at French Joe Canyon, Cochise County, Arizona, that was discovered 20 November 1999 and continues as of this writing. More remarkably, this bird may have been present even longer, as multiple Rufous-capped Warblers were seen somewhat regularly in this remote canyon from 1995 to 1998, hinting that a small population had established itself there. This photograph was taken 26 February 2000 by Michael M. Rogers.



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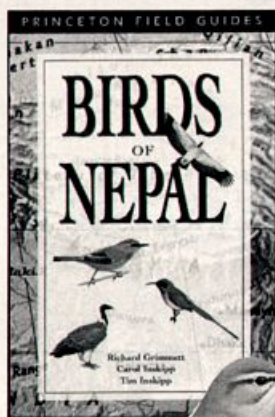
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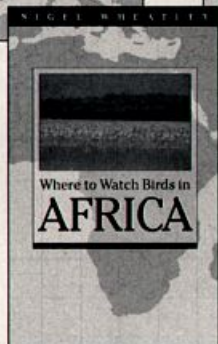
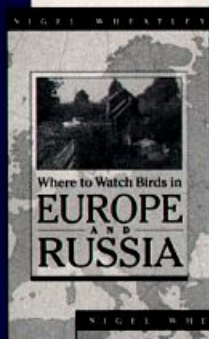
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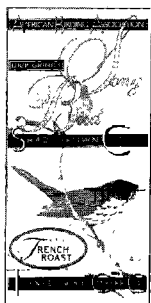
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Branta canadensis minimus
Branta bernicla hrota
Branta bernicla nigricans
Anas platyrhynchos diazi
Anas crecca crecca; *A. c. nimia*
Buteo jamaicensis harlani
Catoptrophus semipalmatus inornatus
Larus canus canus; *L. c. heinei*
Larus argentatus vegae; *L. a. birulai*
Colaptes auratus auratus group
Colaptes auratus cafer group
Aphelocoma californica woodhousei group
Blue-winged/Golden-winged Warbler hybrid (dominant)
Blue-winged/Golden-winged Warbler hybrid (recessive)
Dendroica coronata coronata group
Dendroica coronata auduboni group
Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea
Passerculus sandwichensis rostratus
Passerella iliaca iliaca; *P. i. zaboria*
Passerella iliaca unalaschcensis group
Passerella iliaca schistacea group
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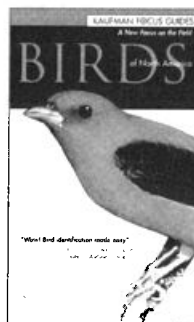


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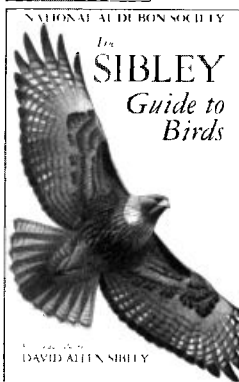
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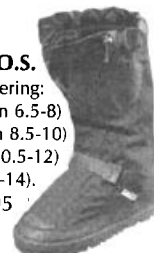
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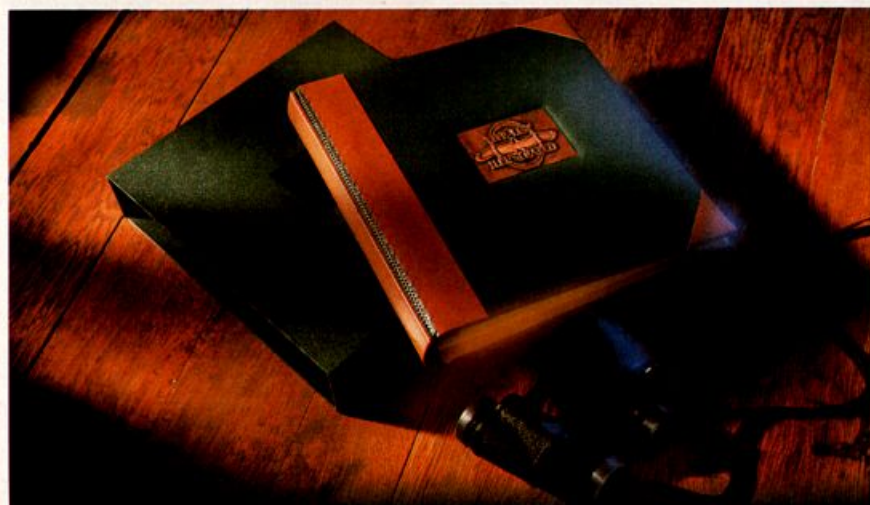
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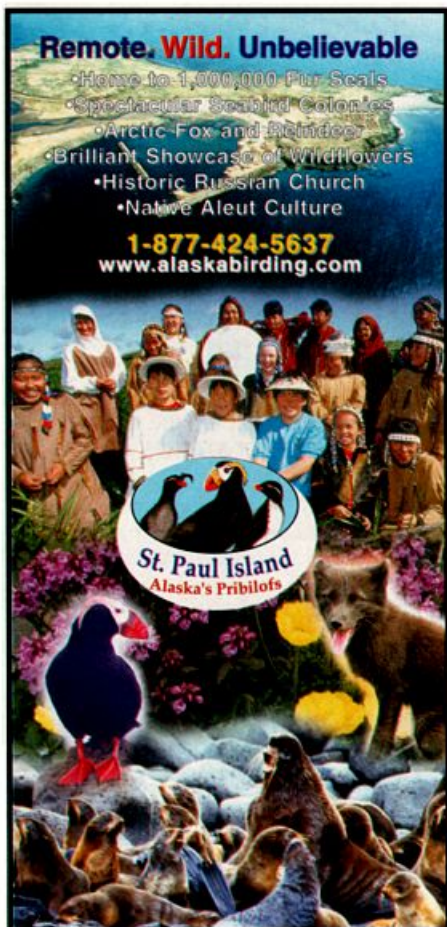


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