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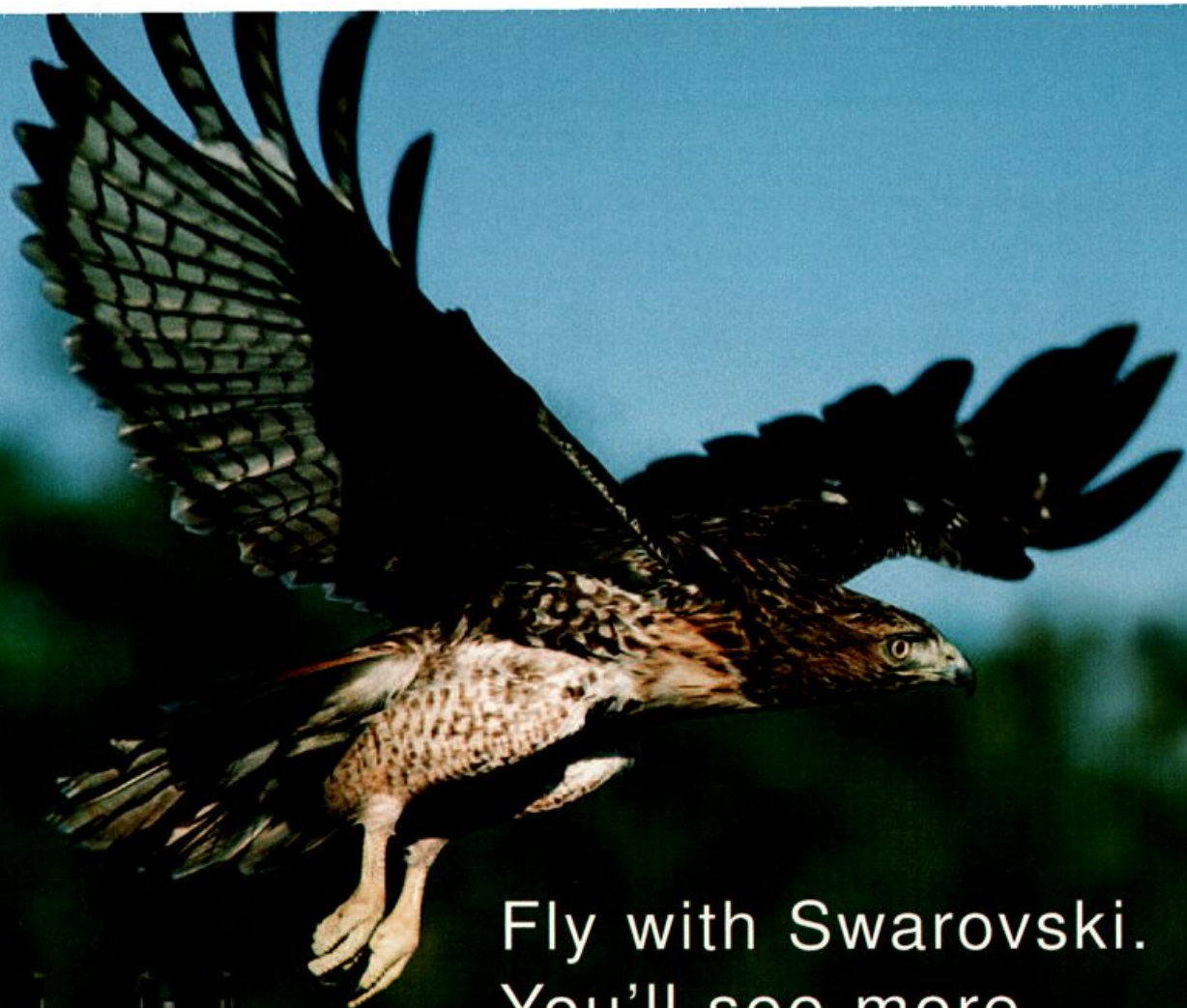
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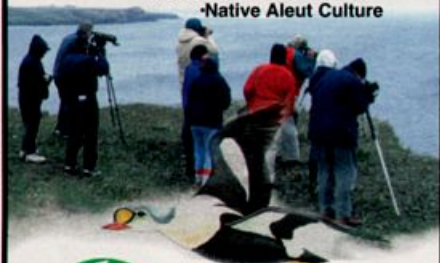
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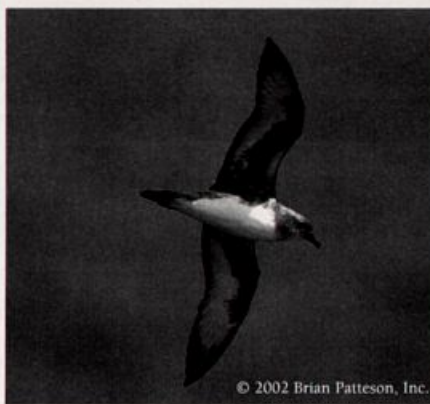
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1 Jun (DB) and 2 in Mérida 13 Jun (JA). Others were reported in Mérida in May. Another late migrant was a male Indigo Bunting at Celestún 4 Jun (DB). More reports of the introduced Tricolored Munia, first reported on the peninsula in 1993, included 10–12 birds in tall, rank grasses along the beach road just s. of Mahahual, Q. Roo 14 Jul and 2 just n. of Xcalak, 30–35 km away (DM).

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