

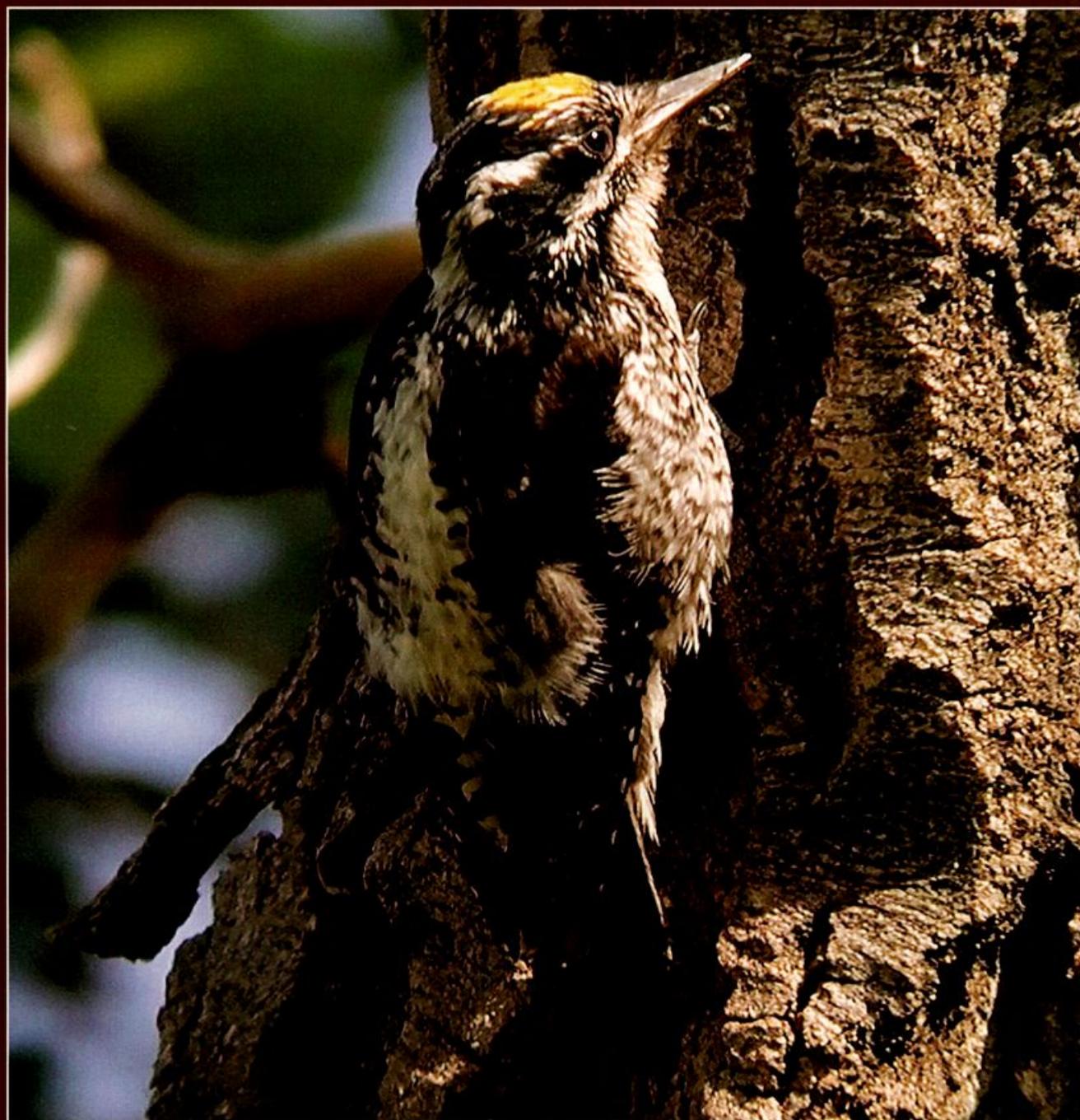


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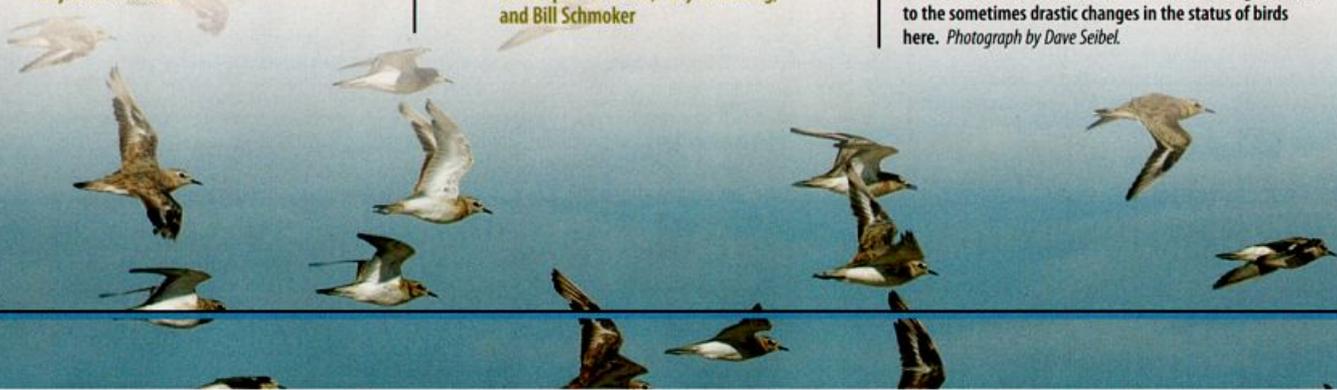
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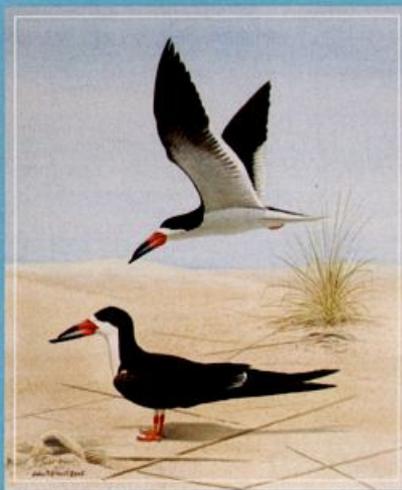
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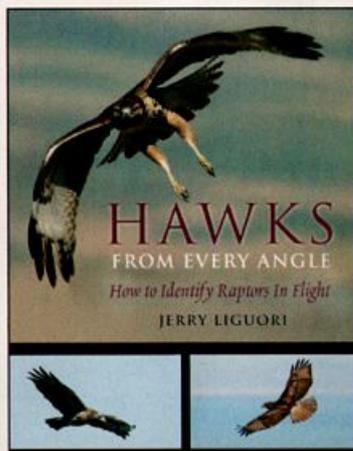
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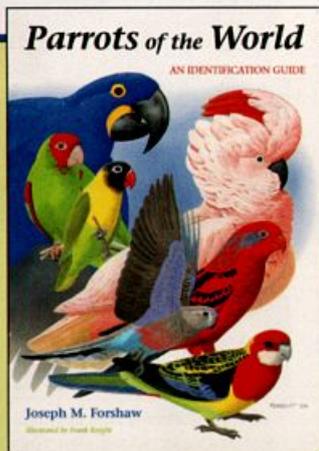
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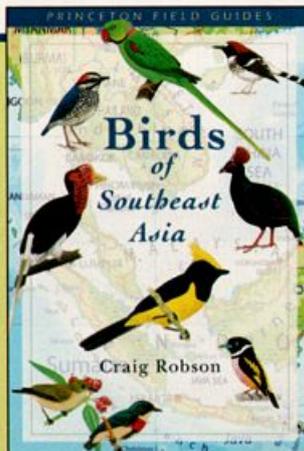
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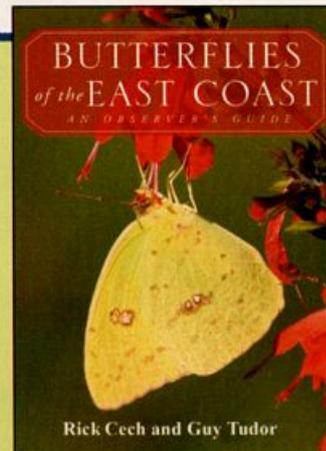
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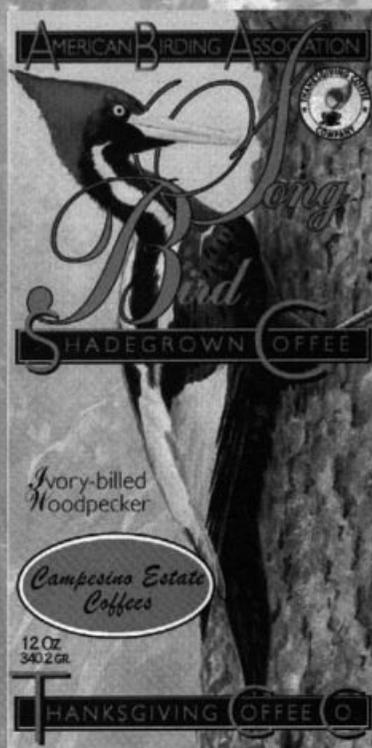
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SHORT TRIPS FOR TARGET SPECIES

Colorado Chickens: White-tailed Ptarmigan, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Gunnison Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, Greater Prairie-Chicken. Most are seen on leks at good range. Three rosy-finches at feeders. Blue Grouse is usually seen, as well. From Denver, with Nick Komar leading. **8-14 April and 16-22 April 2006.**

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