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COVER: Especially painted for this issue of *American Birds* by Lars Jonsson, our cover shows four small sandpipers in juvenal plumage. In the background, a juvenile Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) is flanked by two juvenile Semipalmated Sandpipers (*C. pusilla*). The juvenile Western has upper scapulars with a pronounced contrast between the tawny fringes and dark centers, as well as a pale face and "beady" eye; both of these characters are lacking in juvenile Semipalmated Sandpipers. In the foreground is a juvenile Rufous-necked Stint (*C. ruficollis*), similar to the juvenile Western but with a shorter bill, no webbing between the toes, and with brighter, more cinnamon/rufous upperparts.



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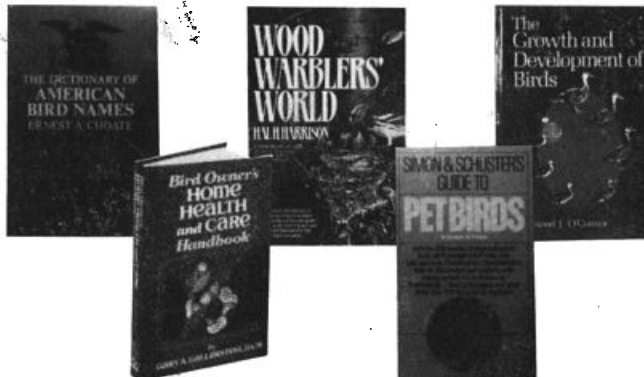
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