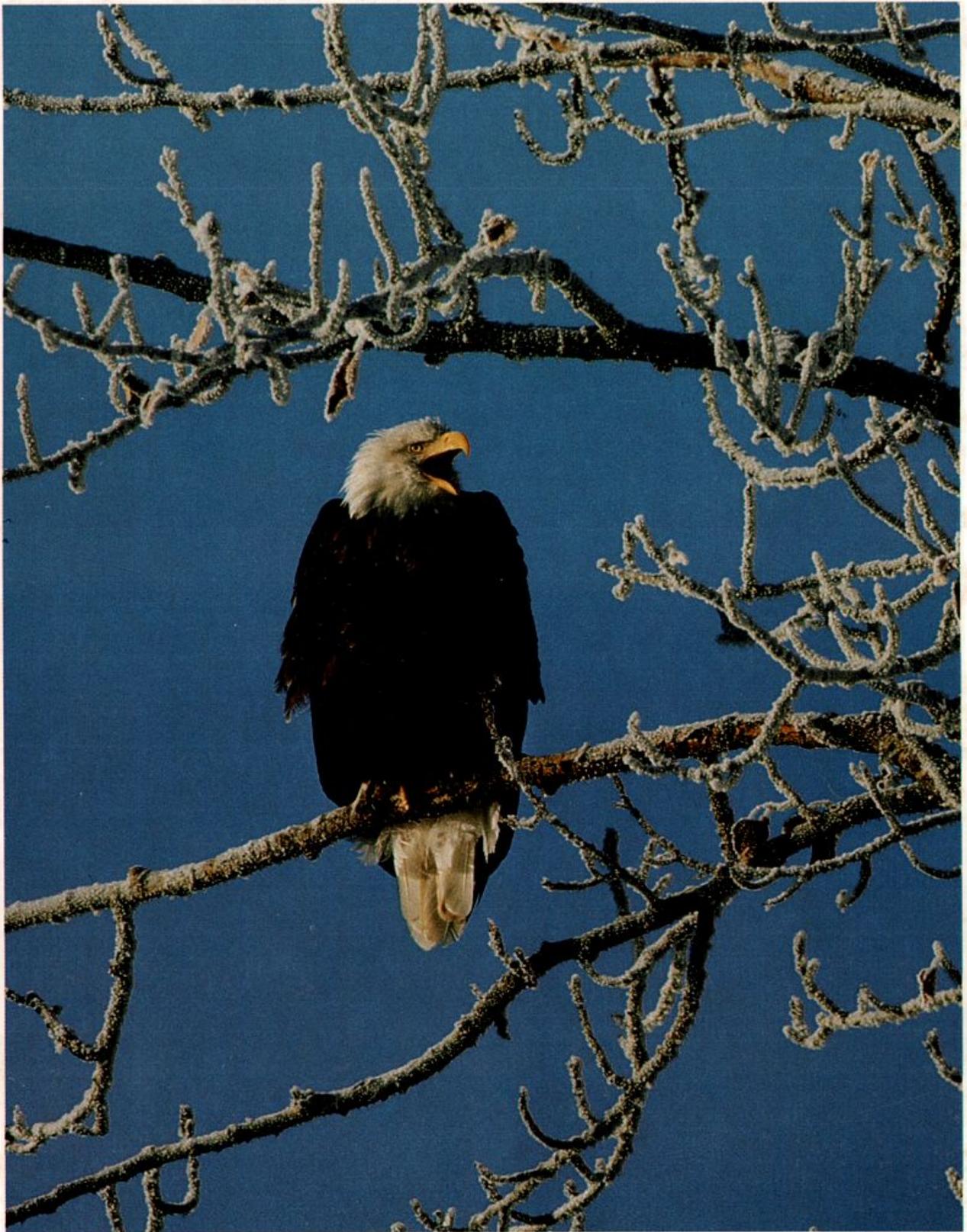


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J. P. (Pete) Myers, AMERICAN BIRDS' Editor, Special Projects, has joined the staff of the National Audubon Society as its Senior Vice President for Science. Our friendliest welcome to you, Pete. We are all pleased to have you here.

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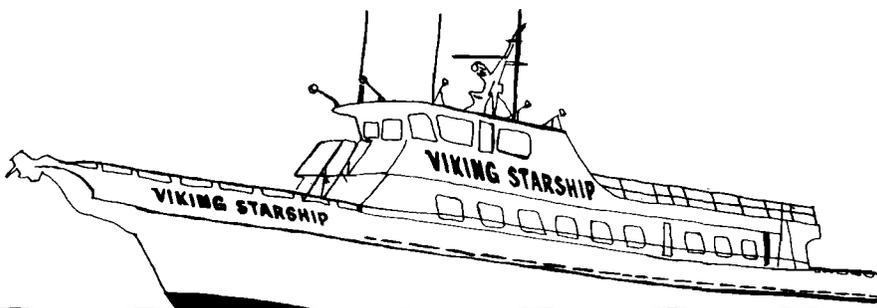
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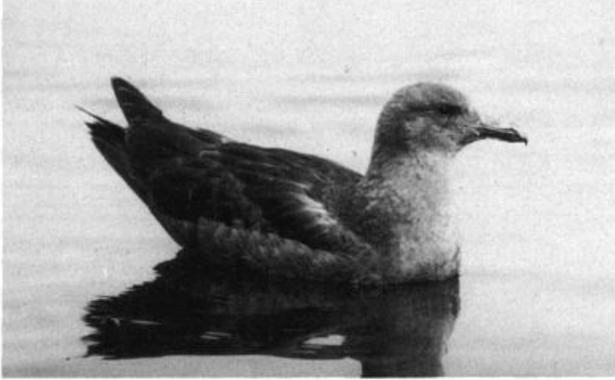
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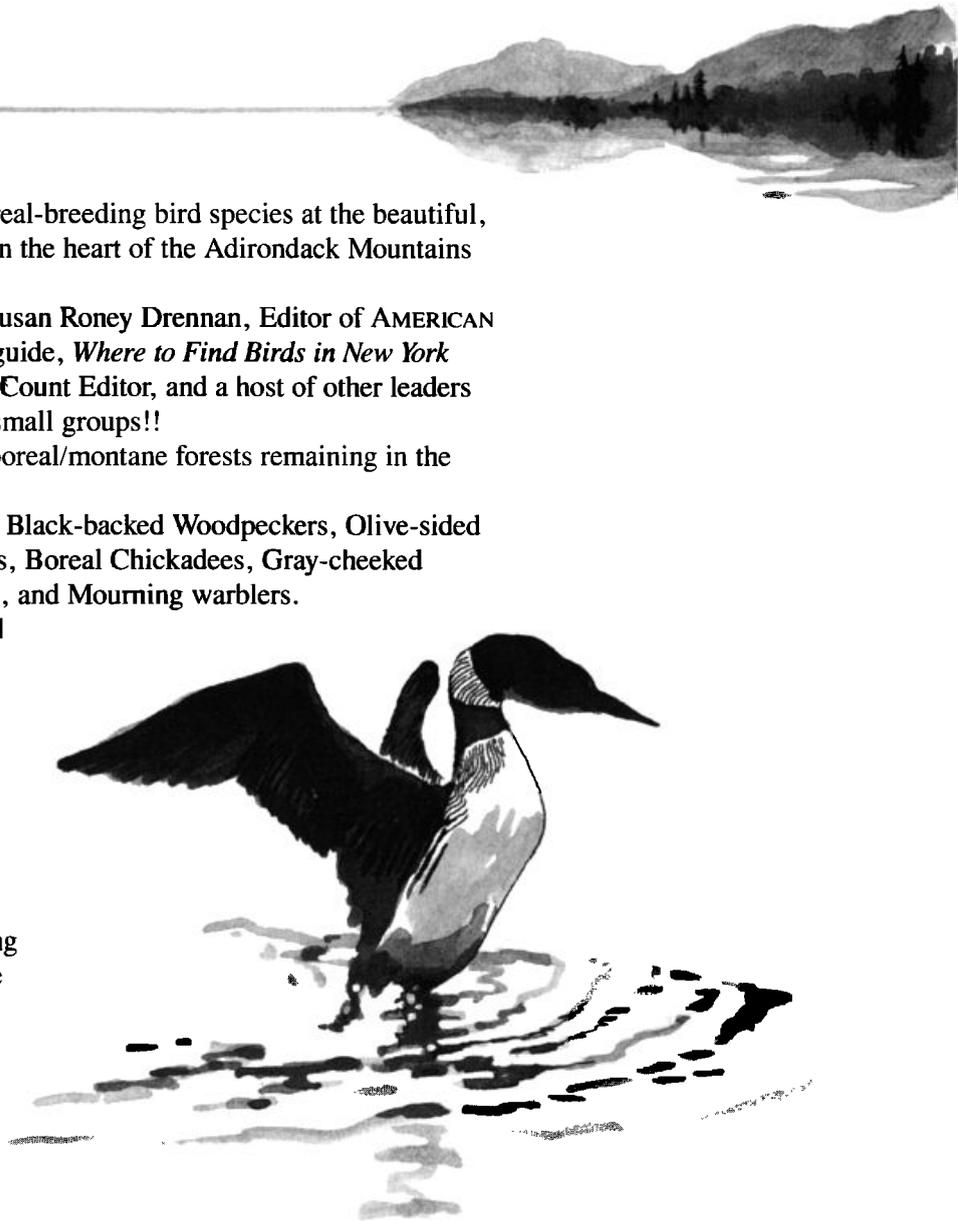
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