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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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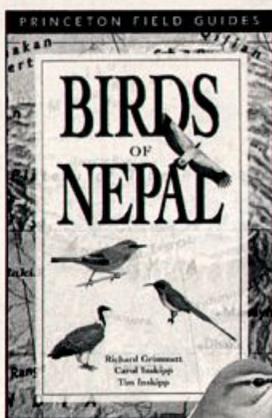
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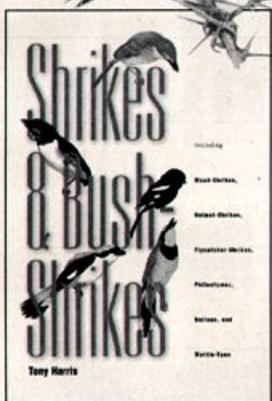
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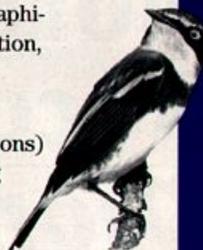
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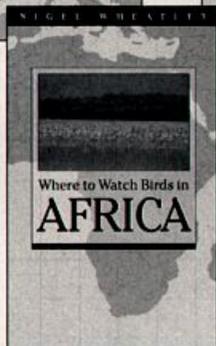
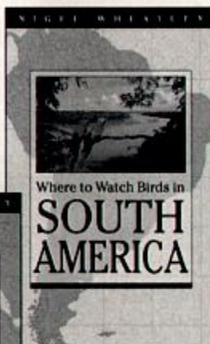
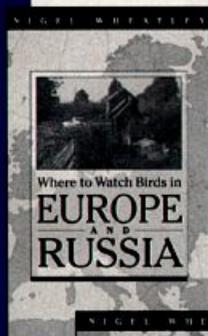
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#### Common name

Great White Heron  
Richardson's (Canada) Goose  
Cackling (Canada) Goose  
Atlantic Brant  
Black Brant  
Mexican Duck  
Common Teal  
Harlan's Hawk  
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Common Gull  
Vega Gull  
Yellow-shafted Flicker  
Red-shafted Flicker  
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay  
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Thick-billed Fox Sparrow  
Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow  
Slate-colored Junco  
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Gray-headed Junco  
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Pink-sided Junco  
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#### What it means

*Ardea herodias occidentalis*  
*Branta canadensis hutchinsii*  
*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 unalascensis* group  
*Passerella iliaca schistacea* group  
*Passerella iliaca megarhyncha* group  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*  
*Junco hyemalis hyemalis* group  
*Junco hyemalis oregonus* group  
*Junco hyemalis caniceps*  
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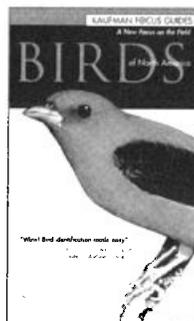
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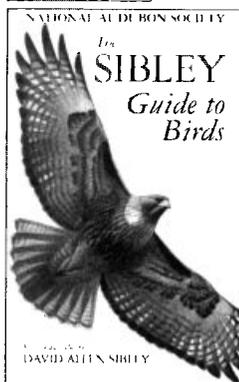
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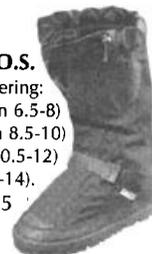
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**January 12-15, 2001; February 16-19, 2001; March 9-12, 2001. Code A\***

II. Winter birds of southeastern Arizona. Over 150 species expected, including at least 14 raptors, 15 sparrows, and 4 thrashers. Rufous-backed Robin and Ruddy Ground-Dove likely.

**February 3-10, 2001. Code A\***

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**February 17-24, 2001. Code A\***

III. Sonora: Sea of Cortez, Yecora, Alamos, Red-billed Tropicbird, Purplish-backed Jay, White-striped Woodcreeper. Expect over 275 species. Led by Forrest Davis.

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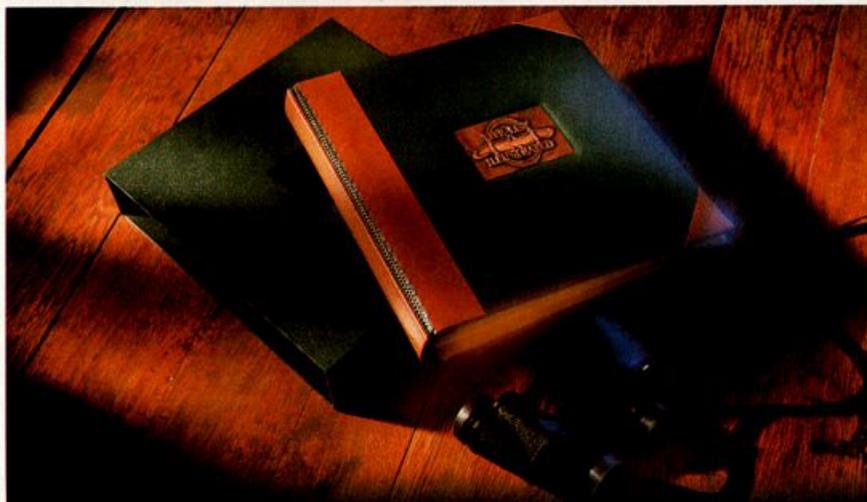
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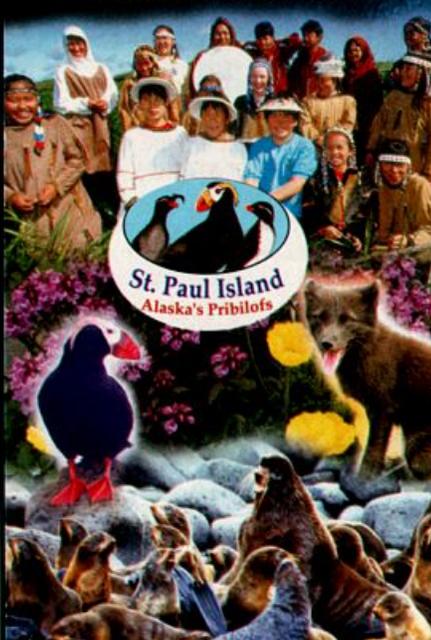


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