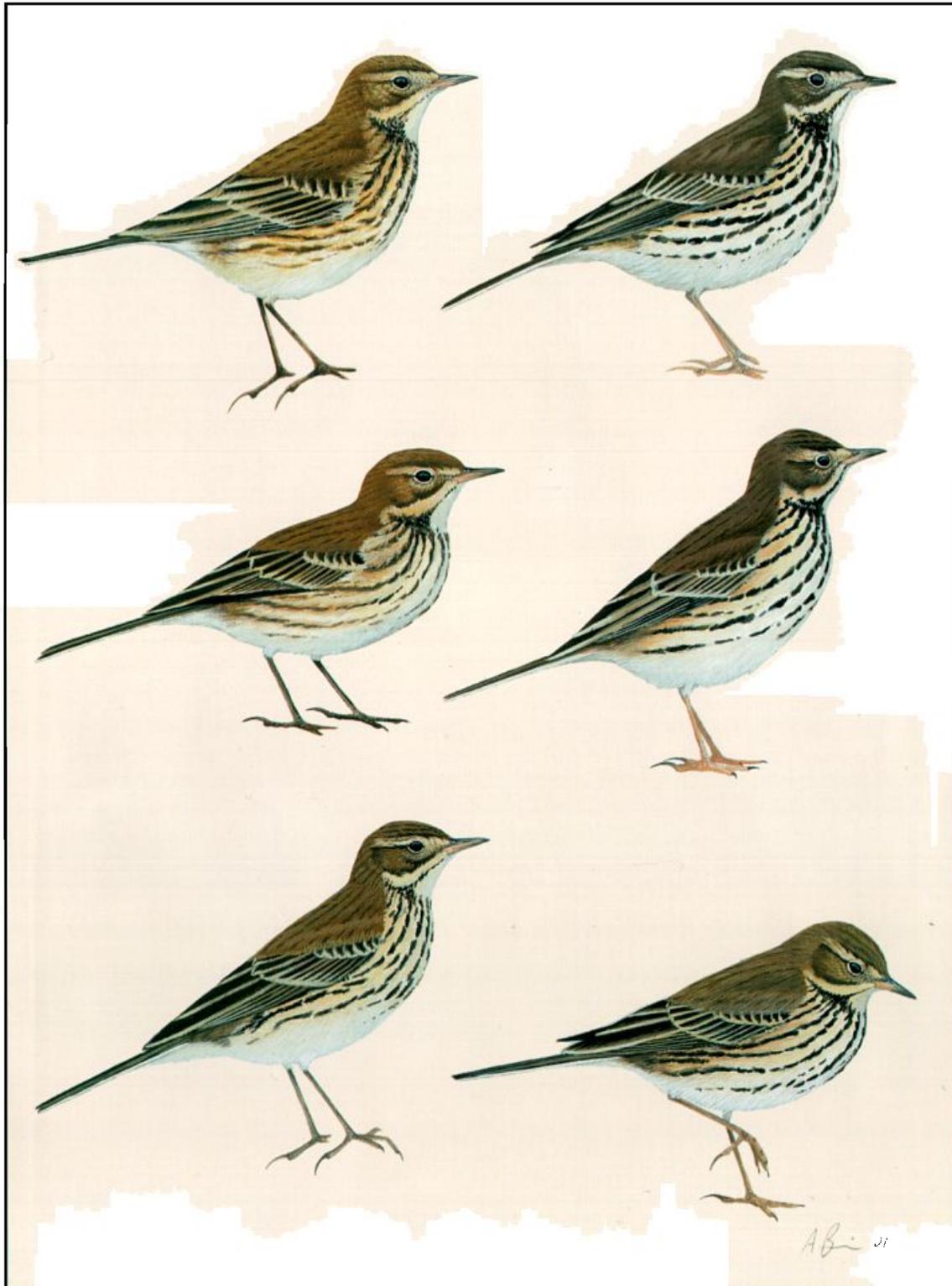


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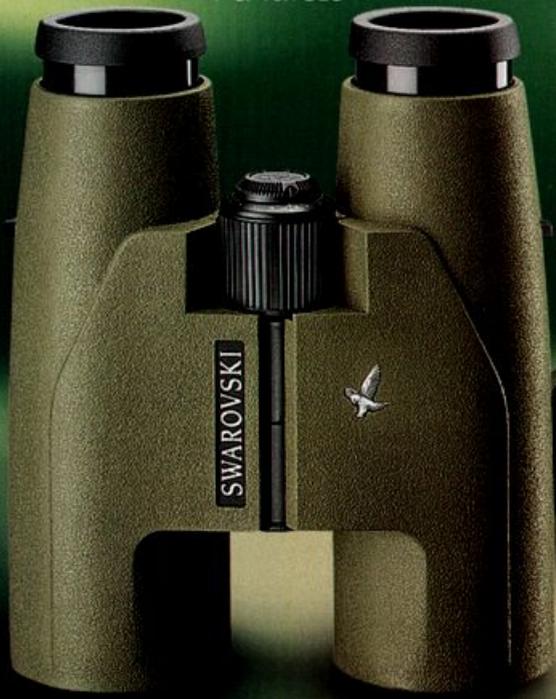
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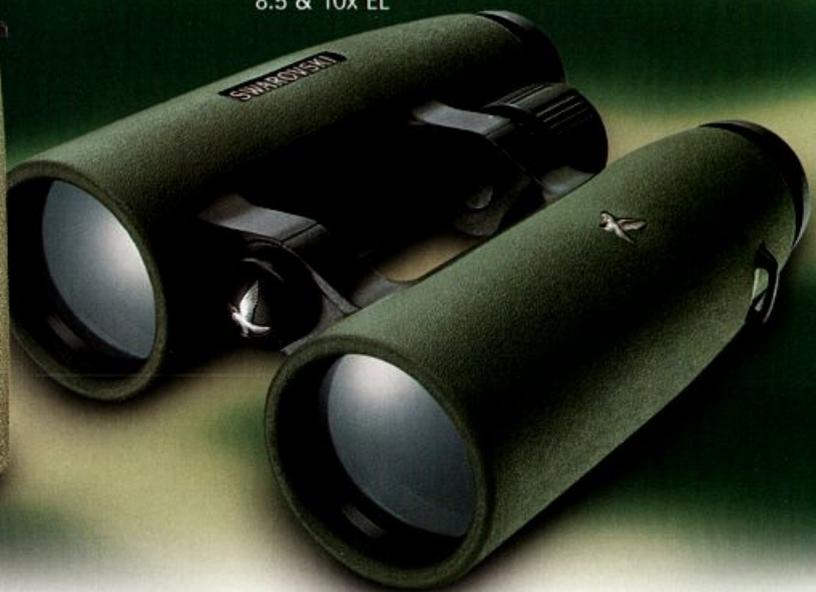
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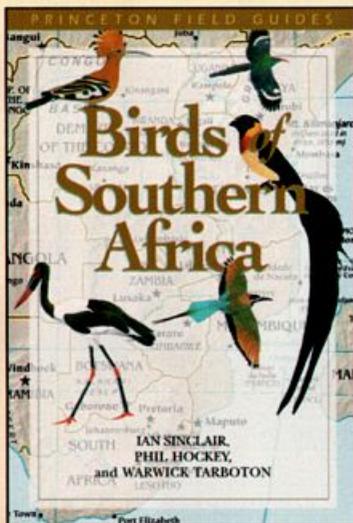
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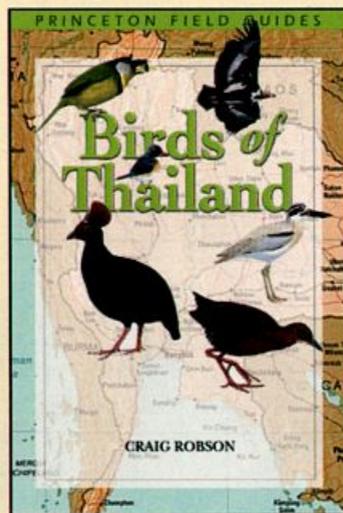


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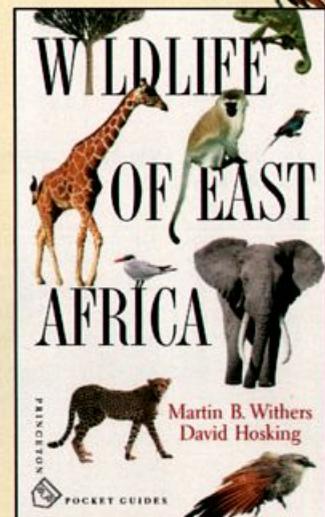
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Jul, suggesting early abandonment of dry mountains; among the earliest were singles at Silver City 28 Jun (D & MZ), Albuquerque Jul 6 (CR), and Sevilleta 11 Jul (WH). Far e. were 2 Canyon Towhees at Caprock Amphitheater, Quay 5 Jun (LS). Two Green-tailed Towhees were in the Gallinas Mts. 15 Jun (HS), the 2nd consecutive summer the species has occurred there; early was a Green-tailed at Corrales 18 Jul (DK). In the Animas Valley, Botteri's Sparrows continued to show recovery from the 2000 fire, with 38 territories (but only 10 in or near the burned area) 1-5 Jul (SOW, PM); in the w. Playas Valley, one Botteri's was singing in atypical habitat 17 Jul (JR). A Rufous-crowned Sparrow was n. in the upper R.G.V. to Orilla Verde 23 Jun (JT). Single Chipping Sparrows returned to La Joya 11 Jul (WH) and P.O. Canyon 13 Jul (CL). Breeding Brewer's Sparrows were confirmed in Colfax, with up to 5 males singing in salt-bush at Maxwell 6 Jul, a nest with eggs 12 Jul, and dependant fledglings 31 Jul (ph. DC). A Vesper Sparrow near Pinon 6 Jun (WH) was at the s. edge of the breeding range; Vesper *maxima* were 70 near Fence L. 13 Jun (DK) and 52 near Pecos 8 Jun (CR). Lark Buntings were notably scarce, and likely failed to nest; fall migrants were in Colfax by 6 Jul (DC) and Roosevelt by 18 Jul (LS). Late for the desert was a White-crowned Sparrow at Deming 10 Jun (LM). A partial survey in the Animas Mts. 14 Jun found 5 singing Yellow-eyed Juncos (SOW, AC), the most reported there in several years.

A Pyrrhuloxia wandered far n. to White Rock Canyon, Sandoval 1 Jun (SF). Following a strong spring showing, single male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were at Jornada 1 Jun (RM), R.S. 2 Jun (JO), and near Gila 29 Jul (DF), and a male and female were together at Silver City 30 Jul (D&MZ). Both Lazuli and Indigo Buntings were present together at several n. sites, including Dawson Cemetery near Cimarron, where there was a Lazuli x Indigo hybrid 4 Jul (ph. DC). Encouraging were 5 Varied Bunting territories in Guadalupe Canyon 11-13 Jun (SOW) and a male at Walnut Canyon, Eddy 9 Jun (vt. JO) and 24 Jul (SW). Noteworthy Painted Buntings were one singing near Newkirk, Guadalupe 7 Jun (DE, CR), 5 singing at Tucumcari 7 Jun (CR), and one near Three Rivers, Otero 28 Jun (MS, JZ). Single Dickcissels at L.V.N.W.R. 9 Jun (WW) and Bosque Redondo 7 Jun (JO) provided the only reports; although searched for, none were detected in Quay, Curry, or Roosevelt all period (LS). A male Bobolink singing in alfalfa near Cimarron 8 & 13 Jul (ph. DC, JO) disappeared when the field was

cut 17 Jul (DC). Brewer's Blackbirds continued their southward expansion, with a pair in Tajique Canyon, Manzano Mts. 19 Jun (HS), several in Catron at Reserve, San Francisco Plaza, Rancho Grande, Alma, and Glenwood 14-16 Jun (JO), and 2 at Sacramento plus 5 near Weed, Otero 9 Jun (JO). North was a singing Orchard Oriole at Maxwell 13 Jul (JO). An imm. male Baltimore Oriole was singing at R.S. 2 Jun (vt. JO). Several Scott's Orioles were found n. and e. of usual, including 3 at Caja del Rio 28 Jun (JP) and one near Ragland, Quay 16 Jun (CR). Cassin's Finches were unusually scarce, with one at Los Alamos 14 Jun (JT), 2 near Angel Fire 30 Jun (CR), and one at a Manzano Mts. feeder in Jun (TH) the only reports. Pine Siskins, typically scarce in submontane areas in summer, arrived there in numbers by mid-Jul. A juv. Lawrence's Goldfinch in P.O. Canyon 24 Jul (CL) was remarkably early and represented the first state record since Feb 2000. American Goldfinch is an extremely rare

breeder in New Mexico, so noteworthy were 3 on the Vermejo R. at Dawson 5 Jun (DC) and 8 on Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 13-14 Jun and 3 Jul (DC), with up to 11 singing males there 24 Jul (DC).

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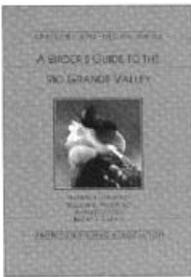
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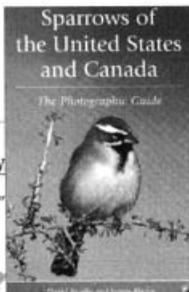
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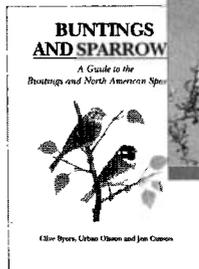


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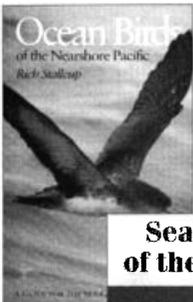
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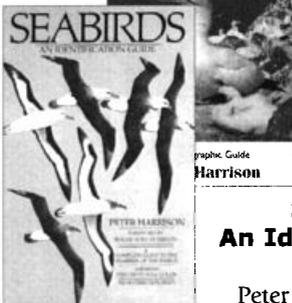
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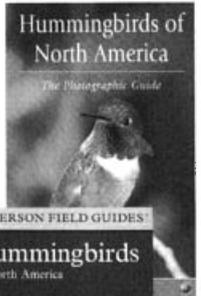
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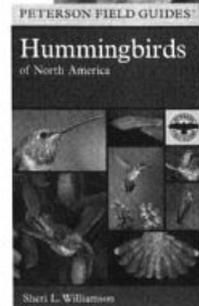
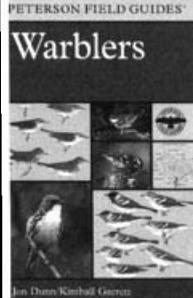


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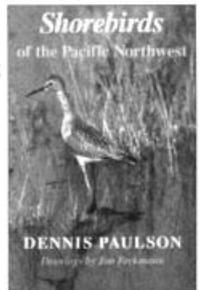


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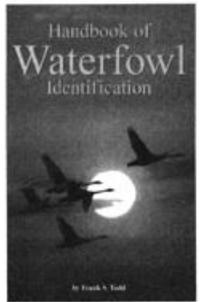
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