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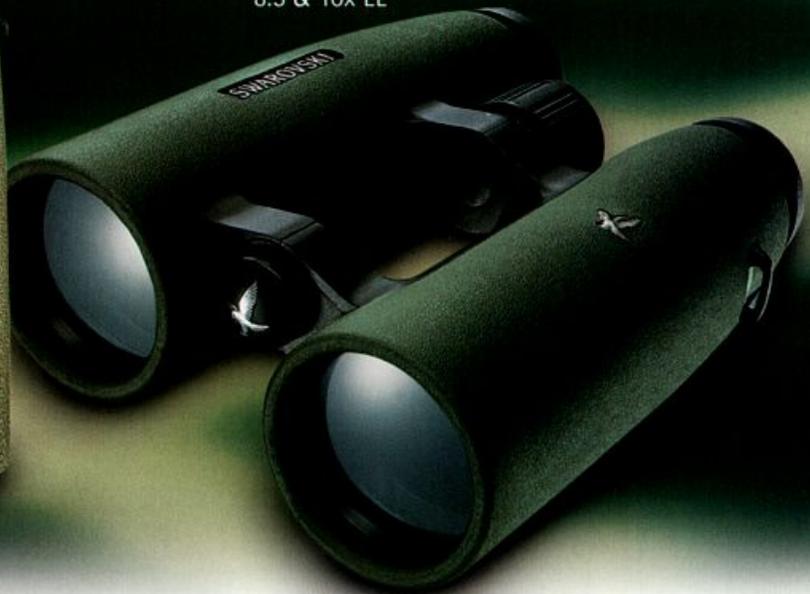
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A first for North America, this Willow Warbler was discovered by Paul Lehman at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska 26 August 2002. This remarkable instance of long-distance vagrancy is considered in various contexts in both the "Changing Seasons" essay and in the lead article. Photograph by George L. Armistead.



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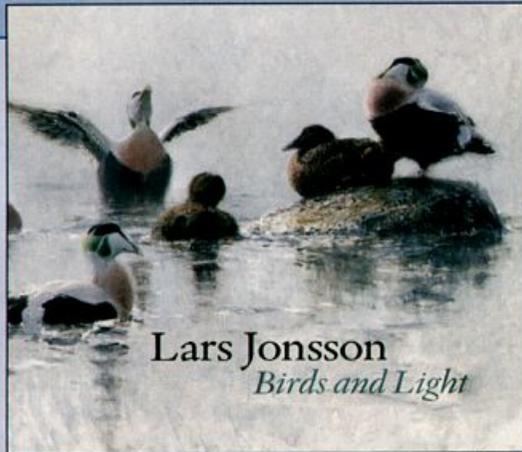
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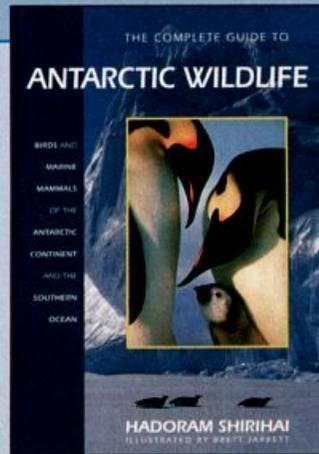


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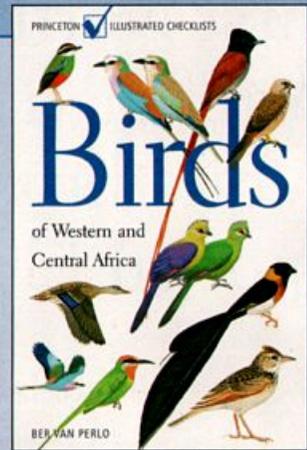
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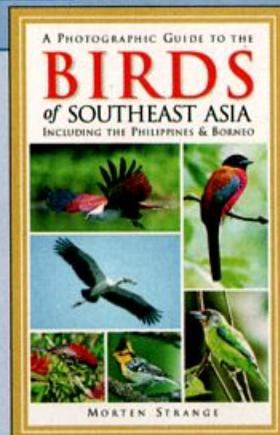
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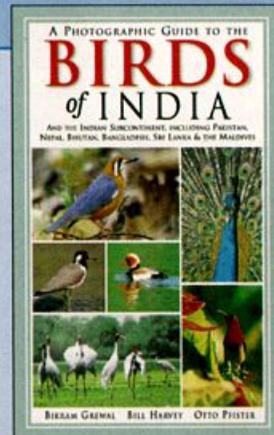
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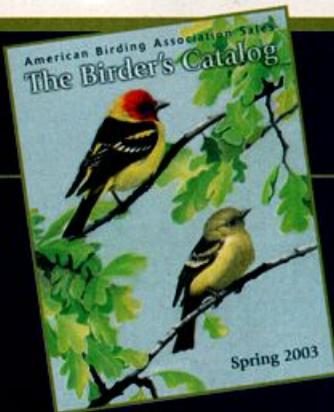
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