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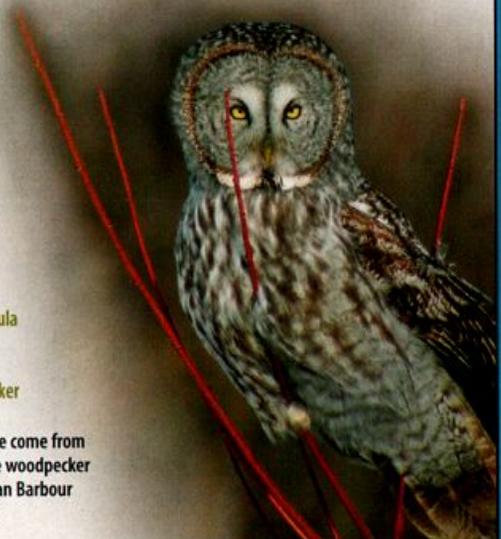
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ON THE COVER: Between February 2004 and February 2005, a half-dozen or more sight reports of Ivory-billed Woodpecker have come from Bayou de View, within the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge just outside of Brinkley, Arkansas. In all of these sightings, the woodpecker has managed to elude cameras and has been seen mostly in flight. Though the bird also refused to sit for a painting, artist Evan Barbour visited the Bayou de View in April 2005 and rendered this watercolor portrait of a male Ivory-billed. *Painting by © Evan Barbour.*





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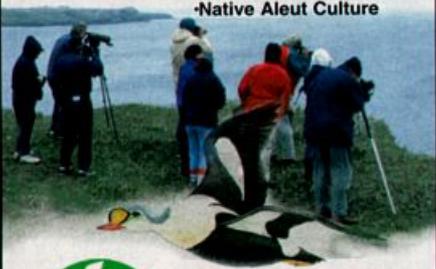
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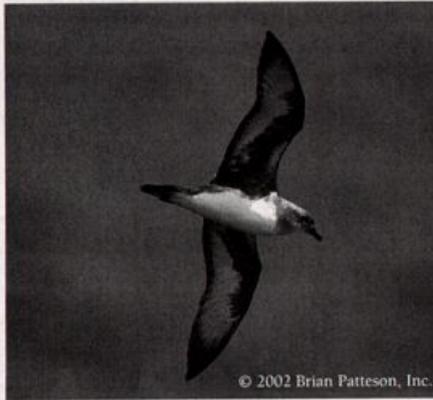


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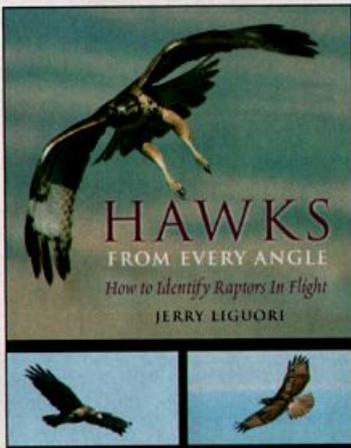
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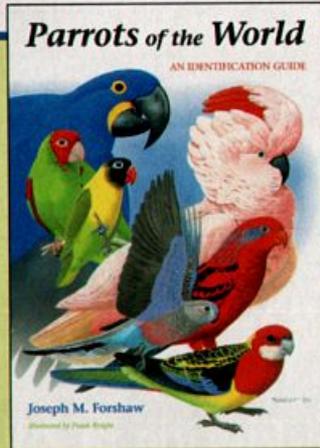
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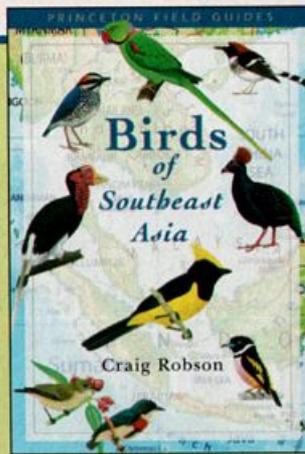
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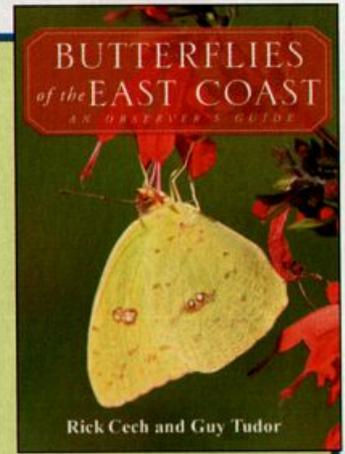
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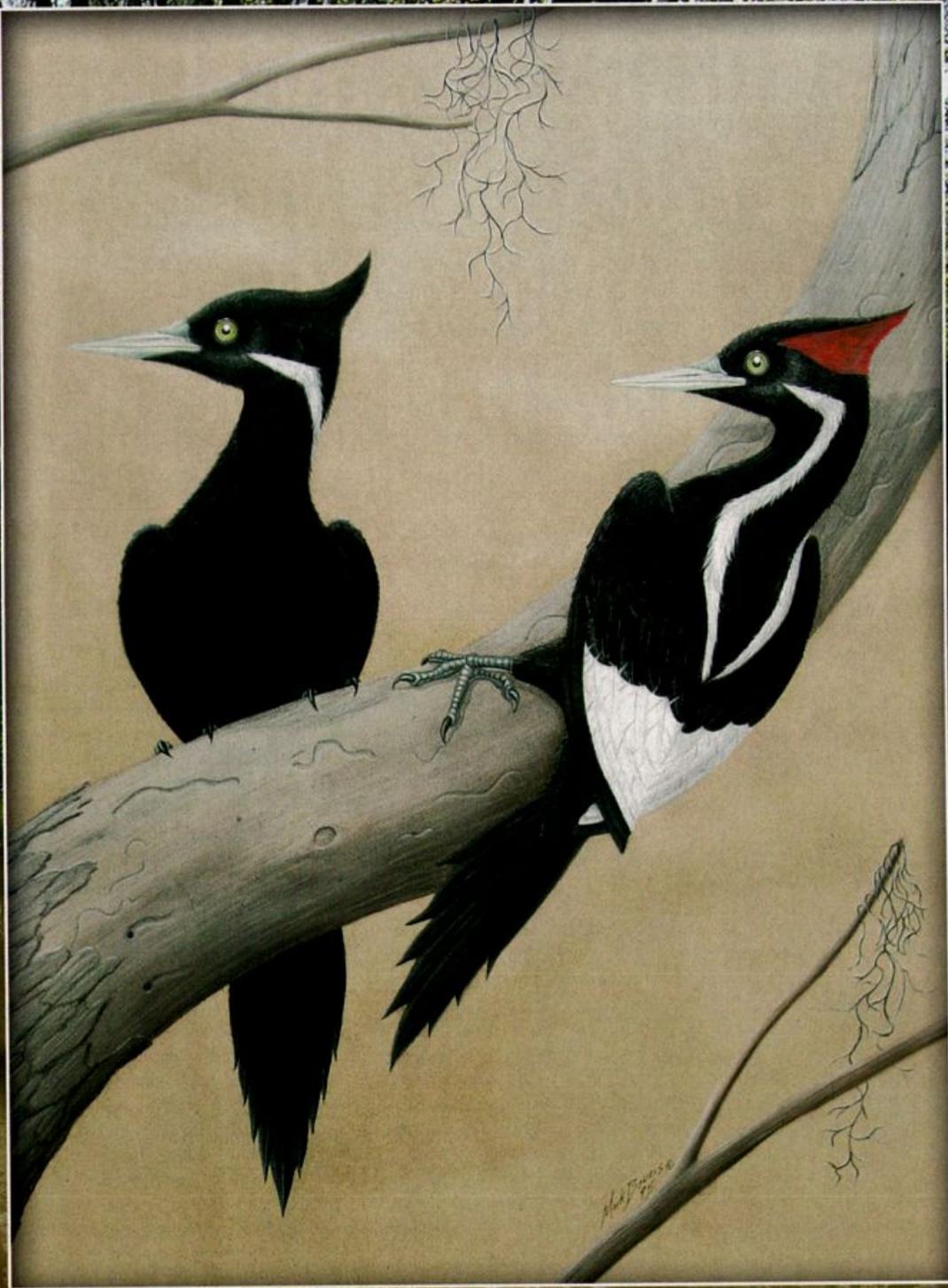


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Owls of the Rocky Mountains

1-6 May 2006

Location:

Charlo, MT

Instructors:

Denver Holt and
Terry McEneaney

Birding by Ear

5-10 June 2006

Location:

White Mountains, NH

Instructor:

Mark Suomala

Pacific Northwest Seabirds

2-8 February 2006

Location:

Coastal Washington State

Instructor:

Dennis Paulson

Field Sketching and Illustration

8-13 May 2006

Location:

Franklin, NC

Instructors:

John and Cathryn Sill

Caribbean Seabirds

18-24 June 2006

Location:

San Salvador, Bahamas

Instructors:

Bill Hayes and
Betty Anne Schreiber

Tropical Bird Ecology

16-23 March 2006

Location:

Chan Chich, Belize

Instructor:

John Kricher

Ornithology for Birders

16-20 May 2006

Location:

Montreal, Canada

Instructors:

David Bird and
Rodger Titman

Sparrows

26-30 June 2006

Location:

Fort Collins, CO

Instructors:

Jim Rising and
David Beadle

Hummingbirds

30 July-6 August 2006

Location:

Sierra Vista, AZ

Instructors:

Sheri Williamson
and Tom Wood

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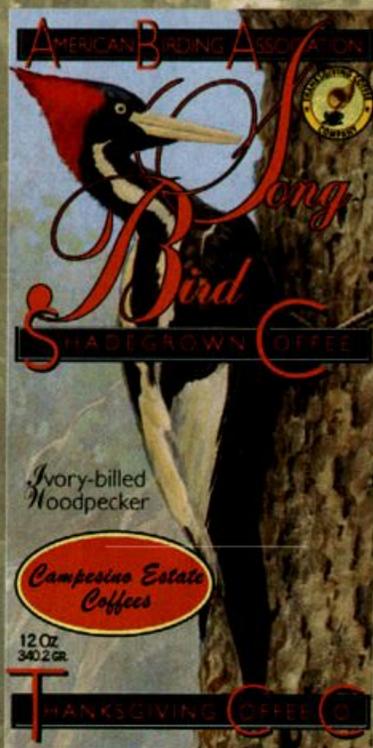
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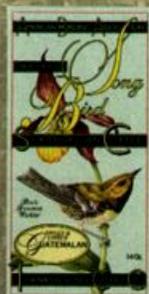
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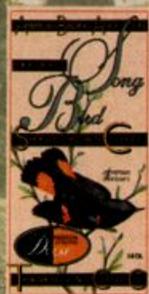
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