

BOOK REVIEWS

the level of detail Rashid has poured into this work, and are reminiscent of the observation-rich descriptions of ornithology books from a century ago: “Catching a Fledgling Off Guard,” “Interaction Between Neighbors,” “The Male Provides for the Family,” “Trapping Boreal Owls.” This is a non-standard book, but with ample published literature cited throughout, mixed in with Rashid’s hard-won personal observations from nights afieled.

One might ask for an editor to tidy things up in terms of organization, such as standardizing sections across species accounts, but to me, that would rob the book of heart (*Birds of the World* it’s not!). I would urge anyone studying nesting birds or breeding ecology to give this a read, if only to enjoy the stories and artwork of a master field biologist.

When I visited Scott this past summer, I asked for advice finding nests of another small owl that was occupying my own thoughts lately—the Western Screech Owl. “Find the right tree. Then just keep visiting until an owl shows up.” Oh, right. I was doing it in reverse. I bought the book.

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