

BIRD EXPLORER

New bird identification book

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As I write this, it is a quiet time for birding, but the exciting autumn season is upon us when locally raised young birds show up and the first wave of migratory birds arrive on the coast. There is one exception: When looking for Western and Clark's Grebes on our freshwater lakes these days, you may

be lucky to see some young riding on their parents' backs. All that paddling makes the chicks tired, so they take a break—very cute as the photo shows.

There is good news for those of you who want to take birding to another level. A new bird identification book that covers our region—with

excellent photographs, I might add—has been published by the Seattle Audubon Society and the University of Washington Press in the US, under the title *Birds of the Pacific Northwest*, and simultaneously in Canada by Heritage House Publishing, titled *Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest*.

Not only are photographs of mine included, but also those of other top bird photographers in the Pacific Northwest.

New information and research make it necessary to publish new bird books and update old ones. (Do not discard your old birding books, though—they may become valuable for their date of publication and artwork.) This new book is especially exciting because the range maps are very up-to-date and the descriptions are short and concise with abundant scientific information.

Since we all have a camera in our smartphones these days, it is becoming more fun to capture images of birds. So I want to encourage everyone to build a library of personal bird sightings through the use of the photographic guide book described here or other bird identification books available from bookstores and libraries. Good birding.

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Photos courtesy of Peter J. Thiemann flickr photo stream.



New bird identification book published by the Seattle Audubon Society is available on its website at seattleaudubon.org.



This Clark's Grebe parent gives a ride to its young.

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for Cantrall Buckley Park**

- Power snake drain-clearing tool that Rick needs to clear water and sewage lines.
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