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WHEN YOU SEE AN UNFAMILIAR BIRD:

1. Try to figure out which group it belongs to. (Hint: in defining these groups, a bird's *shape* is usually more important than its colors.)
2. Go to that section of the book. Find the pictures that match best.
3. Check the range map for the bird you've picked, to see if it's likely.
4. Read the text for that bird to get further information.



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QUICK KEY TO THE RANGE MAPS

Colors on the maps show where a bird may be found at each season:

There are only three colors to remember: red for summer, blue for winter, gray for migration. For more details, see page 14.

