Wauer brings to this volume a fascination for Mexico and its birds. This enthusiasm is present in every chapter, and makes the book, as I believe was intended, an effective advertisement for Mexican birding. Having visited almost all of the sites that Wauer mentions, his descriptions are accurate, and would indeed be useful to potential visitors. For each site, Wauer provides a nice mixture of anecdotes and bird finding advice, focusing on the species endemic to Mexico. My criticisms are few—the descriptions are a bit dated (with most of Wauer’s visits occurring more than a decade ago) and his term “North American” for migrants from the U.S. and Canada is a bit irritating, given that Mexico is geographically part of North America. Regardless, this book will prove a worthy read for birders interested in visiting Mexico.

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Some birding guidebooks are meant to be taken along on trips and referred to for minute details: where to turn off the main road, where to stay the night, or even where to seek particular species. This book is different. I am not certain that I would take it along on a trip, as it is not intended to be that type of guidebook; rather, it is meant to be read before a trip, to get an idea of what awaits at a site.