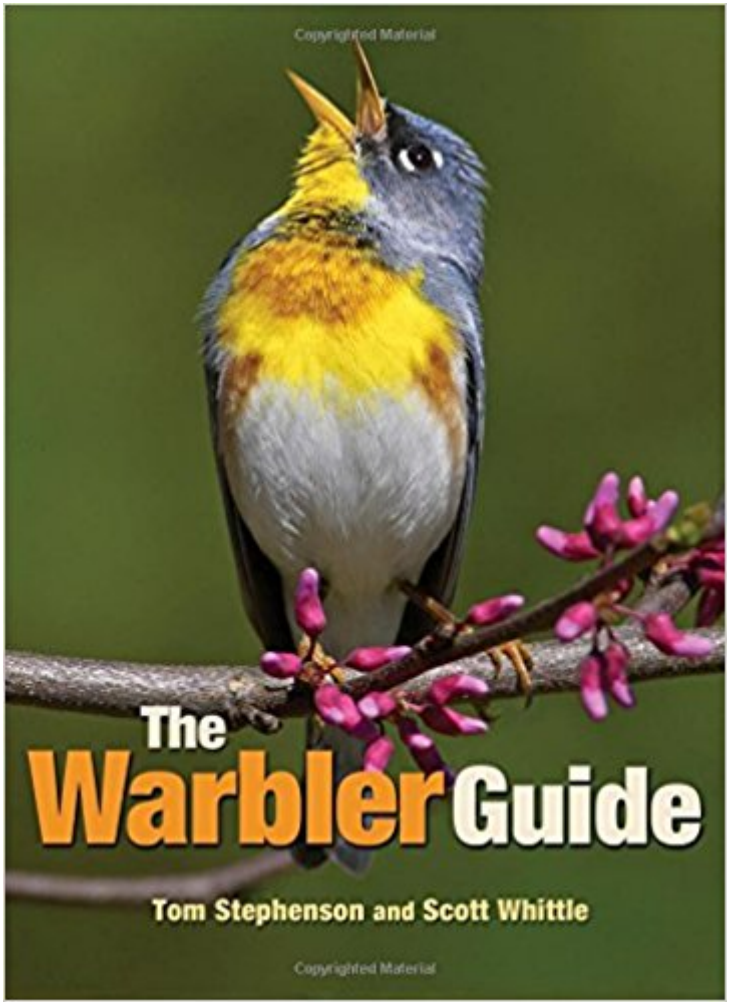
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As a Warbler guide you need not look any further, this is the guide you need to have. The guide is beautifully put together with pictures,charts,diagrams and engaging text. This guide will become the warble guide that all other guides are measured by. I recommend purchasing The Warbler Guide Song and Call Companion: This companion file set for the book contains all of the vocalizations covered by the book, over 1,000 files, presented in the exact page-by-page order as they occur in the text. All of the songs and calls ofeach master species, as well as the comparison species, are presented in book order. All vocalizations in the Song and Chip and Flight Call Finders are included

as are the examples in the chapters "Understanding Sonograms", "How To Listen To Warbler Songs", and "Learning Chip and Flight Calls".The modern birding library should now start with The Crosssley ID Guide and The Warbler Guide and then add the classic "must have" guides.Many thanks to Tom Stephenson and Scott Whittle.

Astonishing in its depth, beautiful in its presentation, this book is the best book published on warblers. It is quite enjoyable to read and leaf through. It is a thorough, comprehensive guide to identifying and appreciating warblers. I am now looking forward to the Fall Migration!

I purchased this book because it’s really hard for me to distinguish one bird from another, especially the small ones that never stand still. But this book is amazingly detailed. I barely had it for a week when I used it to determine that I saw a couple of Black-Throated Gray Warblers. I thought that I was looking at Black-and-White Warblers, but the book informed me that it was the wrong time and place for them. I’m not sure that I’ll be able to memorize this book, but I plan on using it often. A collection of MP3 files would have been even more useful to me instead of the graphical song descriptions, but those calls are found online at enough places.I hope that the authors write a book like this for the various little brown birds that are out there.

Very nice guide with photos from all different angles and a lot of discussion to help you figure out which bird is which. I especially like the quick-finder guides near the beginning of the book: face view, side view, 45-degree view, underneath view, spring view, fall view--it’s all here. You just find the bird or birds that "your" bird might be in the quick-finder pages, then turn to the main section for that bird or birds to see if you’ve identified the right one. In the main sections for each bird, there are sections for "if it’s not this one, then what else could it be?" There also are sections describing the vocalizations of the birds, but I can’t read human music, much less bird music, so I have no idea whether these descriptions would be helpful for someone capable of making sense of the notations. This is a substantial book printed on quality paper and filled with quality photos. No slop here!

Of all the bird books I own including all compilations and books on specific species, this has to be the best. Well organized, incredible detail, superb photos including details on song patterns and side by side comparisons of similar warblers. it’s rather easy to tell this book was put together with much planing and thought. Well crafted in every respect.I’m not sure how much better it can get than this. The only thing I can think of that would be missing is a sound CD such as the one that came with

the Stokes Birds book. That would have made a great companion however most if not all of these bird sounds can be found on the publc web site Xeno Canto.This book is a must for any Warbler lover.

Preface: I am a newer/amateur birder, been birding about 2 years and I love books with photos! This guide is AWESOME! I have had many ID questions I've posted to sites, that this book could have answered. I can not believe the amount of information packed into this guide, a must have for anyone serious about Warblers! The 4 pages of angeled-views, I mean, it shows every bird one one page-looking up, looking at a 45 angle, from the front, etc. a great quick-reference, or starting point to narrow down the possibilities. I could keep going, but it is a GREAT WARBLER GUIDE!!!!!

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