maps which are conveniently placed on the same plate as the illustration of the species. Maps cover the entire region and are enhanced with river systems and political boundaries. Arrows are sometimes used to highlight very small or isolated populations, but unfortunately these arrows are so small as to be largely ineffective. General ranges of each subspecies are also indicated, although the authors caution that in most cases these are not well known.

In summary, this guide is extremely well thought out. I find that the book combines some of the best elements from a wide variety of field guides, while leaping forward with its recognition of the importance of subspecies and regional diversity, and its outstanding depictions of variation in plumages. This clearly represents a new generation of bird guides. I congratulate the authors, especially the senior author and illustrator Robin Restall, on a landmark publication that will advance ornithology and conservation in our region and beyond.—STEVEN C. LATTA, *National Aviary, Allegheny Commons West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, USA; e-mail: steven.latta@aviary.org.*

RECENT ORNITHOLOGICAL LITERATURE FROM THE CARIBBEAN

With this issue of *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* we are introducing a new column that will summarize recent ornithological literature from the Caribbean basin. Each article that appears in this column will include a full citation, usually a short summary of the main theme of the paper, and when possible, an e-mail address or website where a pdf of the article can be requested. We invite readers of the JCO to alert our compiler, Steven Latta, to other articles that should be highlighted in this section. We would also like to include here any unpublished theses, or other reports that may be difficult to find in more universally available abstract services. Our hope is that by providing these summaries we will increase the exchange of knowledge among Caribbean ornithologists and conservationists.–STEVEN C. LATTA, *National Aviary, Allegheny Commons West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, USA;* e-mail: *steven.latta@aviary.org.*

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