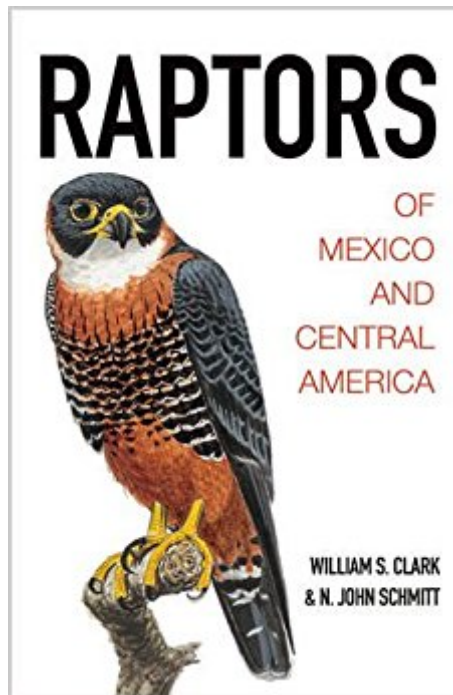




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The essential field guide to the raptors of Mexico and Central America. Raptors are among the most challenging birds to identify in the field due to their bewildering variability of plumage, flight silhouettes, and behavior. *Raptors of Mexico and Central America* is the first illustrated guide to the region's 69 species of raptors, including vagrants. It features 32 stunning color plates and 213 color photos, and a distribution map for each regularly occurring species. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features, age-related plumages, status and distribution, subspecies, molt, habitats, behaviors, potential confusion species, and more. *Raptors of Mexico and Central America* is the essential field guide to this difficult bird group and the ideal travel companion for anyone visiting this region of the world. Covers all 69 species of raptors found in Mexico and Central America. Features 32 color plates and hundreds of color photos. Provides multiple illustrations of each species. Depicts and describes variations in plumage by individual, morph, age, and region. Describes behavior, food preferences, hunting strategies, vocalizations, and molt. Covers rare and extralimital species. Includes distribution maps and flight silhouettes.

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Wonderful illustrations by John Schmit. William Clark's text is very informative & accurate as to be expected. A great book.

Raptors, as the families of New World Vultures; Hawks, Eagles and Kites, as well as Falcons are collectively known can often present some ID challenges as they soar high overhead, especially with juvenile and moulting plumages. The region that this guide encompasses covers a vast range of these species and is a combination of guide and reference and both done beautifully. The first section of the book is essential a field guide with thirty-two plates of exceptionally crafted illustrations on the right and text on the left in traditional style. After these plates comes the species accounts with many fantastic photos of the species along with much more in depth text. The introduction is fairly standard with how to use the book and how the text and plates operate. The section of plates covers two to three species per plate with many illustrations of flight, juvenile, adult and resting positions. The facing text page covers a brief introduction of the species and descriptions of each of the plumages with each plumage numbered and lettered for easy reference. The species accounts section follows a somewhat traditional style with more detailed text on Identification, taxonomy and geographical variation, similar species, status and distribution, habitat, behavior, molt, description, fine points, unusual plumages, hybrids and etymology. Each with a range map but the break from traditional type guides is that there are many photographs included within these pages. Now photos are nothing new for a guide but including them with the text is refreshing and adds a lot to the work. Overall this is an impressive work and well thought out with very good plates and species accounts. For anyone visiting this area of with an interest in raptors this is an essential book to have in one's library. Considering the variation in these species this will also help to answer some of the more complex ID questions.

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