

## BOOK REVIEW

making this book more “user friendly.” However, the authors correctly surmise that the more advanced birders will enjoy the “collection of new photographs of the many interesting and sometimes rare or unexpected birds species.”

Further details on the occurrence of these rare species, along with a more technical summary on the avifauna of Mustique, were recently published in the previous issue of this journal (Paice and Speirs 2010).—FLOYD E. HAYES, *Department of*

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