

## Book notices

THORNTON, B. and THORNTON, V. (1999).

*Chasing warblers*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 148pp, US\$40 hb, US\$19.95 pb.

The wood warblers (Parulidae) of North America excite interest on both sides of the Atlantic. This book describes the adventures of the authors in photographing all of the 52 species which nest in the United States. The photographs are stunning.

JOHNSGARD, P. A. (1999).

*Earth water and sky: a naturalist's stories and sketches*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 169pp. US\$35 hb, US\$15.95 pb.

A collection of 22 essays, illustrated by the author, the majority dealing with game-birds and waterfowl. They have been published before, mostly in natural history magazines, but this is a welcome collection of evocative writings. An excellent Xmas stocking-filler for that long, raucous Millennium break to come.

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