IDENTIFICATION GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS. PART II. By Peter Pyle. Slate Creek Press, Point Reyes Station, California, USA. 2008: 835 pages, 556 illustrations. ISBN: 978-0-96189-404-7. $62.38 (paper).—The much anticipated publication of Part II completes the Identification Guide, which is a handbook to the identification, and classification of males/females and age for species nesting and regularly occurring in the continental United States and Canada. Part II contains information on birds from waterfowl through alcids as doves through passerines were included in Pyle 1997: Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part I (Slate Creek Press; Point Reyes Station, CA, USA). The core of Part II is the species accounts, which includes criteria for classification of males/females and age, and description of molt timing and extent. Molt terminology follows Howell et al. (2003. The First Basic problem: a review of molt and plumage homologies, Condor 105:635–653).

Part II begins with an initial overview of bird topography, measurements, molt and molt limits, and techniques for classification of males/females and age. A brief description of how to use the book follows with guidance on how to understand and use the information, and how bird banders should use the data in this volume. Accounts follow for 310 species containing 276 subspecies. The species accounts in Part II follow the basic format of Part I with information in each account.