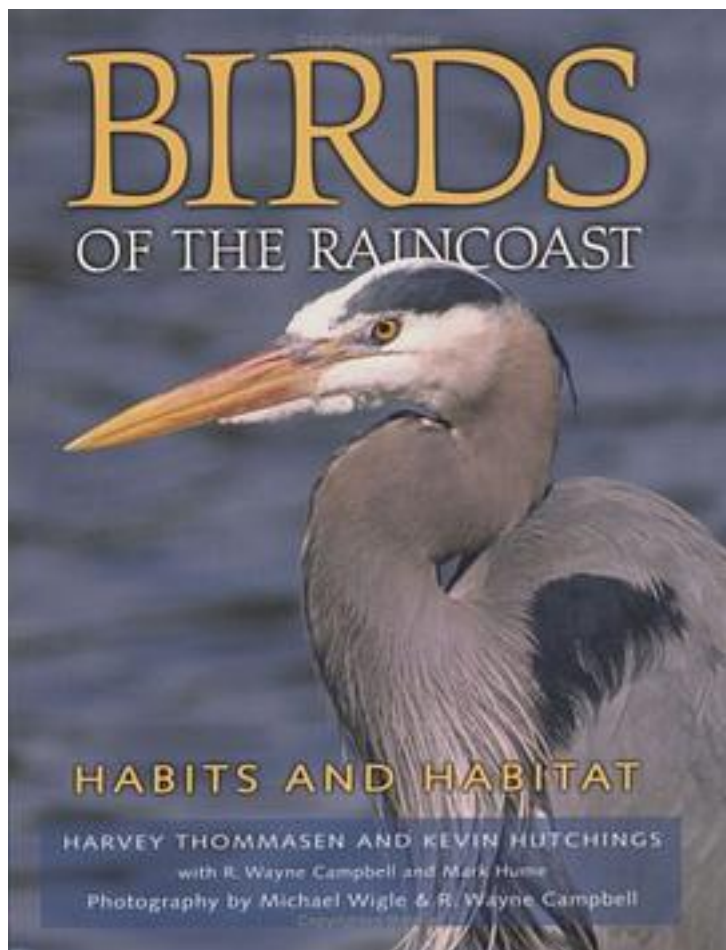


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* Did you know the American redstart turns its eggs every eight minutes to ensure the developing bird stays warm on allsides?* Did you know the female bufflehead, the smallest of all waterfowl in North America, weighs less than a pound, or only 325

grams? The largest waterfowl, the trumpeter swan, weighs over 30 pounds or 13.6 kilograms.* Did you know that birds that spend a lot of their lives on the ocean can drink seawater? They have large glands nestled between their eyes that remove excess salt from the blood.* Did you know at least 32 species of birds are known to eat snakes? Even the American robin has been seen feeding young garter snakes to its babies. "Birds of the Raincoast" represents the next step in West Coast bird books, a treasury of exceptional, large-format photographs with an informative text that moves beyond simple identification to probe deeper into the lives of our feathered friends. It examines birds in their environments, noting what they do, and where and when they can be found. In an engaging, familiar style enlivened by the authors' personal experience and highlighted with intriguing facts by renowned bird biologist Wayne Campbell, "Birds of the Raincoast" is an indispensable tool not just for learning how to find coastal birds, but also for gaining an understanding of their natural history.

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