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The pictures in our inaugural issue are by Rick Wright.



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The gorgeous zebra-striped male of the barred antshrike was described in 1764 by Linnaeus. It took 28 years, though, for the equally striking but very different female to make it into print, when she was described as an entirely separate species. Not until 1805 were the two recognized as the male and female of a single species: Félix de Azara, in his explorations of Paraguay, observed a nest of these birds, noting carefully that the streaked white eggs were incubated in turn by a black-and-white individual and a rusty one. Mystery solved.

Female Barred Antshrike



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Southwest Wings

