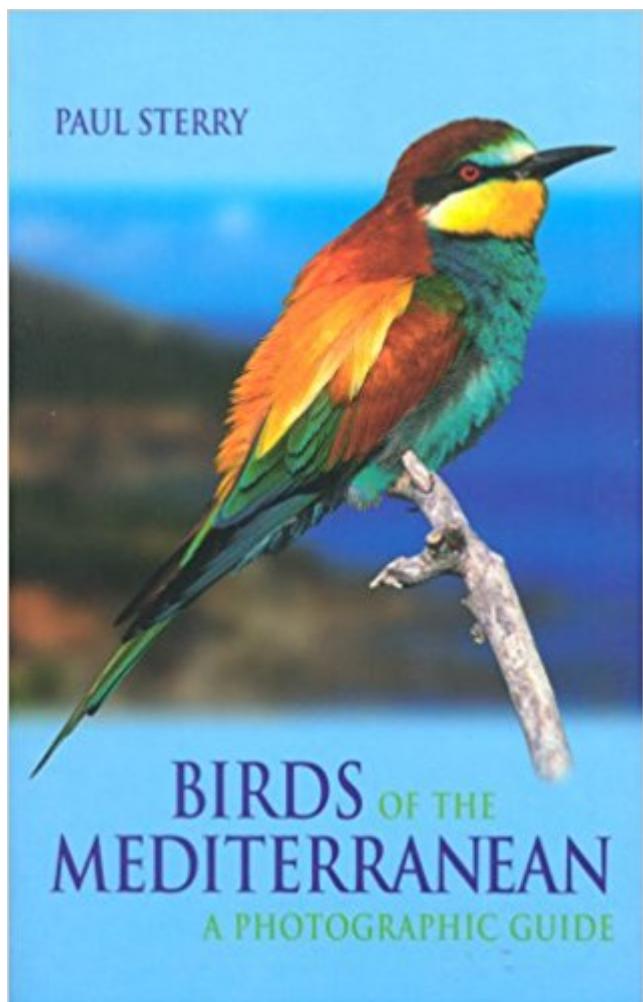


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pipits are especially crammed. With all the photos available, I would have benefitted if there was just one photo that compared the ventral side of the shearwaters while using this book near Turkey. The one-paragraph text is both concise and potent, giving the necessary descriptions for the bird and to separate it from similar species. Very brief mention is given to the habitat and even more scant attention is given to the vocalizations. This proved to be a weakness when I was listening to a mostly-hidden Olivaceous Warbler. The range maps use three colors to distinguish the seasonal presence and, despite their small size (1.5 x 2.5cm), are effective since the boundaries of all the Mediterranean countries are shown. If you're visiting the coastal areas of the Mediterranean, you'll find this book to be very useful. It covers the breeders and most of the expected migrants. I'll still advise you to also carry one of the European guides (specifically, Mularney's or Jonsson's) for the more detailed and varied illustrations along with the superior in-depth text. I've listed several related books below...

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