



Quote from Roger Tory Peterson

“A drawing can do much more than a photograph to emphasize the field marks. A photograph is a record of a fleeting instant; a drawing is a composite of the artist’s experience. The artist can edit out, show field marks to best advantage, and delete unnecessary clutter. He can choose position and stress basic color and pattern unmodified by transitory light and shade. A photograph is subject to the vagaries of color temperature, make of film, time of day, angle of view, skill of the photographer and just plain luck. The artist has more options and far more control even though he may use photographs for reference... Whereas a photograph can have a living immediacy a good drawing is really more instructive.”

—*R T Peterson, A Field Guide to The Birds: Eastern and Central North America.*

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