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#### **About the Author**

Roger Tory Peterson, one of the world's greatest naturalists, received every major award for ornithology, natural science, and conservation as well as numerous honorary degrees, medals, and citations, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Peterson Identification System has been called the greatest invention since binoculars. These editions include updated material by Michael O'Brien, Paul Lehman, Bill Thompson III, Michael DiGiorgio, Larry Rosche, and Jeffrey A. Gordon.

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GRAY CATBIRD *Dumetella carolinensis* (p. 248) Disk 1: track 2: time 3:56 Habitat: Dense thickets and undergrowth. This bird often sings from its preferred habitat and thus stays out of sight. Voice: Song a disjointed medley of harsh, squeaky, and nasal phrases with occasional sweet notes. Each phrase is normally given only once. Call note: A harsh, catlike meeoow; also a harsh, crackling series of notes.

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