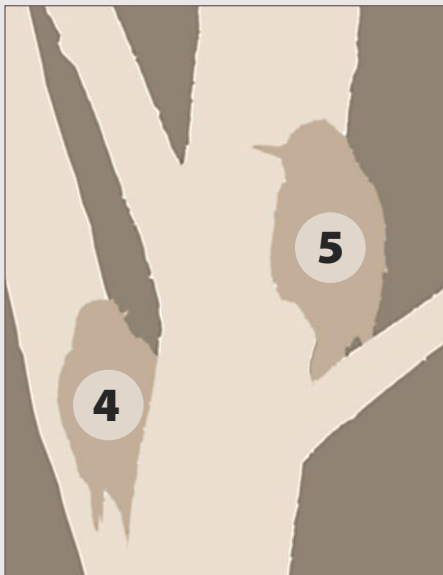




## About the Cover Art

Our cover illustration by Jennifer Brumfield depicts variation in the *Sphyrapicus varius* complex, now known to comprise the following three species: Yellow-bellied, Red-naped, and Red-breasted Sapsuckers. Each of the three species exhibits intrinsic variation, complicated by the fact that all possible hybrid pairings have been documented. Jennifer's illustration is based on the following "real" models:



1. Left: Probable Yellow-bellied × Red-breasted Sapsucker hybrid from Douglas County, Kansas. For more details on this bird, see <[staff.jccc.edu/dseibel/RBxYBSA.htm](http://staff.jccc.edu/dseibel/RBxYBSA.htm)>.
2. Center: Possible Red-naped × Red-breasted Sapsucker from Santa Cruz County, California; see <[members.cruzio.com/~cinful/sapsucker.html](http://members.cruzio.com/~cinful/sapsucker.html)>.
3. Right (flap): Bird with at least some Red-naped Sapsucker genetic material (pure? hybrid?), from Holmes County, Ohio; see <[pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/shouldhavebeenhere/my\\_photos](http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/shouldhavebeenhere/my_photos)>.

## About the Plate, p. 43

Jennifer also produced the plate that serves as the frontispiece to Steven G. Mlodinow, Jessie H. Barry, and Cameron D. Cox's article on "Variation in Red-naped and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers", pp. 42–51. The individuals depicted in the frontispiece are as follows:

4. Left: Red-naped × Red-breasted Sapsucker from Yolo County, California; see <[surfbirds.com/blogs/rjhall/archives/001518.html](http://surfbirds.com/blogs/rjhall/archives/001518.html)>.
5. Right: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker from Lucas County, Ohio, with an aberrant wash of red on the nape; see <[ohiobirds.org/news.php?News\\_ID=190](http://ohiobirds.org/news.php?News_ID=190)>.