

Updating your Pyle I to reflect new moult terminology ...

The following is the last paragraph in Peter Pyle's article ...

Pyle, P. 2004. New terminology will help you understand molt. MAPS Chat 7. The Institute for Bird Populations, Point Reyes Station, CA. Available from:

https://www.birdpop.org/docs/misc/MAPS_Chat_Spring_2004.pdf

But now I'm hearing a new lament: "how can we teach molt to beginners when the Identification Guide uses the old terminology?" I recommend that banders 1) scratch out "first prebasic" and replace it with "preformative", and 2) change the first line under molt from, for example, "PB: HY partial... AHY complete" to "PF: HY partial..., PB: AHY complete." There is no need to change "Juvenal" to "First basic" as, under the new system, these terms are interchangeable, "Juvenal" remaining as previously defined. These steps will greatly help you understand molt and, thus, accurately age your birds.

You should also download the Errata and make changes in your book:

https://birdpop.org/docs/misc/Pyle_Guide_Errata11907.pdf