Birds of Europe Lars Svensson

Excellent reference. It answered questions this American had

Moving to Europe, most of the flora and fauna are new to me. This book helped me figure out the identity of a number of birds I see every day: crows, wrens, sparrows, magpies and others. It confirmed the identity of water birds: coots, egrets, great blue herons and of course mallards. And though I have yet to see one, it let me know for sure that I have heard a European cookoo. Well done. Good diagrams, distribution maps, and descriptions of habits and appearance.