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though avid in the pursuit of birds As a birder myself, ~~albeit not as dedicated a one as Charlton Ogburn, but~~ ^{likewise} whose interest in birds also began before the age of eleven, they ~~therefore~~ ^{too,} have for me ~~an intrinsic appeal and similar~~ irresistable appeal.

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