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I typically use this method, though not necessarily in this order. I have an excel file with all of the characteristics, and use the "sort" function extensively.

Generally, the characteristics I use first are:

1. Plain vs. mottled wing
2. Absent, small, or large hind wing.
3. Number of tails.

That gets me down to a workable half dozen or so genuses. Then decide between em by size, color, etc.