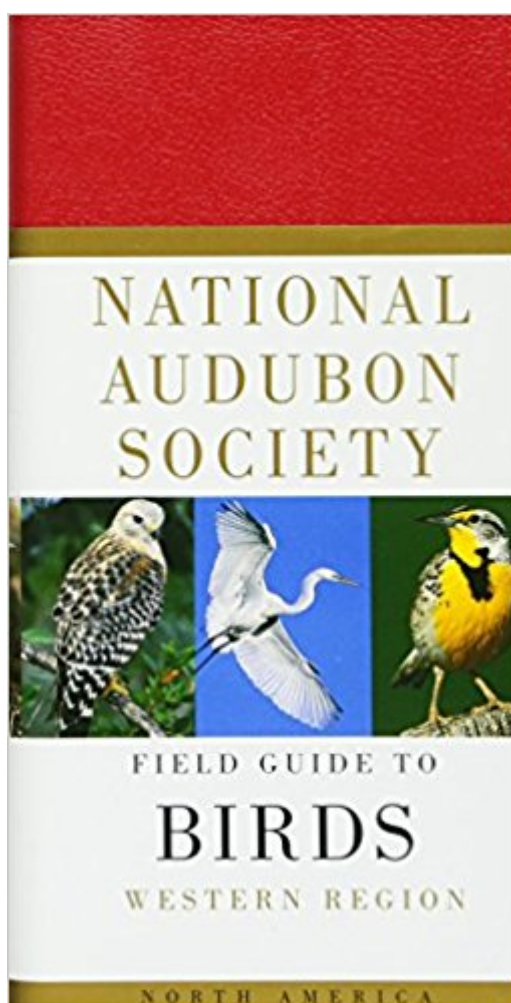


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National Audubon Society Field Guide To North American Birds, Western Region



Synopsis

The bestselling photographic field guide--a birding bible for more than four million enthusiasts. Virtually every bird found in western North America is brought to life in this portable guide, an essential companion in the field and a staple in any birdwatcher's library. It features a durable vinyl binding and brilliant full-color photographic identification pictures arranged for quick access and definitive text, including information on the bird's voice, nesting habits, habitat, range, and interesting behaviors. Accompanying range maps; overhead flight silhouettes; sections on bird-watching, accidental species, and endangered birds make the National Audubon Society's Field Guide to North American Birds the most comprehensive available. Note: the Eastern Edition generally covers states east of the Rocky Mountains, while the Western Edition covers the Rocky Mountain range and all the states to the west of it.

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A favorite of birdwatchers (especially those who prefer photographs to illustrations), this field guide, revised for 2000, accounts for the 544 bird species that live in the region west of the Great Plains. The clearly printed color photographs capture birds at rest and in flight; preceded by black-and-white silhouettes, the plates are organized by visually based, intuitive categories--"hawk-like birds," "pigeon-like birds," and "perching birds," for example--that make on-the-fly identification a fairly simple matter. The images are matched by clearly written text that describes a given bird, gives an approximation of its voice, and details its habitat, range, nests, and

behavior. Sized to fit in a jacket or backpack pocket, this is a valuable companion for any birding outing in the region. --Gregory McNamee

Introduced in 1977 and completely revised in 1994, these bestselling photographic field guides have become the birding bibles of more than four million enthusiasts. Virtually every bird found in North America is brought to life in a full-color photograph and with textual information on the bird's voice, nesting habits, habitat, range, and interesting behaviors. Accompanying range maps; overhead flight silhouettes; sections on bird-watching, accidental species, and endangered birds make these the most comprehensive field guides to birds available. Note: the Western Edition covers the Rocky Mountain range and all the states to the west of it, while the Eastern Edition generally covers states east of the Rocky Mountains.

I have used a copy of this book for quite a few years. I use it in conjunction with a couple other bird books, since it can be difficult to identify a bird from one resource alone. So, when an occasion arose to buy a bird book for a gift, this was the one I chose. The clear photographs and in-depth written descriptions, plus info on habitat, range, etc. make it very helpful. I also like the soft leather-like cover.

One of the best bird identification books out there. The beautiful photos alone are worth the purchase. The descriptions are very clear and it was the first time we were able to identify some specific species of birds that are so closely related to one another. Now instead of saying, "I saw a hawk," I can say, "I saw a zone-tailed hawk."

Pictures are dark and dated - this hasn't been updated since 1994. Waaaay overdue for a refresh and better photos.

Gift for my new bird watching daughter. I have had mine for over 20 years and it's great book for all levels of birders

Just what I was looking for...a guide with photos and excellent descriptions!

Photos are of good quality. I like the way plates are grouped with similar looking birds, which is good for comparison. However, because plates are all in a separate section from descriptive information,

it is cumbersome leaf back and forth, particularly when comparing similar birds - frequently jumping from two plates which may be together, but to two other separate reference pages for description information. I would prefer to have the descriptive information near the plates (even if the birds are different families), as well as prefer descriptive information pages to be of a higher mil. Good as a reference, but hard to use in field.

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Great product and service love it

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