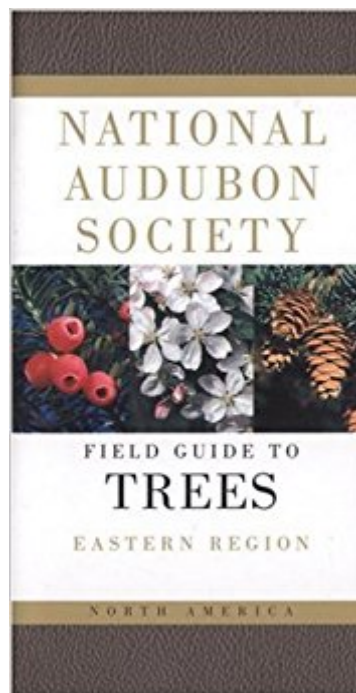




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Audubon Society Field Guide To North American Trees: Eastern Region



Synopsis

The most comprehensive field guide available to the trees of North America's eastern region--a must-have for any enthusiast's day pack or home library--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. Nearly 700 species of trees are detailed in beautiful, full-color photographs of leaf shape, bark, flowers, fruit, and fall leaves, and accompanied by an informative text. Both compact and comprehensive, this is the ideal companion for beginner and advanced tree-peepers alike. 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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Customer Reviews

For the untrained observer, it can be quite a challenge to sort out the many trees that make up a stand of older forest in, say, New England or the Ozarks. This well-illustrated guidebook, covering 364 species, comes to the rescue with photographs organized in several ways: by, for example, the shape of the leaf or needle, by the fruit, by the flower or cone, and by autumn coloration. Following one visible characteristic or another, the reader can narrow the range of possibilities, then turn to an informative text that describes a tree's physical characteristics, habitat, and range. Many of the species covered are relatively rare, such as the "stinking cedar" of the Georgia-Florida border; others are locally abundant, such as the paper birch of the boreal forest, used to make ice-cream sticks; still others, such as the smooth sumac, are widespread. The guidebook also covers ornamentals introduced from other continents, such as the Chinese privet and Mahaleb cherry.

--Gregory McNamee

Tree peepers everywhere will enjoy these two guides which explore the incredible environment of our country's forests-including seasonal features, habitat, range, and lore. Nearly 700 species of trees are detailed in photographs of leaf shape, bark, flowers, fruit, and fall leaves -- all can be quickly accessed making this the ideal field guide for any time of year. 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.

Whenever I feel nostalgic for the New England hills where I grew up, I sit with this little book for a while. Browsing its pages never fails to bring back the days when life was so simple that a walk in the forest was all you needed to feel like the world was a beautiful place. This handy-sized guide has a wealth of full-color illustrations that are organized in a user-friendly way. If it provided better illustrations of tree bark and branch structure (for winter identification) I would have given it five stars. Also, the plastic covers make it practical for outdoor use but the edges are sharp and can do with a trim of duct tape. Well worth the price - all the Audubon books in this series are useful and they hold up well over time and use. Besides collecting them myself, I give them as gifts to nature-loving family & friends.

Great book, as with all NAS books. Some of the reviews state that its hard to flip between the pictures and the text information in the back. I don't know if it's just because I grew up with these books or what, but I actually like that part of it. It's very easy to reference an image based on its grouping. Once it is identified, and you want more information, flip to the back and read up. Good sized book for your pack if you are going out for the day, and a nice durable cover as well. In my opinion, these books are classic. I've always had them around the house even when I was little.

Last year I was conducting field work in forests within the eastern US, so this year I decided to purchase this guide to help with tree identification as it is a necessary component of my job. My favorite part about this guide is the photographs of each tree species, as well as the illustrations and descriptions that go along with them. There is just a wealth of images and information to find here in such a compact book. I can go to this guide for reference and verification and it generally points me in the right direction. I take it with me every time I go out into the field now.

For decades these have been so beautifully done, informative and concise. Finding what you want is easy because each volume includes several ways to look things up. A great addition to our usual online resources. The plastic cover is worthwhile protection from the damp and mud outdoors, and from general wear. Other volumes in this series are just as beautiful and useful.

This book was the perfect gift for relatives we visited in Rhode Island in June. It answered many of the questions we had while walking around the heavily wooded neighborhood.

An very good book for reference. Split into 2 sections: photos in front and narrative description behind that.

The arborist that comes to our house once a year recommended this book, as we have many different trees and my husband wanted to know all the different types on our property. The book is very thorough and shows pictures of trees, bark and leaves. I definitely recommend this book as a good go to reference.

This book is exactly what I was looking for. My husband wanted to be able to identify trees by the bark and leaf/flowers. This book shows it all with nice colored photographs. There is a reference to more information in the back of the book. It is probably more detailed than he will ever need, but it is nice to know it is there. He will have lots of fun identifying trees in our backyard.

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