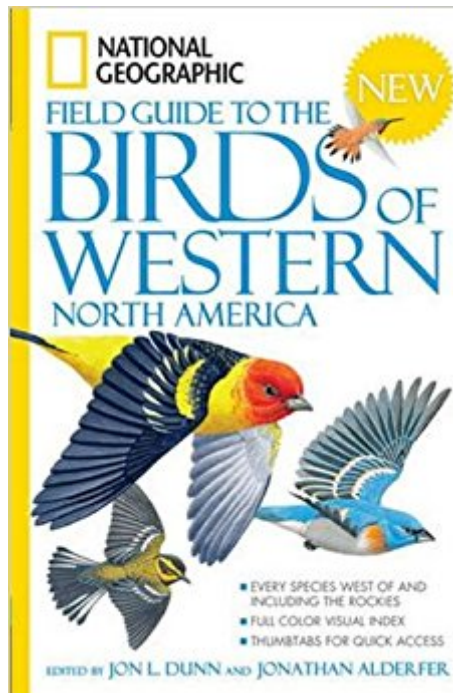




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National Geographic Field Guide To The Birds Of Western North America



Synopsis

New enthusiasts are flocking in record numbers to the fascinating pastime of birding. National Geographic has been meeting their need for clear and accurate information for 25 years with our million-selling Field Guide to the Birds of North America. Now, to better serve the expanding market, we've customized our field-guide format to offer unique coverage for birders east or west of the Rocky Mountains. These new volumes deliver in-depth information on every bird officially recorded in the specified area, with illustrated accounts of the different plumages and life stages, along with hundreds of color-coded range maps. Unique features set these guides apart from the competition and promise to win a new generation of readers: A full-color visual index, printed on the inside covers, makes the content accessible visually; a real boon to beginning and intermediate birders. Annotated artwork highlights birds' key physical features, making identification easier. Thumb-tabs help readers find information fast. Durable covers stand up to outdoor use, with integrated quick-reference flaps that double as place-markers. Field Guide to the Birds of Western North America offers 750 regular species, 600 new range maps, 100 casual and accidental birds, and 55 rarities.

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I think this is a great bird identification book for my needs. I am a beginner to intermediate bird watcher and I previously owned the Sibley bird guide. I like that this book has multiple similar bird species on the same page, I find this to be very helpful for me in identification. I think the illustrations are pleasant and clear, the birds are also placed in various natural poses. There is a very brief but good introduction on how to use the guide and what the different parts of a bird are called for use in identification. The size and weight of this book is normal compared to other similar bird guides. I like that there are thumb tabs built into the book, this makes flipping to the right section very easy and quick. I don't think every guide has thumb tabs which in my experience make using a guide at a park or nature preserve much easier. The cover and pages of the book have a nice feel and quality to them. In comparison to the Sibley bird guide I prefer this book. The features that make this book stand out in my opinion are the thumb tabs and the multiple similar bird grouping on a single page. Each available bird guide seems to have a few characteristics that distinguish them from one another. In my opinion this book excels in allowing the user to quickly and easily access the information they need. I was also able to buy a new copy on for nearly half the price of similar guides from a third party seller who also offered prime shipping.

I know nothing about birds other than telling a duck from a sparrow. This book is really illustrative and gives all the information you need to identify birds in your area. There are a lot of pictures and, short and to the point explanations/descriptions. I have nothing to compare this book to but I would recommend.

I am a beginner birdwatcher and I love this book. It is very easy to find the right page. The descriptions, pictures and maps are great. The index is right in front. The cover pages also make the book easy to use. I love this book. It is right next to my chair by the window.

Very good guide book. I prefer Sibley's illustrations, but this book uses darker text ink and a larger font, making it easier to read. The book has lots of info and well detailed maps.

I bought this from as a replacement for my well worn Petersons bird guide. This has to be the new leader in bird ID books. There are several different pics of each bird, the range map is on the same page as the bird and there are easy thumb tabs on the binding for quickly getting to a section. This is clearly the best of the bird books on the market - the format is a little larger than a pocket guide of years ago but the larger size clearly adds to the quality.

All the information you need for birding out west, with a little less bulk. Excellent art -- paintings are to be preferred over photos for ID purposes -- and highly-informative text in the species accounts. By eliminating those species never found west of the Rocky Mtns, the "Western" book has been made almost, though not quite, small enough to fit in a back pocket, and the relatively more compact size does help when in the field with it.

Pros, good pics of different age and gender of bird and LOVE the indexed thumbnail divider...so much easier to find my category while I'm looking at the bird. And the foldouts are great too inside the covers. Con would be heavy for me to carry bird watching, but not more so than other guides. For me I buy the smaller, more specific foldouts for the type of watching I'm doing and leave this one at home.

I have used and own nearly every field guide (for birds) there is, for decades. This is the BEST. You can take it out in the field and identify what you are seeing. That's the point! There are some beautiful guides out there but when you get in the field with them you can't identify what you are seeing, for sure. With this one you can. The art is bright and crisp, and the text adds very helpful information for identifying your bird in question. The size is perfect. I own half a dozen copies, for house, for carrying, for in the vehicle, etc. This is also the field guide I give as gifts to friends and family who express interest on birds. BUY IT!

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