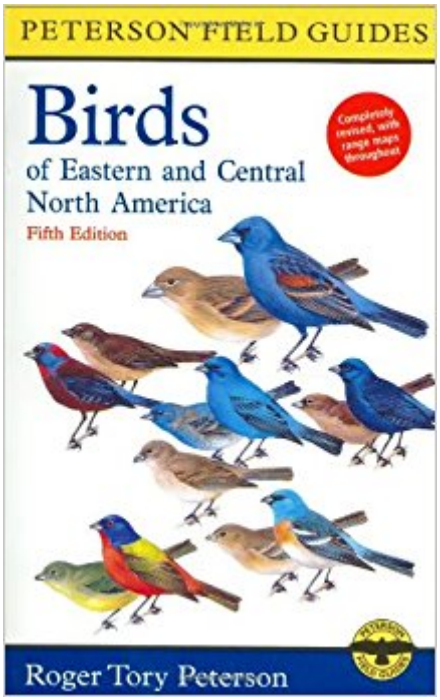
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A Peterson Field Guide To The Birds Of Eastern And Central North America (Peterson Field Guides)



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Synopsis

Roger Tory Peterson had already made his mark with his innovative field guide when he conducted DDT research during World War II. His friend and fellow naturalist Rachel Carson built on these efforts and eventually wrote Silent Spring, a landmark text that, along with PetersonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s field guide, jump-started the modern environmental movement.By combining the tireless observation of a scientist with the imaginative skills of an artist and writer, Peterson created a field guide that Robert Bateman, in his foreword to the fifth edition, says was the doorway for millions of people into the wonderland of natural history. The Peterson Identification System has been used in the more than fifty books that make up the Peterson Field Guide series. PetersonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s magnum opus, now in its fifth edition, created the trail for countless field guides to follow. They are still following year by year, but his is the standard by which all other field guides are judged.On the morning of July 28, 1996, Roger Peterson was painting his final bird plate. He died peacefully in his sleep later that day. It is fitting that his final workÃ¢â ¬â •a culmination of more than sixty years of observing, painting, and writingÃ¢â ¬â •should be this one, a revision of the guide that started his legacy.

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CHIMNEY SWIFT Chaetura pelagica Common 5–51?2" (12–14 cm) Like a cigar with wings. A blackish swallowlike bird with long, slightly curved, stiff wings and stubby tail. It appears to beat its wings not in unison but alternately (actually this is an illusion); effect is more batlike, unlike skimming of swallows. They seem to fairly twinkle, gliding between spurts, holding wings bowed in a crescent. Voice: Loud, rapid, ticking or twittering notes. Range: S. Canada to Gulf of Mexico. Winters in Peru. Habitat: Open sky, especially over cities, towns; nests and roosts in chimneys (originally in large hollow trees and cliff crevices). Text copyright Ã Â© 2002 by the Marital Trust B u/a Roger Tory Peterson and the Estate of Virginia Peterson. Reprinted by permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

This book updates my older edition. It is nice that it has small maps that show the locations next to the description (along with the ones on the back). Also, in comparing the maps you can see the change of bird locations. Very interesting and helpful. I’m very happy I purchased this book.

The definitive guide. Fortunately they finally added mini maps on the same page as the bird descriptions so you don’t have to flip to the back to see if the bird comes to your area or not. That makes difficult identifications easier, especially for someone like me who isn’t hard-core in the birdwatching world. I just like to get out in the wild and know what I’m seeing.

Peterson Guide on Eastern North America Birds. Good to have for a reference

Enjoying, many thanks!

Was very informated

I bought this for my daughter because she is on a bird club at her school, they observe birds and studying them, this book is perfect for her a good guide to identify birds around them. Great pictures with a simple description of birds that my daughter can easily determine what bird she's observing. My daughter loves it, a great book for a nature lover ^_~

The Peterson guide is the bird guide I grew up using, but I still think it's the best. Beautiful full-color plates are designed to clearly illustrate the unique identifying characteristics of every bird species - better than photos, to be honest. Birds are organized by families, not necessarily by more straightforward, in-the-field categories like colors, shapes, or locations/habitats, which can mean a little more riffling back and forth through the pages. But the illustrations are so perfect that the Peterson field guide will always be my favorite.

An excellent field guide! Our family refers to it often! This book has beautiful, faithfully executed illustrations. It is well-organized and is a perfect take-along size. It appears to be quite exhaustive as it hasn't yet failed to help us identify any bird within it's geographical area when we've used it for identification. It's also informative and interesting to just browse or read. Of special interest is the forward in the book, even if you usually skip those, in this case you shouldn't, it speaks of the life, work, and character of the [now-deceased] author and illustrator, Dr. Roger Tory Peterson. It's a moving glimpse into the the life and work of this dedicated man.

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