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Pacific Coast Tree Finder: A Pocket Manual For Identifying Pacific Coast Trees (Nature Study Guides)



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Synopsis

The classic key to identifying native trees of the Pacific Coast, updated to reflect changes in the names of trees since publication of the first edition. Identifies native trees, and some widely introduced or naturalized species, of the Pacific Coast region, from British Columbia to Baja California. In this edition, Latin names of trees that grow in California conform to the University of California's 1993 Jepson Manual, and more recent name changes. From the Finders series of pocket guides to native plants and animals of the U.S. and Canada; like all plant guides in the series, this book uses a dichotomous key format for accurate identification.

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Customer Reviews

Pacific Coast Tree Finder is pocket-sized and light weight, easy to take along on a hike in pocket or pack. It has been widely used for decades in environmental education programs, field botany classes, and by people who enjoy learning to know the trees around them.

If you do any hiking or backpacking this is a great little book. lots of information on trees. Perfect for teaching your children.

Very easy to use. Had to purchase it to use in my geography class and It was in interesting learning about things I would otherwise ignore. Held onto it after my class ended so I can use it when i go hiking with some friends just for a fun thing to do to pass time.

Mr. Watts has done a fine job putting this little book together. When I opened the shipping package, I felt - "Is this all I get?". The book is small which makes it great to carry along on a hike or outing.I ordered this book due to being stumped over an outlier Pine Tree found in Seaside Oregon which had a conifer expert and a botanist both unable to identify the suspect.With Pacific Coast Tree Finder in hand, it took me less than 40 seconds to determine the pine tree was a Bishops Pine (California native) that somehow was planted in Oregon many years back.I had not used a book like this before. It now goes on every outing and I'm pleased to have this new knowledge base with me!

Very handy guide.

I 1st bought this book back in the 70s and this is an update. I have bought many other tree guides since but this one is great and easy to use and fits in your pocket. I "rediscovered" it when I was yet again confused by the cypress of California and was looking online at and there was this book that I had lost my copy of a decade ago. I promptly bought it and with Prime I had it days later. It's pocket size is both a blessing and a curse; easy to carry in you pocket on even a short walk but easily lost in the detritus of our lives. It is amazingly simple but useful. I find it ironically funny however that the reason I looked and found it, the California cypresses, the author also finds too complex and confusing for this very small book!

After reading the rave reviews about this little guide I decided I needed it with me on my routine adventures. And boy, I'm glad I decided to get it! Super easy to use, cute and compact (fits in my back pocket and I have horribly designed female jeans that hardly fit a lipstick, let alone an entire book.) I love carrying this with me on my daily hikes and it's helped me learn so much about the beautiful place I call home!

This book is the best natural guide to learning about trees that I have found. Rather then searching through a guidebook for a picture or drawing the guide helps you to learn why a specific tree is that tree because of the key system it uses. This would be an excellent addition for any Kamana student or coyote mentor. It gives a very in-depth look at the fine points that differentiates species, for ID. Certainly having a field guide to reference later would be an excellent addition. When packing in the woods its light weight means that you will take it along, as opposed to heavy field guides which are best left back in base camp or the car.

Have bought a bunch of tree identification books after moving to the area and this one wins hands down. Super simple and can fit in a pocket

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