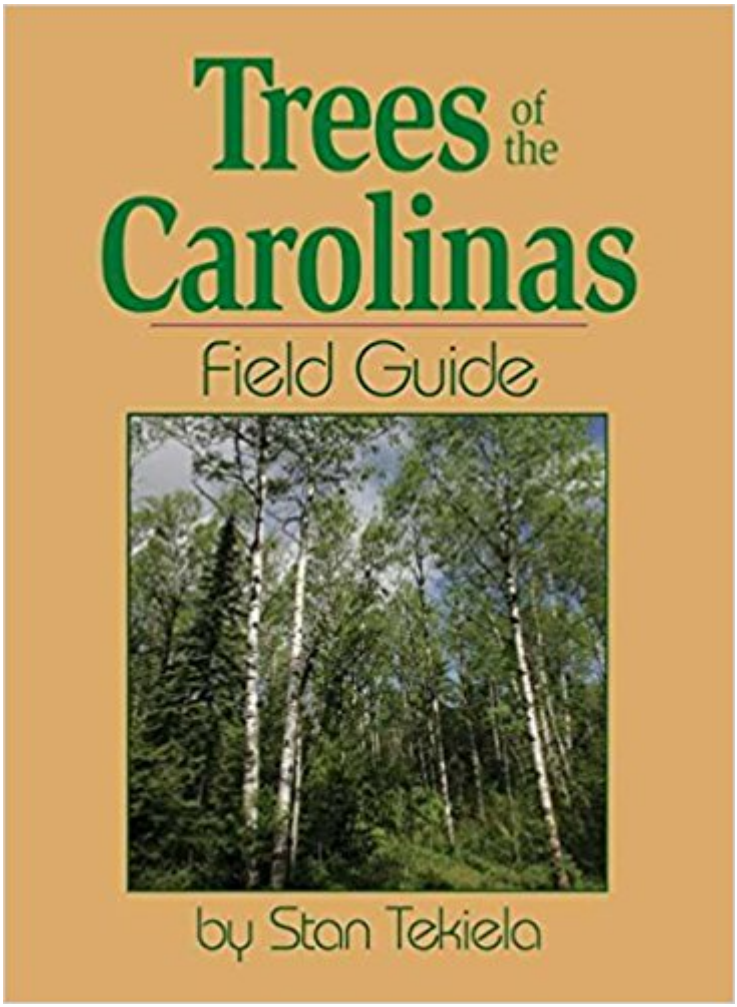
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Synopsis

Trees are all around, but how much do you know about them? With this famous field guide by award-winning author and naturalist Stan Tekiela, you can make tree identification simple, informative and productive. Learn about 164 North Carolina and South Carolina trees, organized in the book by leaf type and attachment. Fact-filled information contains the particulars that you want to know, while full-page photos provide the visual detail needed for accurate identification. Trees are fascinating and wonderful, and this is the perfect introduction to them.

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Customer Reviews

Like the "Wildflowers of the Carolinas" and "Birds of the Carolinas" field guides, this is a neat little (postcard-sized, about 5/8 inch thick, 10.5 oz) book that easily slips into your coat pocket to carry on a hike. It looks to be very easy to use by the lay person with little or no background in botany. The plants are organized by leaf shape and arrangement (e.g. needles, simple opposite, lobed alternate etc.) with a small schematic on each page depicting the arrangement to give a visual for those unfamiliar with the botanical terminology. A couple of the terms are explained with drawings in the beginning of the book, and a glossary in the back provides further explanations.Each tree species is represented on two opposing pages: The left page consists of a full-page nice quality photograph showing the leaves and often in little inserts the bark, fruits or other identifying features. The right page contains a description including a little icon of a winter tree silhouette accompanied by a two-story house to indicate the average size of a mature tree, and leaf shapes are shown with an

icon underneath the page numbers. While not comprehensive, the book covers a good proportion of the tree species you may find in the Carolinas. There is a checklist/index in the back that lists common names, but there is no index for scientific names though they are listed on the individual species pages.My main criticism is that the focus of the book seems to be on identifying trees mainly in summer. Fall colors are mentioned in the descriptions, but not shown in pictures. Flowers and fruits are often depicted to help during spring and fall. However, no information is given about e.g. bud shapes or leaf scars, making the book pretty useless for winter hikes when there are no leaves on the trees. The only indications are the icons which show winter silhouettes (leafless for deciduous trees, with leaves for evergreen trees).In conclusion, this is a very easy to use "beginner's field guide" for the botanical lay person seeking to identify common trees. Its compact size makes it handy to carry around. For the winter you are better off with a different field guide though.

I luckily borrowed one from my local library to test before buying, but found it so helpful to a novice in a new landscape, I just bought my own before I even returned the loan. Sure, it doesn't have everything, but for my level of interest and knowledge, this book is awesome. It is teaching me a lot.

Like the bird and wildflower books we bought after our relocation from the Pacific Northwest, this volume is invaluable. Not only helps identify species, but has tons of worthwhile info on size, growth rates, life spans, and beneficial attributes. We use it almost every day on our walks.

I actually bought this book when I moved to my property in Clayton, NC and realized I had more than 30 species of trees, most of which I had never come across. I catalogued leaves and took pictures of the bark structure for each plant and then went through the book and labeled each tree one at a time. Sounds anal because it is. I used this book for what its worth, finding what trees you've got. It also has helped me make decisions to where I am going to plant a tree based on height and length of life and look. Very helpful book well worth the cost.

I have several tree identification books. This has become my 'go to' book for identification. My 10 & 8 year old granddaughters also can use it with ease. They are excited to identify a new tree and check it off in the trees found list. A good investment.

I was hoping for pictures of the trees so I can learn to identify them. The book only shows leaves so

I'll have to walk around and collect or examine the leaves if reachable.

Great little book on the trees of the carolinas where I live.

Well done. All the essential information is clearly laid out.

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