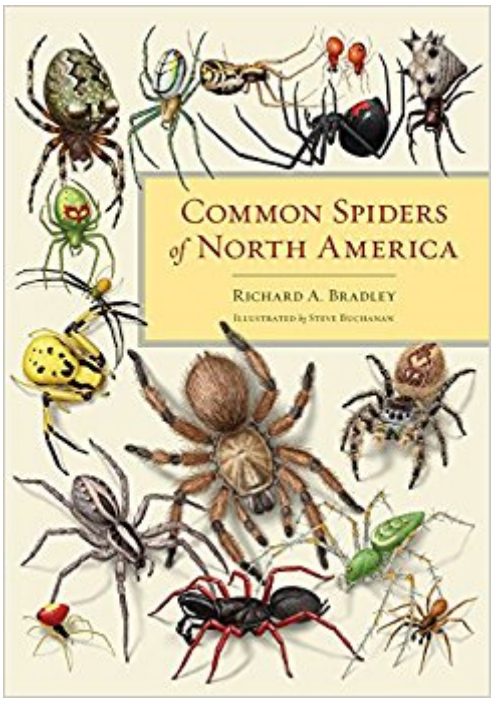
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Besides "Spiders and Their Kin" (Golden Guide book--one of the best ID books available, but lacks details of the spider’s lives), there was very few options available to ID a common spider. AT LAST, this book is perfect for this!! The only thing I would criticise is that they don’t have drawings of the spiders that have patterns or marks on their abdomens (ventral)--that would be incredibly helpful in IDing a spider that is plainly colored on the top. Otherwise this book is fascinating, educational and the pictures are beautiful. All arachnophiles should own this book!!

I love this book. It’s name is great. It doesn’t claim to be a compendium of all spiders, just the common ones. Perfect. At least it let’s you get close and then you can go for the more detailed treatments when you need to. But the illustrations are just plain seductive. Steve Buchanan, of USPS stamp fame, illustrated it. My understanding is that the illustrations are primarily digital and they are superb IMHO.If you’re not afraid of spiders you should get this books to marvel at the magnificent diversity of the tiny world around us. If you are afraid of spiders you should get this book to marvel at the magnificent diversity of the tiny world around us.

Dr. Bradley has been informing the public about spiders for many years through his presentations at public meetings and of course through his work at The Ohio State University. Now we are provided with his book that goes into the detail that explains why many people find spiders interesting. The book is complete with an identification key and many illustrations that are truly striking. This book is worth the investment for the illustrations alone. This book is essentially wonderful text book. If you

have an older child who loves nature and the creatures in it, this book might help start a career in natural science. This is not just another book about spiders it is special.

I live in Tuscon Arizona. This book is a must down here. I study Reptiles and Amphibians. I have been waiting for a Spider book like this. Richard Bradley did a first rate job on this. WE have the Brown Widow along with the Black Widow down here. Also the Desert Recluse. Thank you.

I ordered this for my husband who absolutely loves it. He is constantly referring to it, looking up his latest specimen. He has expressed a softcover would be nice for the field because either he has to take the hardback or bring back specimens for identification. He really does enjoy it and I would highly recommend it for anyone into arachnids. Great Job!

This book was EXACTLY what I was looking for! I recently moved into a wooded area and have a lot more spiders. I love macro photography and have been photographing them but didn't know what kinds I was finding. The pictures are excellent and the details is great. I was a little hesitant to spend this kind of money for a "hobby" book but it was very well worth it!! I'm excited to say that I have identified at least 5 different kinds of spiders from my back yard so far!

Great illustrations and information. If you have and interest in spiders this book is a much have.

Love this book, would give it a 5 but... Well It does not give family names or page numbers on the plates or the facing page with the genus species. There is plenty of space and it would not look the worse for it.

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