

Field Guide to the Birds of North America, Second Edition

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Encompassing more than eight hundred species of birds and organized by bird family, this handy field guide provides valuable information on the birds of North America, including behavior, abundance, habitat, identification keys, and more. Original. 25,000 first printing. Open to anywhere in the 443 pages of birds and you'll find a color plate to the right, showing all the variants of color and plumage (including breeding and immature birds, when different). And on the left, a paragraph summary of the species, with a map of the bird's natural range. You can see at a glance how the great egret has black legs, differentiating it from the white great blue heron with its yellow legs, and how the cattle egret blushes red in the legs and bill while breeding. What an excellent guide for bird watchers and bird lovers. YA - An excellent choice for both beginning and expert birders. The highly appealing format is arranged by species for easy use, and is complemented by gorgeous illustrations. The readable text provides basic information on families, scientific names, plumage sequences, field marks, measurements, voices, behaviors, and habitats, as well as range maps. Practical tips on buying binoculars and telescopes are an added bonus. This is a natural companion to the regional field guides done by the Audubon Society (Houghton) and Peterson's Guides. National Geographic's volume has the most and the best pictures; Audubon presents the most facts; and Peterson gives additional bits of information that the others ignore. Essential for school and public library collections. Field Guide to the Birds of North America would also make an ideal gift.

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