FIELD GUIDES

Here are some things to consider when selecting a field guide.

Organization. Field guides are arranged either visually or taxonomically. Visual guides place birds that look roughly alike together regardless of whether the species are related. Taxonomic guides place birds that are related together.

Geographic Area. Field guides cover different geographic areas (i.e., eastern and western US).

Location of Range Maps and Descriptive Text. Ideally, the range map and the text describing each species should be on the same or opposite page as the main illustrations of the bird—all essential information is presented in a single spread.

BIRDING RESOURCES


Home Study Course in Bird Biology. S. Podulka, R. Rohrbaugh, and R. Bonney, editors. Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY.


Life of Birds. J. C. Welty and L. Baptista. Harcourt, Fort Worth, TX.

Nebraska Breeding Bird Atlas. W. J. Mohloff. Nebraska Ornithologists’ Union and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln, NE.


Ornithology in Laboratory and Field. O. S. Pettingill. Burgess Publishing, Minneapolis, MN.


USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

All About Birds. www.allaboutbirds.org

American Ornithologists’ Union. www.aou.org

Association of Field Ornithologists. www.afonet.org

Audubon Nebraska. www.nebraska.audubon.org

Audubon’s Rowe Sanctuary. www.rowesanctuary.org

Bird Banding Laboratory. www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl

Birding.com. www.birding.com

BIRDNET. www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET

Bird Share. www.flickr.com/groups/birdshare

Birds of North America Species Biographies. www.bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna

Birdsource. www.birdsource.org

Bird Watcher’s Digest. www.birdwatchersdigest.com

Bluebirds Across Nebraska. www.bbne.org

Breeding Bird Survey. www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs

Christmas Bird Counts. www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

Citizen Science. www.birds.cornell.edu/netcommunity/citsci

Cooper Ornithological Society. www.cooper.org

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. www.birds.cornell.edu

eBird. http://ebird.org/content/ebird/

Great Backyard Bird Count. www.birdsource.org/gbbc

Important Bird Areas in Nebraska. www.nebraska.audubon.org/ne-IBA.htm

Index to Ornithology. www.ornithology.com

National Audubon Society. www.audubon.org

Nebraska Bird Partnership. www.nebraskabirds.org

Nebraska Birding Trails. www.nebraskabirdingtrails.com

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Nebraska Nature and Visitor Center. www.nebraskanature.org

Nebraska Ornithologists’ Union. www.noubirds.org

North American Bluebird Society. www.nabluebirdsociety.org

Omaha Audubon Society. www.audubon-omaha.org

Ornithological Societies of North America. www.osnabirds.org

Peterson Field Guides Online: www.petersononline.com


Project BEAK. www.projectbeak.org

Raptor Recover Nebraska. www.raptorrecoverynebr.org

Raptor Research Foundation. www.raptorresearchfoundation.org

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. www.rspb.org.uk

Spring Creek Prairie. www.springcreekprairie.org

United States Fish and Wildlife Service. www.fws.gov

Wachiska Audubon Society. www.wachiskaaudubon.org

Waterbird Society. www.waterbirds.org

What Bird. www.whatbird.com

Wild Birds. www.wildbirds.com

Wild Birds Forever. www.birdsforever.com

Wilson Ornithological Society. www.wilsonsociety.org

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