



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

Birders' Handbook: A Field Guide to the Natural History of North American Birds. *P. R. Ehrlich, D. S. Dobkin, and D. Wheye.* Simon & Shuster, New York, NY.

Birds of Nebraska: Their Distribution and Temporal Occurrence. *R. S. Sharpe, W. R. Silcock, and J. G. Jorgensen.* University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE.

Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World. *J. F. Clements.* Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY.

Field Guide to the Birds of North America. National Geographic Society, Washington, DC.

Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies. *R. T. Peterson.* Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA.

Field Guide to Birds' Nests. *H. H. Harrison.* Peterson Field Guide Series, Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA.

Guide to Field Identification of Birds of North America (the "Golden" Guide). *C. S. Robbins, B. Braun, H. Zim, and A. Singer.* Golden Press, New York, NY.

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

Identification Guide to North American passerines. *P. Pyle, S. N. G. Howell, R. P. Yunick, and D. F. DeSante.* State Creek Press, Bolinas, CA.

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

Manual of Ornithology: Avian Structure and Function. *N. S. Proctor and P. J. Lynch.* Yale University Press, New Haven, CT.

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

Ornithology. *F. B. Gill*. W. H. Freeman, New York, NY.

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

Sibley Guide to Birds. *D. A. Sibley*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, NY.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World. www.lynxeds.com

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

Purple Martin Conservation Association. www.purplemartin.org

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.wilsonociety.org



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