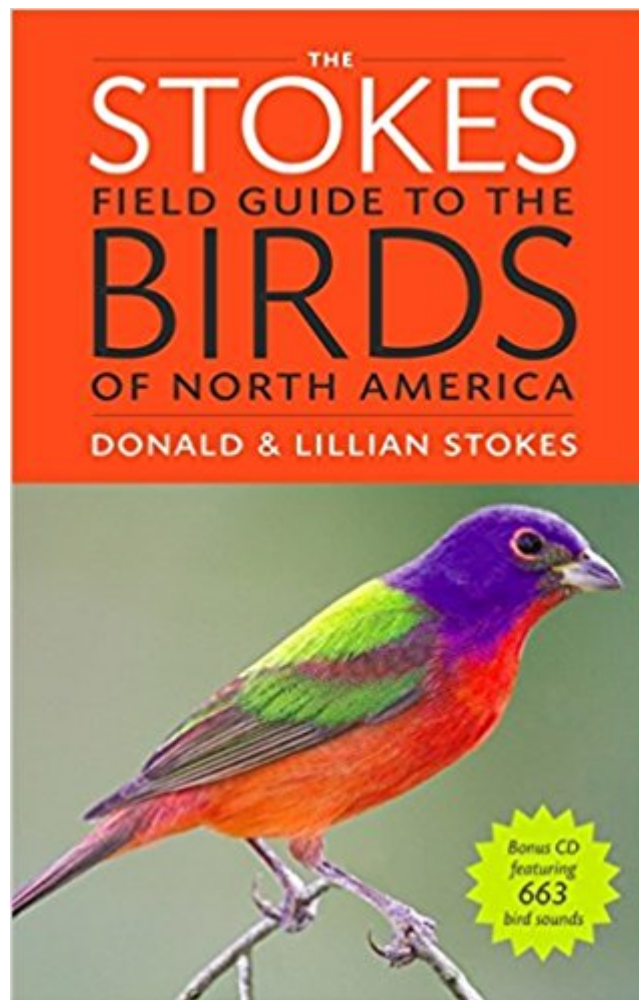




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For over twenty years, Donald and Lillian Stokes have been among America's most popular authorities on birds and wildlife, with more than 2 million copies sold of their classic Stokes Nature Guides and Stokes Backyard Nature Books. Now the Stokeses have drawn upon their life's work to produce field guides that are factually, visually, and organizationally superior to any other books you can buy. Stokes Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region covers the eastern portions of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, and all other states and provinces to the east.

Love that there is more than one picture of each bird in real life contexts (in a tree, from underneath when said bird is flying, etc). Wish the pictures were larger. Old eyes. Overall, very informative.

What I like most about this book is the actual pictures of birds. Pictures make identifying the birds a lot easier than drawings. The information provided about the different birds, habitat, migration, maps etc. was also very helpful. You will not be disappointed.

Received this book and was mesmerized. Wonderful photos and descriptions. Being a bird nerd, I found that the book is too large and heavy (almost 3 pounds) for carrying in the field. I will keep it in my vehicle for an excellent reference source.

AFTER READING OTHER REVIEWS, I WAS CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED OR ADVANCED FOR MY USE. I'VE BEEN A CASUAL "BIRDER" ALL MY LIFE BUT SINCE RETIRING & ABLE TO SPEND MORE HOURS OUTDOORS, I BECAME MORE AWARE OF ALL THE DIFFERENT BIRDS IN THE VICINITY. TO MY SURPRISE THERE WERE MANY THAT WERE UNFAMILIAR TO ME. I FIND THIS GUIDE TO BE VERY EASY TO USE. THE SPECIES ARE DIVIDED BY CATEGORIES THAT MAKE SENSE TO ME AND WITH JUST A FEW BASIC OBSERVATIONS OF THE PARTICULAR BIRD, I'M ABLE TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY

THAT PRECISE BIRD. THE PICTURES WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF HABITATS, HABITS, FLYING STYLE AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ALL MAKE FOR A VERY CONCEISE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE. I JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL WEEKS IN THE POCONOS...THE BOOK WAS ALWAYS CLOSE AT HAND & MADE FOR A MUCH MORE INTERESTING VISIT.

I have many North American Field Guides, and I am not particularly impressed with photo guides. One picture is not a composite of a bird like drawings are. Stokes has overcome this problem with high quality multiple pictures of each species, showing adult, , juvenile, all plumages, and sex when appropriate. It is very nicely done. There is an average of four pictures per species.I also appreciate the organization. The bottom of the pages are color coded for groups of birds as well as a "Quick Index" on the inside front cover.The red lettered words within the text makes it much easier to find what you are looking for quickly.My only complaint is the size of the distributions maps is too small, but I understand the necessity with the emphasis on quality pictures.The size is nice for the field and should fit in most vest pockets.The accompanying song bird CD is nice, but not really necessary as there are many ways to obtain quality CD's elsewhere.This book is a good addition to any birders field guide collection and I plan to refer to it often.

I have this book and liked it so much I bought it for a family member who lives on a different coast. This is great in the sense that we can share different birds we have seen in each other's area.

This book is very wonderful. The pictures are clear, colorful, and makes it seem as though they are live birds in there! It wonderfully describes the birds in clear yet accurate descriptions. There are tips on how to I.D. them; it gives their range, habitat, voice, if there are subspecies or if it hybridizes any other bird that results in a different color morph. It has adult plumage, shape, juvenile plumage, winter, (if it changes plumage) and flight. And it has pictures accompanying these. For example, this book has 23 pictures for the Red-tailed Hawk. This book has also aided me in seeing a wild Gargany in Missouri. It is worth the investment. I really like this excellent book. (This one had a Bonus CD with 150 bird species calls and songs.) The songs and calls are clear and easy to hear.

Best field guide I own. Only criticism would be that it doesn't fit in a normal pocket.

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