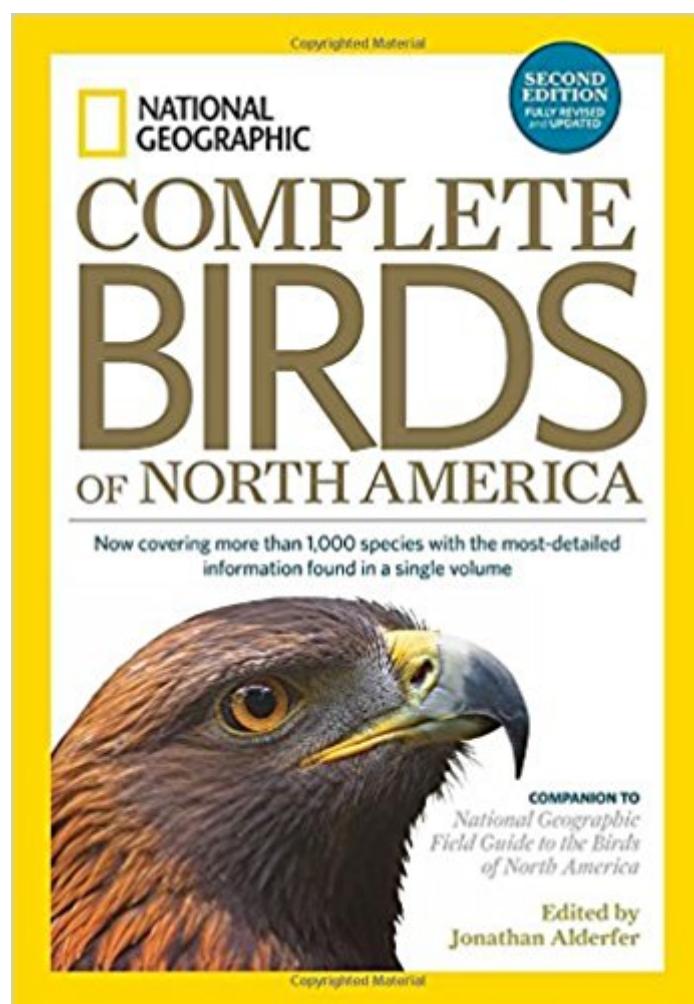


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# National Geographic Complete Birds Of North America, 2nd Edition: Now Covering More Than 1,000 Species With The Most-Detailed Information Found In A Single Volume





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Essential, comprehensive, and easy to use, the revised edition of National Geographic Complete Birds of North America is an astonishing resource that covers every bird species found in North America as well as all the seasonal visitors. Entries are organized by family group, the taxonomic organization newly updated to match current American Ornithologists' Union guidelines. Within a family, each separate bird entry has dozens of tips and illustrations on species' gender, age group, behavior, habitat, nesting and feeding habits, and migration routes. Providing full information on more than 1,000 species, this book features hundreds of range and migration maps, cutting-edge information on identification, and more than 4,000 annotated illustrations by expert bird artists.

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JONATHAN ALDERFER, a widely published author and field guide illustrator, is well known in the birding community for his expertise as a field ornithologist and his knowledge of North American birds. He has served as editor, author, and illustrator on a number of National Geographic birding books, including the 4th, 5th, and 6th editions of the bestselling Field Guide to the Birds of North America.

This book is considered by many the bible on bird identification, it's also good for beginners as it uses multiple illustrations per bird showing how the juvenile, male, female, adult, and breeding adult vary in its plumage, also on some birds that show variations it show an illustration for that. It describes the size, physical features, flying and singing behavior, and has charts about the range of habitation of the birds. This is the large book that contains more information than the field guide.

This is a reference book. Yes, you could carry it in your car, but it is too heavy and extensive to be a field book. But, it is on my desk, ready to be referenced at any time. Gives excellent summation of each species, subspecies and rarities. It is well written, covers more species then any other book of its size with up to date and detailed information. I recommend it highly!!

This book is definitely not one to take on the trail but rather leave in the vehicle or home for researching birds. Has a combination of photos, not on all birds, and drawings of each species. Gives several images of birds that vary color in age and season. The great range and number of species make it a needed resource for active birders. There are comparison pictures/photos of similar looking species to see the differences between them. With bird populations working their way north from the southern climates, it is handy to have the information on them as they permanently settle in the US. Maps are up-to-date such as the Eurasian Collared Dove that has settled into most of the US in the last few years and the Sand Hill Cranes and Trumpeter Swans that are returning to areas they haven't been in for decades.

Tons of information! The best all around/all-in-one resource for facts, habitats, photos and artwork. I use Sibley's and Peterson's guides too and love and respect them all but if you want just one book to start out, get this one or a recent-later printing. Highly Recommend this resource for Birding.

Excellent resource book for birders or any person interested in learning more about the numerous and wonderful bird species of North America. One of the top 10 birding books out there in my opinion.

It's a nice book, but I expected a bit more information about each bird than it gives. I'm back to using my NG carry bird book.

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