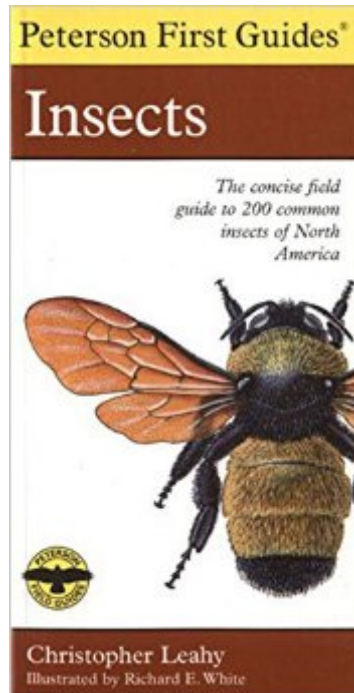


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Peterson First Guide To Insects Of North America



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I have quite a few 'bug' guides and the Peterson guides are always my favorite. The drawings are excellent, the writing is clear, and I like the behavioral and collecting notes added. There are more flashy guides with more pictures but they tend to be more limited - you can only put so many pictures in a book. They also usually cost much more. This is the book I would buy for someone wanting to learn more about the entire insect world and begin identifying the bugs they find. If their interest grows I would simply move up the full version of the same book.

This is a great book for both the beginner as well as those who are at the intermediate level of their study of insects. It makes for a good first exposure to the taxonomic key. I professor who I knew who

taught entomology at Loyola University in Chicago had this book as one of the course texts for his students. I am sure he is not alone. Illustrated with both line drawings and photographs it is the standard work on insects of North America.

This is a great book for common name identification of a wide variety of insects. However, I could not find any scientific names; not even the names of the different orders or families.

Good for a beginner if you just want to learn common things about some of the insects in your backyard. It doesn't have any scientific names and not many insects in it. It does however, give good descriptive paragraphs about each insect in the book. As for a professional entomologist or a student, it is a waste of time.

Like to know what kind of insect that was but all those big heavy books are a pain to carry. This little book is just the thing for your walk or trip. It is easy to look up an insect with over 200 common insects of North America inside. It makes a great gift too, kids or adult will all enjoy this handy little book. Don't get just one!

I am always curious what things are, bugs, birds, etc., and this guide works great for me. There are larger, more complete guides available, however, I have yet to find a bug I couldn't find in this text. It is small and lightweight, perfect for camping or a hike in the woods. It fits great in my glove box where it stays for fast identification.

As the name implies, this is a First Guide for beginners. It is an introduction to life cycles, nomenclature, the differences between spiders, true bugs, and insects; insect anatomy, and family groupings such as "ground beetles." Laying a foundation with such basic identification skills is vital to further entomology! It is the same with any field, in botany, it helps me to recognize the characteristics of Chenopodiaceae vs. Asteraceae, etc. Similarly, it is helpful to narrow down the field of suspects to dung beetles vs. ground beetles vs. click beetles. I grew up with this book but eventually purchased several other insect guides because there are just SO MANY insects out there. Personally, I find illustrations much more revealing than photographs. Great for kids and also adult beginners!

We live in Upstate New York. I bought this several years ago as a companion to our homeschool

science curriculum. I have three school aged kids, 4, 6, and 10. I often find them poring through this or using it outside to identify bugs they've found. It has been a good resource and has gotten plenty of use.

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