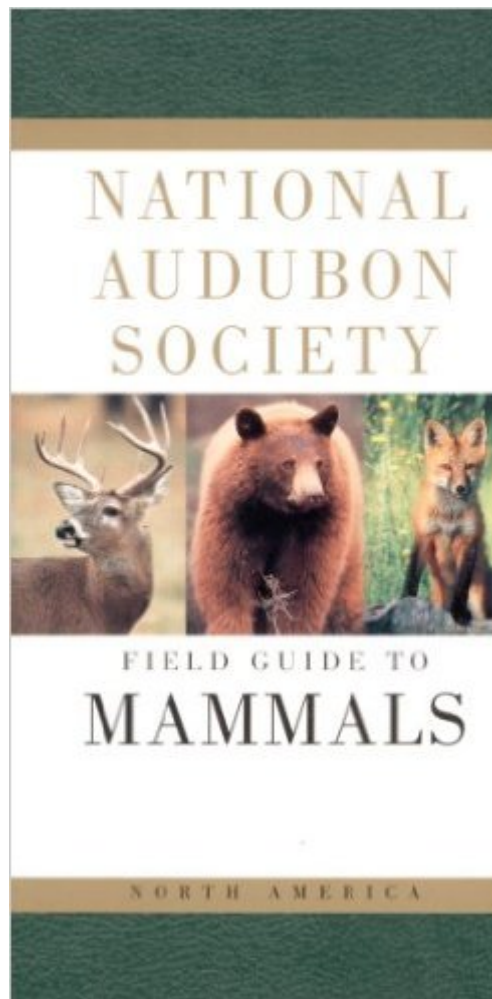


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From a stop-action photograph of the amazing flying squirrel to Big Horn Sheep perched on a rock face, this guide puts the world of mammals in your hands. Illustrated with more than 300 full-color photographs, each species account includes information on physical characteristics, size, similar species, breeding, tracks and other signs, habitat, and range, as well as commentary on feeding, nesting, and other behaviors. Easy-to-read range maps, detailed anatomical illustrations of different mammals, track illustrations, and a state-by-state location guide make this the decisive authority on North American mammals.

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Customer Reviews

I have several Audubon field guides, but this is the best of them all in my opinion. In this book, the editors made a wise decision to write more expansive descriptions, including a lot of information about the animal's behavior, eating habits, breeding, migration, and, often, its conservation status. The editors also show a sensitivity to man-made trends. For example, the domestic cat is listed here, as well as wild horses. In the former case, human carelessness has actually created a viable, but problematic, animal species; in the latter, humans intentionally let loose hundreds of horses at the end of the "wild west" days, and the animals have now actually found a niche. The editors also did an excellent job of including rare species (such as the lynx and bobcat) as well as very common species (such as all the different kinds of squirrels). It is unlikely that most amateur naturalists would have a chance to actually encounter every mammal in this book, so it is great to have a reference

like this. Like other Audubon field guides, just reading the descriptions is fascinating. I would venture to guess that most people will discover species they never knew about, or learn new facts about what they thought were familiar species. Some of my favorites are the wolverine and the wild cats of southern North America. This book, as well as most of the Audubon field guides, is a terrific resource for igniting children's imaginations. Reading about the animals' lives should help give children insights into the diversity and interconnectedness of species, and spark an appreciation for the beauty inherent in the wild.

I thoroughly enjoy my Audubon field guides and the Mammals of North America is the most interesting of the list. It is definitely a must have for anyone interested in animals. With tons of color photos of virtually every species in North America this is a great buy! Descriptions are longer and have more information than the Peterson series but some photographs are hard to see the identifiable traits of the specimen. Perfect size to throw in the pack and head out to the field to spot your favorites.

This guide includes all sorts of animals in and around my area. It has a very thorough explanation of the animals and how to identify them. What's really useful is the pictures. There are several pictures for each species including Summer coat & Winter coat. This is especially helpful if you are out animal watching during different times of year. I love going out exploring and coming home to look up the critters I saw.

The final authority on field books. I took this and the rest of the set on a 31 day extreme-survival-adventure and the heavy page material held up well.***Easy to read, easy to navigate, impossible to pick up and not learn something, every time you open it*** 6 stars if possible

If you liked the bird book, you'll like this one too. As expected, a complete and comprehensive guide to mammalian wildlife in North America. The key to discovering what you might observe in your next walk in the woods, or to identifying what you saw on your last one.

My husband collects these, and I bought him this one as a Christmas present. It has beautiful pictures. As my husband is an avid outdoors-man he loves reading this, and showing things to our daughter to teach her about mammals.

From the shrews to the bears, this guide is what one should have in the field. . .especially in Alaska.

I don't know why the individuals who gave 5 stars, did so. The most beautiful, striking part of this book is the photographs. They're great!! hands down. However the narration on each animal just follows 8 basic formatted questions, Range, Size, offspring, Etc.; definitely necessary info but it's very shallow to stop there. Besides a few scattered phrases there is very minimal specific, unique info regarding an individual mammal that any animal lover would've expected to find even some basic stuff! The narration is definitely overly general and vague. THEY created a template and just filled it in. I expected alot more. I see that there are other books that have much more info but pictures? "fahgetta- battit" (these are hard to beat!) I guess you need both. It was definitely an improvement over past Audubon books. I wouldn't buy another Audubon guide online but rather in store & see for myself. I know there's only so much space in 1 book but ITS VERY SHALLOW!

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