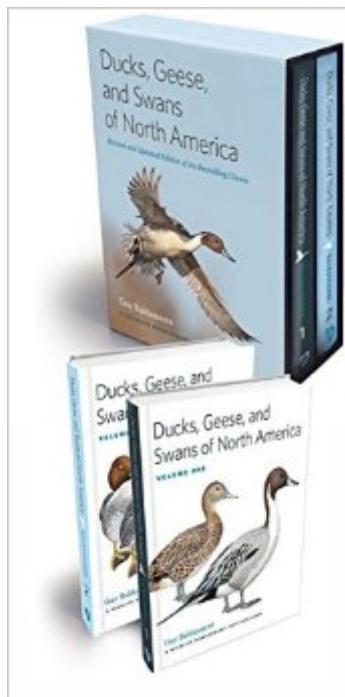


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Customer Reviews

I recently did a house remodeling project that included a built-in bookcase to showcase all my field guides and nature books. I have a fairly complete collection representative of the wildlife and plants

from the area I live in the Northeast United States. To go along with the field guilds I do like to have some works that provide more reference information about each species. I have quite a number of these reference books dealing with birds of prey and song birds but was clearly lacking in the area of waterfowl. When I acquired a copy of the Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America, and fell in love with. I have it all. The pictures are truly magnificent and the information about each species is more extensive than anything I currently own. Since my copy arrived I have made reading about one species a day a daily ritual. This beautiful two volume set is clearly the "crown jewel" of my new bookcase!

This two volume set is truly a tome. When I got it as a gift, I forgot how heavy the set was. These two volumes are absolutely amazing. Full of all information known on each of the 40+ species of the Ducks, Geese, and Swans of North America, these two books do the original Ducks, Geese and Swans justice. First published in 1942, Ducks, Geese, and Swans became the go to guide for bird enthusiasts and waterfowl hunters. This new and revised edition is a landmark. With over 1,000 pages combined in the two volumes, these books are full of all information on each Duck, Goose, and Swan, each bird has its own section with color photographs, and each original painting by Bob Hines from the original book. If you are interested in birds and especially waterfowl, then this volume of work is definitely for you.

Worth every penny, if you have a serious interest in waterfowl. First, The binding, printing, and overall fit-and-finish are top-notch, and without even considering the content inside are almost worth \$50 for such a well-bound set of books. However, the content is really incredible. This set contains over 1,000 pages on ducks, geese, and swans. I was really blown away by the amount of information on each species, presented in an understandable format for a non-biologist. Identification is certainly not the primary focus, but this series contains more than enough to help the reviewer work out differences between ross's/snow geese and greater/lesser scaup, if desired. The combination of illustrations and pictures is superbly done for each species, although my only complaint is that there aren't more pictures or appendix-type comparison material (there is an appendix comparing ducklings, goslings, and cygnets, which is quite amazing). However, this book isn't for the casual observer, and I wouldn't call it a coffee-table book either. It is the ultimate authority for the serious birder or hunter interested in ducks, geese and swans.

I used the original one back in high school in the mid 50s. My 10th grade biology class was taught

by a duck hunter (he was also a hand-loader of shotgun shells and got me started doing the same when I was 15 years old). We spent six weeks learning everything about ducks. The final exam consisted of 100 slides and each was viewable for a very short period, two or three seconds as I recall). I believe I missed one for a 99. This new two volume edition is updated with even more information. This is a valuable resource to anyone with an interest in birds in general or specifically, ducks Geese and swans.

Gorgeous set of books. Beautifully written with so much information on each species. Not a field guide but for the person wanting a lot more information than a field guide can offer. I am always so curious about what I see in the field and was so happy this set was published.

As a collector of waterfowl, I purchased the books for insight on locating species and subspecies of ducks and geese in North America. It has help my focus on geographical areas of the country to hunt these selective birds. Overall, as a birder or hunter or a lover of nature, this book set is worth the money.

I worked for Guy Baldassarre while I was earning my Bachelor's degree at Texas Tech. He was there earning his PhD in Waterfowl Management. There was no one more passionate about waterfowl than Guy and it shows in this publication he authored. It is a direct reflection of his life, passion, and who he was.

I'm no pro, just getting into this bird world. But holy cow, this book is COMPLETE! And actually formatted for kindle usage (not just a scan and upload book). Complete TOC, index, etc. If you are interested in waterfowl and can afford to shell out a few dollars, this book is well worth it.

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