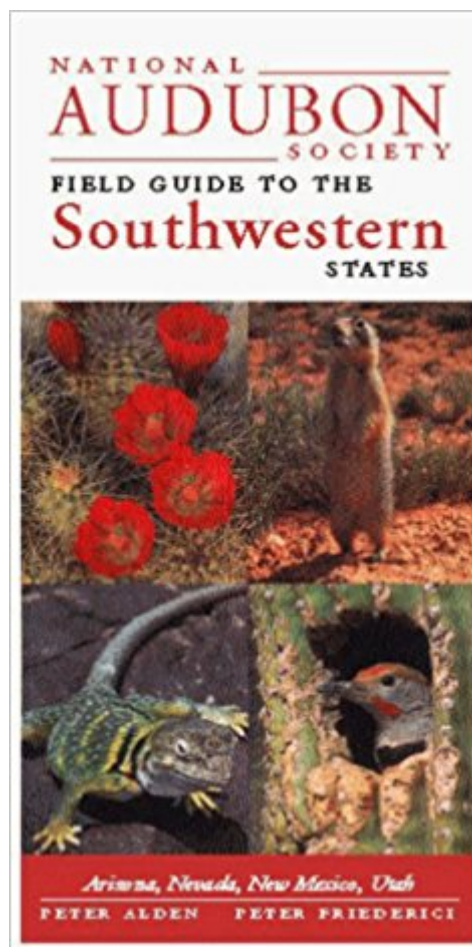




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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To The Southwestern States: Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah (Audubon Field Guide)



## Synopsis

The most comprehensive field guide available to the flora and fauna of the American Southwest--a portable, essential companion for visitors and residents alike--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. This compact volume contains: An easy-to-use field guide for identifying 1,000 of the state's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, mammals, and much more; A complete overview of the southwestern region's natural history, covering geology, wildlife habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks and minerals, clouds and weather patterns, and the night sky; An extensive sampling of the area's best parks, preserves, mountains, forests, and wildlife sanctuaries, with detailed descriptions and visitor information for 50 sites and notes on dozens of others. The guide is packed with visual information--the 1,500 full-color images include more than 1,300 photographs, 9 maps, and 16 night-sky charts, as well as more than 100 drawings explaining everything from geological processes to the basic features of different plants and animals.Â Â For everyone who lives or spends time in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, or Utah, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Southwestern States.

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Peter Alden, principal author of this series, is a birder, naturalist, author, and lecturer. He has led nature tours to more than 100 countries and is the author of books on North American, Latin American, and African wildlife. Peter organized an event called Biodiversity Day, the first of which took place in his hometown of Concord, Massachusetts. Peter Friederici, author of the habitats, conservation and ecology, and parks and preserves sections of this guide, is a writer and field biologist who contributes articles and essays to many national and regional periodicals. He lives in Flagstaff, Arizona.

I ordered this book for several children to use to know the names of local birds and lizards and was not disappointed. Easy to read and find alphabetical listings, colorful and plentiful. The children all under the age of ten continued to read it after we returned from our wanderings and I appreciate the care with which the authors chose to reveal a lovely hand held book that is easy to pack and throw around in the car. We enjoy it.

Loved this book. Read cover to cover prior to a trip out to Utah and Arizona where I went camping at several national parks. That prepared me for some of what I would see. I then brought it with me on the trip and was able to look up things as I went along, especially flowers, trees and birds. There were certainly things I saw that weren't in the book, but overall I found it extremely handy, so much so I got the book for the region I actually live in (Southeast) and plan to order the one for the region where I grew up (New England).

This is an awesome field guide, but some of the sections (the insect/spider one comes to mind right

now) seems to mainly only include the very common insects you'll run into (i.e., black widow, tarantula, funnel web spider) but doesn't even mention brown recluse which surprised me. Because this is a broad field guide (contains everything from minerals to mammals across 4 states) it may not be as detailed in certain sections as you'd like (for example, the pictures for most of the plants focuses on the flowers, with some not really showing the leaves while other entries have good photos of both the entire plant as well as the flowers) so just keep this in mind. Overall, this is a wonderful guide if you're interested in your surroundings, and provides a great basis to look up the different plants and animals you see while out and about! I've used it multiple times after I get back from a hike to look up a plant I didn't recognize.

We just moved to Colorado from the east coast. My wife is a plant and wildlife aficionado and was frustrated that she was seeing things out here that we never saw on the east coast - and couldn't identify them. (Great move, BTW, will never go back east!) I bought her this book so she could quit asking me what the heck this or that was. ;-) Worth every penny. Besides that, it's well constructed and durable. Bright, clear photos.

I like that this book covers animals and plants as well as birds. Unfortunately, I started using the book AFTER I downloaded a bird identifying app for my phone. The app is easier than hunting through pages looking for the bird I saw. Still, it's a great reference and has information about the National Parks in the Southwest. I've been to some of the National Parks reviewed in the book, and the reviews are accurate and informative.

The great thing about this guide is that it covers all types of plants and animals, so you don't need to have several guides. Of course the trade off is some less common species are left out and the detail is not extensive. It is extremely useful though for anyone who spends a lot of time outdoors and wants to identify wildflowers, butterflies, etc. Also makes for nice reading if you are out on a multi-day backpacking trip.

I got this book to help with bird watching, but it has so much more!

This book covers a wide range of the wildlife you will see in the area covered. It is a general guide, though, so it's easily possible to see many plants and creatures that are not included. The book covers Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. It is a handy size, and if you will be traveling in that

area, or are just becoming interested in what's around you when you live in that area, this is a good book to have. I live in far west Texas, but still find the book useful, because the ranges of many of the plants and animals covered in this book do extend to the area I live in.

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