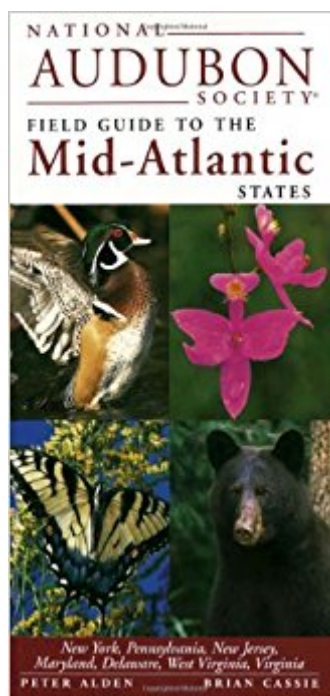


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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To The Mid-Atlantic States: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia



## Synopsis

The most comprehensive field guide available to the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States--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 Mid-Atlantic 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, beaches, forests, islands, 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, 18 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. For everyone who lives or spends time in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, or Washington, D.C., there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Mid-Atlantic States.

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Intent on preserving threatened bird species, George Bird Grinnell (that being his given name, and no reflection of his interests) first formed the Audubon Society in 1886. It disbanded in 1888,

re-emerged in Massachusetts in 1896, and by 1905 the various fledgling state societies coalesced into the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals. As it has more than 100 years of experience cataloguing and protecting United States wildlife, it's no shock that its field guides are so superb. The Field Guide to the Mid-Atlantic States, covering the flora and fauna of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, as well as Delaware, West Virginia, and Virginia, contains concise and informative descriptions alongside beautiful photographs identifying over 1,000 of the region's wildflowers and trees, mushrooms and algae, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, insects, and mammals. There's also a natural-history overview, explaining relevant geology and ecology, wildlife habitats and rock varieties, weather patterns and the night sky to be seen in each season. From Saltmarsh Cordgrass and Purple Sea Urchins to White-Winged Scoters and Meadow Voles, the field guide beautifully catalogues the various existent species, as well as introducing more than 50 of the region's parks, reserves, beaches, forests, and wildlife sanctuaries in which to explore, Audubon field guide at the ready. --Stephanie Gold

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I love taking this book on "nature hikes" with my kids, near the house. True, it won't have EVERY

species you find, but it has enough of the common ones to impress the kids that they've made a great discovery. And it satisfies my curiosity: "What kind of maple tree is that, exactly?" I highly recommend this book for weekend naturalists. I have the Pacific Northwest version too, and found it equally useful when I lived there.

Great book to carry along on outside adventures, pictures are accurate and bright.

Very good overall. But missing several important entries (like kudzu). I feel like Virginia could have been grouped with the southeastern states because a lot of Virginia plants and animals aren't in this book because they aren't abundant in the other Mid-Atlantic states.

This Audubon guide is very good. I used it bird watching on Maryland's Eastern Shore, as well as kayaking in Northern Virginia. I've also used it to identify beetles and snakes in the region. However, I think some sections may be too limited, i.e. insects. Yes, I know there are a ton of insects and spiders, but I still think they could have included more. I highly recommend it, though. I am now buying it for my 10-year-old nephew to enjoy while using his new binoculars during scouting. My brother and sister-in-law say it will be perfect for him. His reading skills and science knowledge are above average.

great gift

More informative than I expected. I ordered it for the bird descriptions but found it contained much more.

This is a nice little reference book to stick in the backpack or into the storage ottoman (where I keep it). We have birdfeeders outside the den windows and I have been able to identify some migratory birds I have never seen before. It does not give in depth information, but you can identify most things you might be looking for while you are "in the field" and consult the internet later.

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