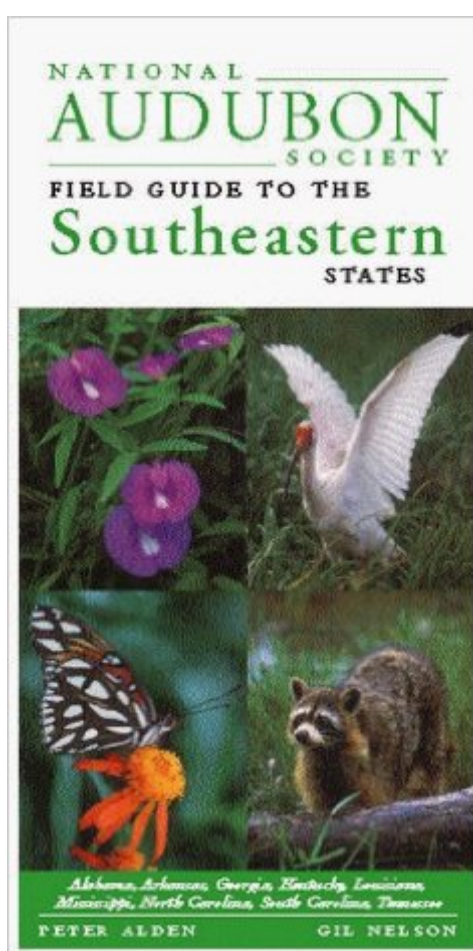


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# National Audubon Society Regional Guide To The Southeastern States: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, ... (National Audubon Society Field Guide)



## Synopsis

Filled with concise descriptions and stunning photographs, the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Southeastern States belongs in the home of every resident of the Southeast and in the suitcase or backpack of every visitor. 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 southeastern 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, hiking trails, 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, 13 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 Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Southeastern States.

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## Customer Reviews

This field guid is really easy to extract information from. My sister-inlaw, who lives on a boat traveling all around the southeastern states, absconded with mine and I was left in the dark. I own

many audubon field guides but I truly like the format of this one because all aspects are under one cover. It makes my pack much lighter! Alden and Nelson do a wonderful job for introducing the newcomer to the southern states. Thank you, JE Rifkin

This is the BEST nature guide I have found for the southeast, but unfortunately that is not saying much. I have been spoiled by the wealth of naturalist and natural history books available for all different parts of the west, books which not only tell you how to ID a species, but which also give you enough information to feel like you know it afterwards. I take young people on wilderness trips for a living, and enjoy sharing with them my love of nature. I especially enjoy introducing them to members of the natural community, neighbors they have had all their lives but probably have never taken time to become acquainted with. I grew up in the southeast, before heading west in search of adventure. Now I am back, working with at-risk and adjudicated youth, taking them on canoe paddles in old cypress swamps and along inter-coastal waterways. I normally find a variety of great books to take on trips for my kids to consult when they spot something new. But here in my old stomping grounds, this is the best I could come up with. The National Audubon guides are great for covering a wide range of information, from weather to constellations to identifying plants and animals. But they won't tell you much of anything about those plants and animals. I know there are naturalists and writers in the south who can do better. Would love to find them (in print) someday soon.

The book contains a lot of information. It has a lot of good pictures of plants and animals found in the Southeastern States. The info is difficult to access because not all entries are listed in the index. If you are willing to read the entire book you will gain much. But if you want to use it to identify animals and plants you have seen you have to go through each section page by page. A little intelligent thought about providing a proper index would have helped greatly.

Some say the information is a jumbled mess, and you would have to read the entire volume to make of any use, since they cannot look up everything in the back. Well this is false, and the information is very handy when needed. I placed a book mark at each section. This book covers it all even star maps for different times of the year, common mammal tracks, distinction between species, is perfect, even for identifying plants. This is zone specific, meaning don't buy this book if you are in California, this is for southeast states only. Each is broken down into sections, mushrooms and plants, trees, birds, mammals, reptiles, even bugs. Tells which state you can find them in, and what part of it

is not statewide. This is a smaller sized paper back book about 8-9" long and about 4" wide, very portable. Each species has at least 1 photo, some have 2 to display color changes in males/females, or different times of the year what color the animal or plant/tree will take on. 5 star book for identifying everything you see.

We do nature walks for homeschooling, and I have to say this is the best guide to carry with you. It covers so many plants, animals, reptiles that are easy to find and identify. The descriptions are concise and informative. I do think it's best to have other books at home for looking up more detailed info at home (or use the internet).

I live out of this book. A must for anyone going outdoors in the South. I continue to impress my friends with the knowledge I retain from this book. If you are packing on the trail this is the book for you. Don't carry 10 different books. This is the only one you need.

My husband bought us this book right before our move from Texas to North Carolina, hoping it would help us identify some of the wildlife we saw along the way. My 4 year old was fascinated by the book and has spent a lot of time looking through it, asking questions. We've found it very helpful in identifying some of the newer animals to us here in North Carolina (such as the five-lined skink and woodchuck). We ended up needing to buy a more specific book about NC trees to identify the ones in our yard, as this book can only cover so much. But overall, it has been a great addition to our library and something we've used almost daily! Very well presented and organized. Highly recommend!

We carry this reference book with us when we are trying to identify trees and plants on our tree farm. As others have mentioned, it doesn't go into much detail, but I have bigger guides that don't go into too much more detail. The photographs are very good and make identification easy, for the most part.

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