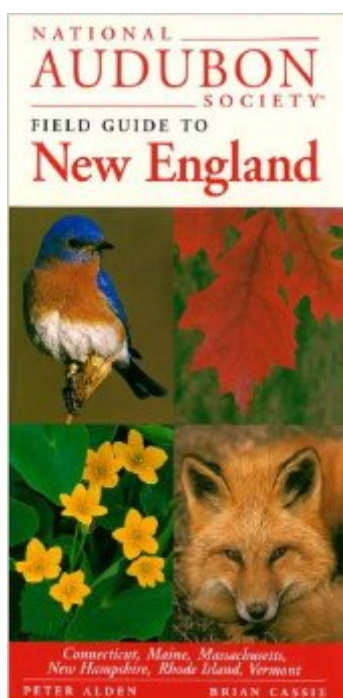


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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont (National Audubon Society Regional Field Guides)



## Synopsis

Filled with concise descriptions and stunning photographs, the National Audubon Society Field Guide to New England belongs in the home of every New England resident 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 region's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, mammals, and much more; A complete overview of New England's natural history, covering geology, wildlife habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks and minerals, clouds and weather patterns and 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, 14 maps, and 16 night-sky charts, as well as 150 drawings explaining everything from geological processes to the basic features of different plants and animals. For everyone who lives or spends time in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, or Vermont, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to New England.

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This guide is by no means comprehensive, but it does contain good photos and descriptions of the flora and fauna you are most likely to encounter in New England, along with geography and astronomy tidbits, too. What it adds up to is a highly useful and convenient guide; to paraphrase the

beer commercial, it's the field guide to bring when you just want to bring one! Still, if you're specifically into birds or mammals or trees only, you'd be better off getting the field guide for that specific genre, as this guide won't have enough detailed info for you.

I've been searching for a book like this for the past two years. It contains information on the different types of habitats, birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, trees, lichen, wildflowers, mammals (...the list goes on) found in the New England area. It even has a collection of star maps for people who are also interested in the New England night sky. The information is well laid out and easy to read and is accompanied by detailed color diagrams and photos. What I like best about this book though is I no longer have to carry around 5 different field guides when I go out hiking now. I only need to carry this one.

I have waited all my life for a nature handbook such as this! So many questions I've had were answered in this book. (ie. what DOES poison sumac really look like? Or, is that REALLY just a milk snake -- or could it be poisonous?) Beautiful pictures, and clearly written, informative sections provide excellent information for nature lovers of every age. This book would be a welcome addition to every New Englander's home library and is small enough to be easily portable for hiking etc. I found myself wanting to give one to everyone I know, from grandchildren to grandparents!

This fieldguide covers more topics and includes more photos than you might think. Everything from Astronomy to flora/fauna to geology, etc. Since the descriptions are short, but the photos are plentiful, it is a good book to combine with the Handbook of Nature Study by Anna Botsford Comstock (Cornell Univ. Press). Botsford's book is heavy on the descriptions, but short on photos. With these two books, you have everything you need for a comprehensive course on Natural History.

Imagine my delight in carrying this little book into the woods with my children and being able to share information about so many living things with them. I recommend this book to anyone fascinated by the often overlooked and unappreciated treasures of New England. The photography is great and the comprehensiveness is impressive.

We bought this book, years ago, for ourselves. The pictures and descriptions are fantastic for species identification and very useful. We bring it with us on many outings and have found many

species in it. The size of the book allows for transport, but the photos are most helpful! We have other species ID books, but this has a very comprehensive list and is extremely helpful. We recently purchased this book for my son and his family, as they keep asking us about identification of species. It was time they had their own! This book is a must have for New Englanders!

This is a well laid out and executed field guide, but it is a generalist. It does not go into any one subject in great detail, but manages to skim over a wide range of subjects adequately if not superficially. For the unseasoned naturalist, this is a great and manageable learning tool. For those with more experience, you'd be better off buying a more specialized guide.

There is a lot of helpful information in this guide. If you're looking for something indepth, this would not be it however. It gives you bits and pieces of just about everything in New England nature. Since I'm born and raised in New England and have been an avid nature observer, it hasn't offered me anything new. But I like having it around and look through from time to time.

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