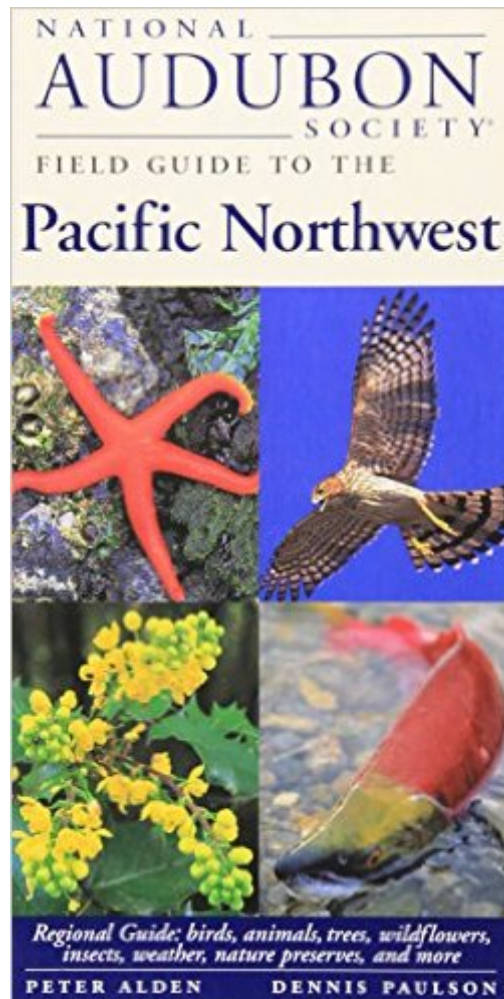


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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To The Pacific Northwest



## Synopsis

Filled with concise descriptions and stunning photographs, the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Pacific Northwest belongs in the home of every Pacific Northwest 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 the Pacific Northwest'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 Washington or Oregon, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Pacific Northwest.

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## Customer Reviews

On a recent trip to Washington, I packed this book, my only field guide, in my carry on flight bag. It worked beautifully! As an easterner there are a lot of plants and animals in the Pacific Northwest that I am not familiar with, but this book helped me on numerous occasions. I was never in an environment like the Columbia Plateau before and all around me were these two plants that

dominated the landscape. Having no idea what species they were, I opened the book and immediately found Big Sagebush and Gray Rabbitbush, side by side, just as they were growing. I was able to determine that the Chickadee over my head at another time was not the Black-Capped I was familiar with but rather the Chestnut-Backed, a new species for me. The part on Parks and Preserves was also very helpful, especially when used in connection with other tour books. With the increase in restrictions on airline carry-ons this is the one book to take with you. It is all encompassing from Geology, Habitats, Weather (cloud watching from the plane window) through Flora and Fauna to Parks and Preserves. A very good idea presented in a very useable format.

In attempts to find the 'perfect' gift for an active, outdoorsy newcomer to the Pacific Northwest, I stumbled across this guide. Considering the National Audubon Society's reputation for quality material, along with the recommendations and details provided by preceding reviewers, I took the plunge and bought copies for both of us!(Since I currently reside in the desert southwest; I definitely needed assistance!)After retrieving his package from the front porch and opening it at the end of a long day at work, my friend wrote, "The Audubon Field Guide is WAY cool. I spent about 15 minutes thumbing through it last night before I even took off my coat."Soon thereafter, I opened this addition to my own library. At 15-16 oz, this is a serious weight to consider carrying on a long backpacking trip -- but not so frivolous if you relish identifying everything you're seeing! Its compact size makes it a perfect picnic basket/day pack addition for day trips, and when you're not out exploring, it's a handy kitchen/coffee table reference when you gaze out the window. This is a great all-around first guide for a casual/budding naturalist! I can't wait to use it on my next trip!

I highly recommend this field guide to anyone who is interested in the species found in the Pacific Northwest. It is especially great for beginners because it is easy to use and contains sections that cover diverse forms of life. If you're an expert and like to precisely identify mushrooms, for example, get a mushroom guidebook. Otherwise this is great for a quick reference to an amazing number of a variety of species in this area. I've had a lot of fun with it!

This compact and easily packable book is by no means a replacement for more comprehensive bird, wildflower, or tree identification handbooks. That said, it is amazing how much high quality information is packed between the front and the back cover. My wife and I used it on a recent road trip from the eastern borders of Washington and Oregon to the Pacific coast. Whether we were at 8000 feet in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, along the Columbia River, or on the beach at Cape

Disappointment, it was amazing how frequently this field guide was useful in identifying flora and fauna that we encountered. The geological sections added to the pleasure. Overall, it fits well in the "If you like nature, but are allowed only ONE book to take with you on a road trip or backpacking outing, which book would you take?" category.

This book covers WA, OR, and CA and has details as well as colored pictures. It covers everything from plants, the night sky, sea animals, and land animals and birds in a small book. Obviously it can't cover everything but it has been a huge help as we learn about the world around us.

As a newcomer to the state of Washington, this book has been very helpful in identifying the flora and fauna of the area. Combining the plants and animals in one easy reference source is helpful. The photographs are very nice.

The Audubon regional guides are exceptional. They are great for educational use, or for the casual travelling naturalist. Featuring information and photos on everything from constellations to cougars, these are the most concise books to cover the NW area. Don't expect to find every species here, but it will picture those you are most likely to encounter. Get a bird book too if you really want to be able to identify everything you see.

Compact size, good for traveling. Lightweight. Full color photos and descriptions. Maps. Full of useful information. A must have book if you live in the NW and love to be out in nature, camping etc. Bought this for my 14 year old son and he hasn't put it down.

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