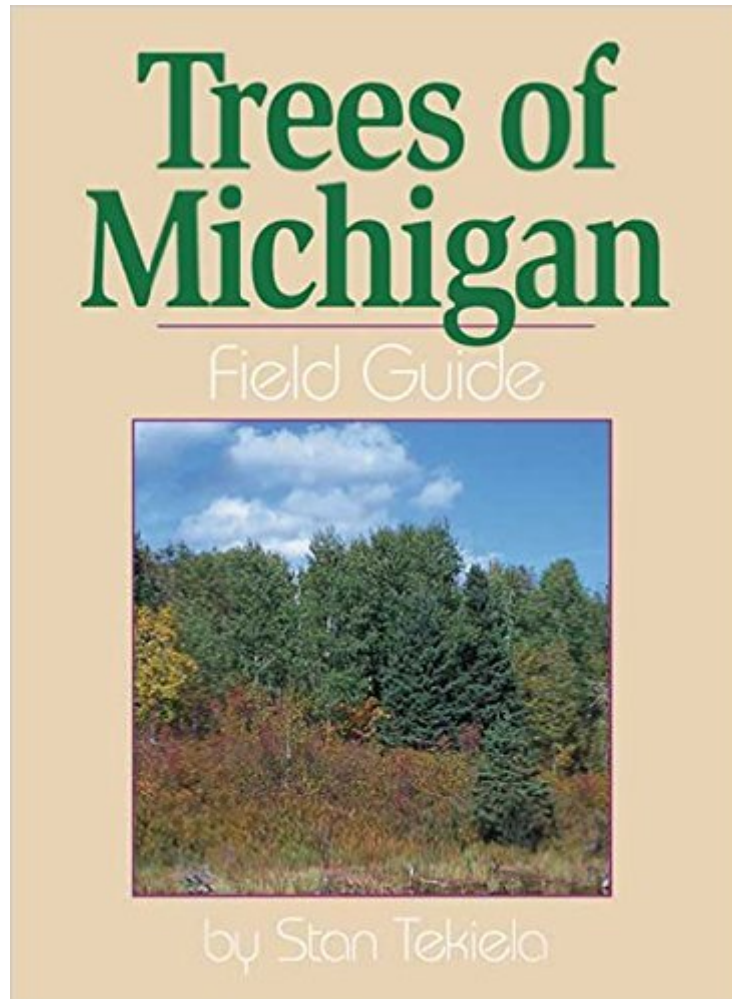


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# Trees Of Michigan Field Guide (Tree Identification Guides)



## Synopsis

Trees are all around, but how much do you know about them? With this famous field guide by award-winning author and naturalist Stan Tekiela, you can make tree identification simple, informative and productive. Learn about 105 Michigan trees, organized in the book by leaf type and attachment. Fact-filled information contains the particulars that you want to know, while full-page photos provide the visual detail needed for accurate identification. Trees are fascinating and wonderful, and this is the perfect introduction to them.

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## Customer Reviews

We loved Tekiela's "Birds of Michigan," so we ordered this as well. It is equally easy to use. Icons appear in the upper right corner of each page, separating trees by how their leaves appear: simple/lobed/compound shape, opposite/alternately attached. Each tree has a full-page color photo of the leaf or needle, with small insets of the bark and cone/fruit/flower. Also helpful is a small line drawing of the tree, showing its overall shape and height compared to a 2-story house. Tekiela gives short, precise descriptions of the tree, along with "Stan's Notes" which elaborate on the variety. I don't know why [refers](#) to this as "hardcover"--it's a small, take-with paperback just like "Birds of Michigan" (which I also highly recommend).

I received this book as a gift and love it! The book is well organized, easy to use, affordable, and contains good pictures. I also own this authors Michigan Wildflowers and Michigan Birds books-

which are excellent. I looked at several other series of nature identification books and they were either too big, too expensive, or too difficult to use. Children could easily use these books.

When I was a teenager, my appreciation of nature and the outdoors was enhanced by being out in it as a Boy Scout and the way we played outdoors in those olden days. There were field guides and handbooks about trees, plants, rocks, and fauna that I collected and used. My grandchildren are reaching the age where such guides would be useful to them, as well. So, I went on and looked around at what was available nowadays. Obviously, the guides I used as a kid are long gone. There were much more comprehensive (and expensive) books. But what I liked about the guides I used is that they had the items I was more likely to encounter here in Michigan, the guides had a manageable number of items and pages, were organized for quick use and finding what I was looking at in a logical and clear way, was physically small enough to fit in a pocket or backpack, and had nice pictures and just enough information to help me understand something about the plant, animal, or rock. I settled on this guide because it was affordable, had good comments from other people, and seemed to have the right mix of what I was after. When it arrived, I was delighted. It was exactly what I was after. The guide is organized by how the needles or leaves grow on the branches of the tree so you can quickly, almost instantly, get to the part of the guide relevant to the tree you are looking at. When you get to the correct page, there is a big photo of the leaves so you can be sure you have the correct tree, and there are little inset photos of the bark, flower, and fruit (if relevant). These are on the left page. On the right hand page, you get the scientific family the tree is in, its height range, a description of the tree, the leaf, the bark, the flower, the fruit, its color in the fall, its origin in Michigan (native or imported from elsewhere) and how long they tend to live. We also get info on the kinds of places it prefers to grow (habitat), and its range in the state. The author then provides a paragraph of interesting notes about the tree and its connection to other trees. I find this guide terrific and plan on picking up other guides in this author's series of nature guides. They are just what I want for my kids and grandkids. Reviewed by Craig Matteson, Saline, MI

I am so happy I bought this book. It's one of my most used books now. The pages are really well laid out and easy to use outside. I am going on a GPS tree hiking tour and this will be very handy. It's easier to see the photos than a phone screen out in the sun shine. The info and interesting facts are on the same page as the leaf and bark photos so it's easy to get all your facts fast and right. If you live in Michigan and you want to expand your knowing about trees I highly recommend this book.

I have many of Stan Tekiela's field books and the simplistic design still amazes me in how useful the guides are. These are superb field guides which I have used for years now. Great purchase for the young and old!

This is the best tree book. I got this for my husband and he is sooo pleased. He was complaining that the books he has really can't help identify the trees. Well this one does, it has the full picture, the leaf, the bark, the blossom, the seed or fruit and a great written description. It is compact enough that he can put it in his pocket when he goes into the woods.

This is a very good book for all, even those with existing knowledge. The pictures are very good, much better than stenciled graphics you get in older books. The variety and coverage of Michigan's trees seems to be very complete.

I live in Michigan and already own the Birds of Michigan Guide by Stan Tekeila. So, when I saw the Trees Guide of Michigan by the same author, I decided to give it a try. We moved to an area in Michigan with some nice old trees in our yard that I had no idea what they were. After I received the book, a few days ago, I went outside to check out some trees. I found out what they were immediately. I had a Bur Oak and another was Witch Hazel. I took a leaf from each and put it right in the book so I wouldn't forget. The Trees of Michigan Field Guide is really handy to use. There is a photo on one page with additional little photos of the bark, cone and so on. Then the other page gives hints about the particular tree so that you can identify it. One interesting fact is how long each tree might live. The Bur Oak should live between 150 and 250 years! I am pretty sure it was here when the Indians lived in this area. It is pretty huge. This is a fine little book and I would highly recommend it.

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