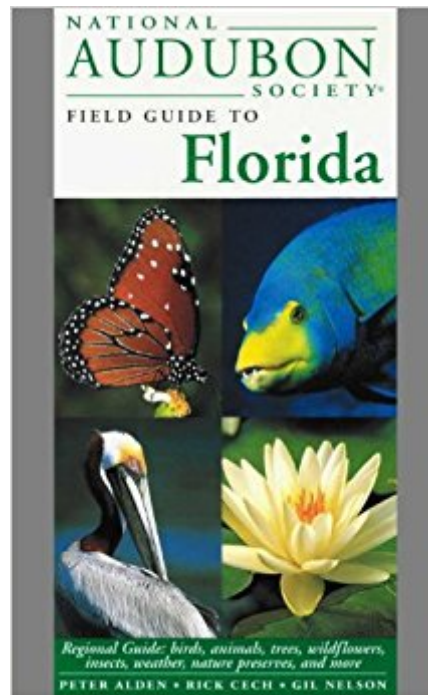




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Synopsis

The most comprehensive field guide available to the flora and fauna of Florida--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 Florida'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.

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Customer Reviews

With its colorful coral reefs, excellent birding, and tropical temperatures, Florida remains a popular vacation spot for the ecologically minded. In this concisely detailed volume you'll become acquainted with the state's geologic origins, natural history, and diverse habitats (salt marshes, mangrove swamps, prairies, and woodlands). A field guide assists in the identification of some of the region's wildflowers, trees, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, mammals, and birds, including the elusive manatee, three species of dolphin, and the rare snail kite. An extensive

sampling of the area's best parks, preserves, beaches, forests, islands, and wildlife sanctuaries, with thorough descriptions and visitor information on 50 destinations, is also included. For instance, the section on Everglades National Park includes information on wildlife viewing possibilities, driving directions, and popular touring attractions inside the park (such as Shark Valley, where a 15-mile loop via foot, rental bike, or tram affords close views of alligators, anhingas, and wading birds). Lesser-known areas such as Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge and Withlacoochee State Forest are also featured. More than 1,300 color photographs heighten the quality of this handy compilation.

New regional guides put everything a naturalist needs to know for a nature walk at home or on family vacations in one pocket-size book: animals, plants and fungi plus information about climate, habitats and nature preserves. Other regions available.

As a Floridian, I take this guide with me on all of my outdoor adventures. This is NOT an exhaustive guide but it does give a very good overview and is a great place to start if you are new to FL flora and fauna.

I have been using this guide almost since it was first published. It is simply the best. It is what it claims to be, a field guide. Its great advantage is that it is easily carried in a pocket or day pack so you'll have it with you in the field. It is not all inclusive, nor is it meant to be but it does a respectable job of covering the most common flora and fauna. Like many birders, I have a collection of guides and manuals, but most of them are too big and heavy or too narrowly focused (only birds or only fish, etc) to be of much use out of doors. This is the most useful of the lot because it is small enough to carry along. I highly recommend it.

This was not the "Audubon" guide I expected. I own several different guides in the Audubon series, all of them with the standard green pebbled covers. This one has an illustrated cover. It is pretty to look at, but lacks in substance. It has just basic information about any of the subject matter it covers. It is sadly lacking entirely of any coverage at all of many species that I know are common in Florida. I bought it primarily as an identification source for fish and reptiles, but find it of little use. Lesson learned here. In the future I will not purchase these type of Audubon guides.

I bought this book as a requirement for a Florida Field Biology Course and Lab that I needed. The

book is filled with facts about native and non-native species in the many diverse Florida environmental habitats that make our state so unique. The book is small enough to carry in a back pocket and can take the rigors of hiking and exploration with its semi-hard cover and binding. Though my instructor, a PhD in Marine Biology, states the book is rather limited in the species it identifies it is the best reference available that isn't either electronic or much too impractical for field use. I rate it 5 ***** stars for its ability to give me quick answers on the spot of identification of most species of flora and fauna I am charged with observing in the wild. It also has some great info about the many state reserves and parks throughout the state of Florida. A must have for anyone who is enchanted by the wonders of our Florida environs, native, and exotic species.

Moving to Orlando, Florida from Delaware for a work opportunity in 2005, I picked up this book because I was clueless about the local animals and plants I would run across on my frequent hikes through the local parks and it was a huge help. I can't think of too many times I failed to find and identify a bird, fish, bug, reptile or plant from the great photos from this little book. Then I lost it in moving back in 2008 and went without a reference for a few years, but decided to get a replacement copy because I moved even further south into Florida and there's an even greater variety of critters down here. Amazingly comprehensive. Highly recommended.

Has a lot of interesting information, but even with its use, I find it hard to identify different species of birds. Also, I can't find some trees and flowers I've seen here in Florida that I had hoped to identify. Still glad I bought it, though.

I bought it for a Flora & Fauna class, BSC2250 I believe? Very useful with the pictures and descriptions of sounds the birds make. It's too bad it doesn't cover more plants and animals, but for a small travel size book it is wonderful.

Very nice book, in fact I leave it out on the coffee table since so many people have enjoyed looking through it when visiting. Nice resource.

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