

WildlifeSouth.com Birding Field Guide Comparison Chart	Illustrations or photos	Illustration or Photo Quality	Field Mark notations on Illustrations or Photos	Female Illustrations	Juvenile/Immature Illustrations	Hybrid Illustrations	Flight Illustrations	Habitat Info	Foraging and Diet Info	Nest Info	Seasonal Range Map	Textual voice desc.	Audio Voice playback	Quick Reference	Comments
A Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern and Central North America by Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson 2002	Illustrations	Good	Yes	Yes	Limited (1)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Limited(3)	No	Yes (4)	Yes (5)	No	No	1. No illustrations of juvenile Wood Duck. 2. Separates Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers on different pages. Also has separate listings for the hybrids Lawrence's and Brewster's Warblers. 3. Food is listed in group heading, usually no foraging behavior listed. 4. Very large Maps near the rear of the book. Associated smaller map thumbnails on the actual species listing page with reference to the larger maps. 5. Decent job with Textual Voice Descriptions.
Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America by Roger Tory Peterson 2008	Illustrations	Good	Yes	Yes	Limited (1)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Limited(3)	No	Yes (4)	Yes	No	Yes (5)	1. No illustrations of juvenile Wood Duck. 2. Unlike the Eastern and Central America edition, the Golden-winged, Blue-winged, Brewster's and Lawrence's are on the same page. 3. Food is listed in group heading, usually no foraging behavior listed. 4. Very large Maps near the rear of the book. Associated smaller map thumbnails on the actual species listing page with reference to the larger maps. 5. Quick reference on the inside front cover, first page.
Kaufman Field Guide to Birds of North America by Kaufman 2005	Digitally enhanced Photos	Fair	Limited(1)	Yes	Limited (2)	Yes	Yes	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Yes (3)	No	Yes (4)	1. Field Marks are noted with pointers, though no text description. 2. No juvenile Wood Duck. 3. Decent job with Textual Voice Descriptions. 4. Edges of pages are color coded for related groupings of birds
National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds: Eastern Region by National Audubon Society 1994	Photos	Fair	No	Limited	Very Limited	No	No	Yes	Limited	Yes	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	Very good textual information, but separation of photos at front of book and text at back of book makes book clunky. 1. Range maps in black and white, rather hard to read.
National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America by Dunn and Alderfer 2008	Illustrations	Vivid (1)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited	No	No	Yes (2)	Yes	No	Yes (3)	1. Vivid illustrations, slightly better color saturation and detail than other books. 2. Few migration ranges are represented on maps. 3. Great quick references; front inside cover has bird families, outside edge pages are tabbed with some of the popular groupings, and back inside cover has a quick-find reference.
National Wildlife Federation Field Guide to Birds of North America by Edward Brinkley 2008	Photos	Fair to Good	Yes	Yes	Limited (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited(3)	Very Limited	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1. Notation text surrounds many species, but no pointers to the specific area. 2. No juvenile wood duck. 3. Generally has good foraging and diet information, though missing on some species.
The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America by Sibley 2003	Illustrations	Good	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited (2)	Limited (2)	Limited	Yes	Yes	No	No	1. Very thorough field mark notations. 2. Habitat and foraging information sometimes added to introduction of family group, as opposed to individual species.
The Sibley Guide to Birds by Sibley 2007	Illustrations	Good	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited(2)	Limited (2)	Limited	Yes	Yes	No	No	Large book compared to others, but has many more varied illustrations of each particular species than any other guide listed. 1. Very thorough field mark notations. 2. Habitat and foraging information sometimes added to introduction of family group, as opposed to individual species.
Smithsonian Field Guide to the BIRDS of North America by Ted Floyd 2008	Photos	Good	No	Yes	Limited (1)	Yes	Limited(2)	Limited(3)	Limited	Limited	Yes	Yes	Limited(4)	Yes (5)	1. Missing Wood Duck Juvenile. 2. Missing Wood Stork and White Ibis flight photos. 3. Much of the habitat information is in the section at the beginning of a group. 4. Includes a bird song DVD with 138 major species (587 vocalizations in all) 5. Inside backcover
Stokes Field Guide to Birds Eastern Region by Donald and Lillian Stokes 1996	Photos	Fair to Good	No	Limited(1)	Limited (2)	Limited(3)	Limited(4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (5)	No	Yes(6)	1. No Golden-winged female photo. 2. No Wood Duck juveniles. 3. No Lawrence's Warbler 4. No White Ibis in flight 5. Voice section is more description than phonetic text. 6. In addition to the quick reference on the inside front and back covers, the edges of pages are color coded for related groupings of birds
iBird Explorer Pro by the Mitch Waite Group 2009 (for iPhone and iTouch devices from Apple)	Illustrations and photos	Both Good	No	Limited (1)	Limited (2)	No	Yes	Yes (3)	Yes (3)	Yes (3)	Yes	Yes	Yes (4)	Yes (5)	1. No Golden-winged or Blue-winged Warbler female. 2. No Wood Duck juvenile. 3. Excellent habitat, foraging, and nesting information. 4. Vocal variations for a particular species is not as complete as 'Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs'. 5. Allow listings to be sorted by first common name, last common name, and family group. Also includes an alphabet index on the right side of screen, so one can skip to a selected letter of the alphabet within any of these sorted list. In addition, allows sorting by location, shape, size, habitat, primary color, bill shape, wing shape, flight pattern, state and month.
National Geographic Handheld Birds by National Geographic (for iPhone and iTouch devices from Apple)	Illustrations	Good	Yes(1)	Yes(1)	Yes(1)	Yes(1)	Yes(1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited(1)	1. Met all the criteria used for reviewing the illustrations (Juveniles/immatures, females, hybrids, and flight). 2. Search feature not as robust as the iBird Explorer Pro. The National Geographic Handheld Birds allows sorting by first or last common name, Taxonomic Name, and Families. Does not include an alphabet index on the screen for jumping to a selected letter within the sorted list. Also does not include sorting by location, shape, size, habitat, primary color, bill shape, wing shape, flight pattern, state and month.

Column Bird Selections used for Illustrations Review

Field Mark Notations - Black-capped and Carolina Chickadee, Downy and Hairy Woodpecker, Golden-winged Warbler

Female Illustrations - Wood Duck, Hairy Woodpecker, Golden-winged Warbler

Juvenile/Immature Illustrations - Wood Duck, Black-crowned and Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron

Hybrid Illustrations - Blue Winged Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler

Flight Illustrations - Wood Duck, Wood Stork, White Ibis, Black and Turkey Vultures, Barn Swallow, Chimney Swift

Habitat, Foraging and Diet, Nesting - looking for information in the specific species listing, not the group or family introduction pages