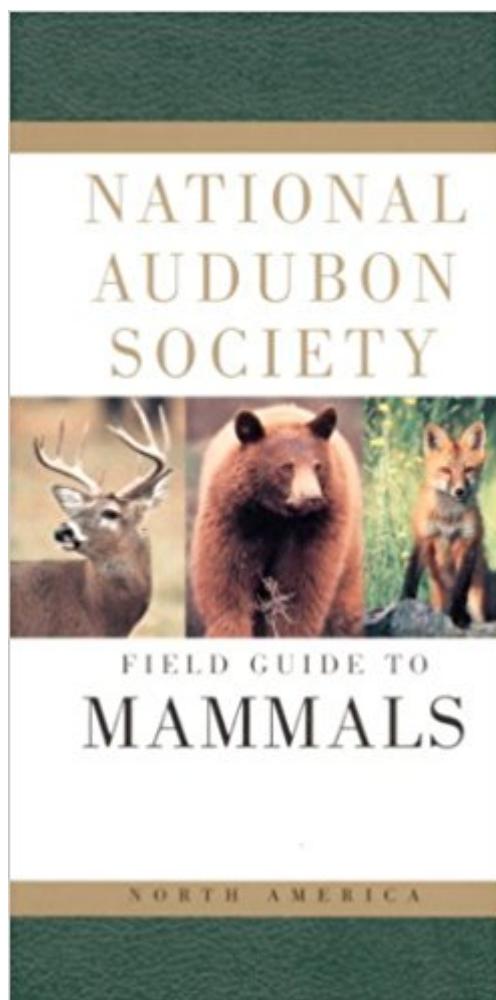


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# **National Audubon Society Field Guide To North American Mammals (National Audubon Society Field Guides (Hardcover))**



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The most comprehensive field guide available to North American mammals--a must-have for any enthusiast's day pack or home library--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. From a stop-action photograph of the amazing flying squirrel to Big Horn Sheep perched on a rock face, this guide puts the world of mammals in your hands. Illustrated with more than 300 full-color photographs, each species account includes information on physical characteristics, size, similar species, breeding, tracks and other signs, habitat, and range, as well as commentary on feeding, nesting, and other behaviors. Easy-to-read range maps, detailed anatomical illustrations of different mammals, track illustrations, and a state-by-state location guide make this the decisive authority on North American mammals.

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Consider the lynx, a medium-sized cat of boreal regions of North America, "a solitary animal, associated with the opposite sex only during mating." Consider the Oldfield mouse, *Peromyscus polionotus*, once abundant in abandoned fields and beaches from South Carolina to northern Florida. These are but two of the 390 species covered in this densely informative, well-illustrated guidebook to the mammals of North America, with photographs keyed to textual descriptions that cover a given animal's physical features, range and habitat, breeding characteristics, and behavior (and, helpfully, that list other animals with which it might be confused). This easy-to-use handbook

makes a superb addition to any naturalist's library. --Gregory McNamee

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The final authority on field books. I took this and the rest of the set on a 31 day extreme-survival-adventure and the heavy page material held up well.\*\*\*Easy to read, easy to navigate, impossible to pick up and not learn something, every time you open it\*\*\* 6 stars if possible

...and still fit in my backpack with the other four field guides that I carried "into the wild"! I have the 1997 printing of this guide, with the gold vinyl cover. It measures 4" by 7.5" by 1.5", and consists of more than 900 pages of photos, drawings, maps and text; all I needed to identify all the mammalian species that I encountered during a part-time, two-year volunteer program with an environmental watch group. Combined with the National Geographic "Field Guide to the Birds of North America", all the fauna in my research area were recognizable without too much trouble. The Track Guide (footprints) was very helpful, since many animals prefer to see without being seen. I was even able to locate and positively identify wild mink, which were previously thought to be long gone from the area that I was exploring. The paper in this Guide is little heavier than that of a pocket Bible, and the text and symbols are not at all difficult for my eyes, even with bifocals. For anyone contemplating a similar venture to mine, I suggest that you seriously consider the purchase of this book!

Great book. Really like the beautiful photos and info on the different mammals. Book in great shape.

Great product and service love it

Great book alot of imformation

\*Any\* kind of traveling into the Country, the Plains, Mountains, and/or West requires this \*compleat\*

reference in your to-go material, especially if you have children, who will \*greatly\* enjoy knowing more about the critters of our natural world! Additionally, having this \*trusty\* guide handy at home also opens up discussions about animals commonly seen, even in cities, such as raccoons, possums, and, yes, even skunks! The representative photos are most helpful in differentiating one type of animal spotted from another, to arrive at a sure identification--and are fascinating to look at too! Altho' we reveled in our Southern California home about seeing (\*really\*!) coyotes (especially on golf courses) and foxes, latter of which regularly came into our yard, even with their pups, we've been \*awed\* at the new animals we're seeing in our retirement location elsewhere in the West: badgers, yellow-bellied marmots, covies of quail (which weren't as plentiful in our SoCal neighborhoods), chukkars, and plentiful black bear (a species also not rarely found in outskirts of Southern California cities and towns)! Obtaining this exhaustive reference was our answer and now we wonder \*why\* didn't we secure one before now in our lives?!? You'll love it and learn a \*great\* deal from it too!

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