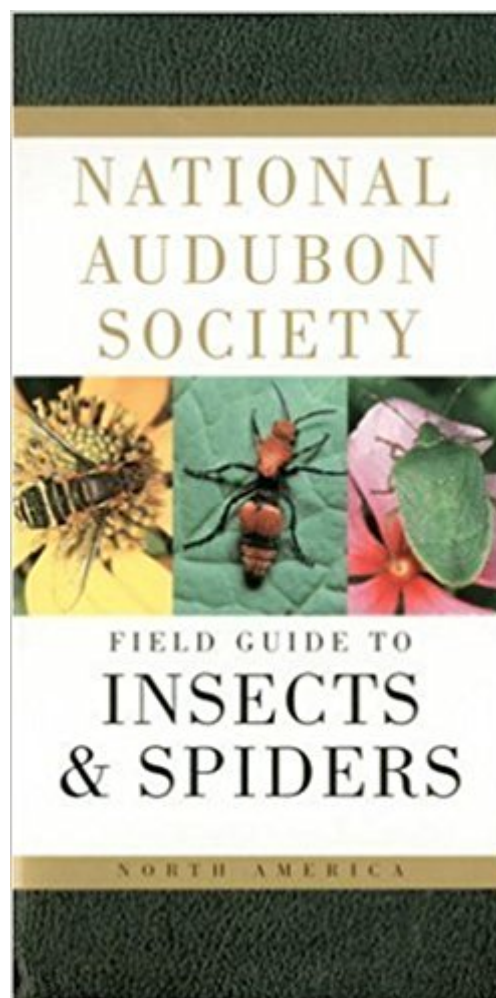




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Synopsis

The most comprehensive field guide available to the insects and spiders of North America--a must-have for any enthusiast's day pack or home library--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. Featuring a durable vinyl binding and over 700 full-color identification photographs--organized visually by color and shape, the-- National Audubon Society Field Guide to Insects and Spiders-- is the perfect companion for any outdoor excursion. Descriptive text includes measurements, diagnostic details, and information on habitat, range, feeding habits, sounds or songs, flight period, web construction, life cycle, behaviors, folklore, and environmental impact. An illustrated key to the insect orders and detailed drawings of the parts of insects, spiders, and butterflies supplement this extensive coverage.

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Customer Reviews

There are about 100,000 kinds of insects in North America, so obviously they can't have a field guide in the same way the 650 species of birds do: something both portable and complete. The National Audubon Society has produced a remarkably useful compromise. This guide has photographs and descriptions of 550 insect species and 60 kinds of spiders. Most of the families of arthropods on the continent are covered, as are all of the most common species. It's a very useful resource for any North American naturalist, and the best choice for an adult who is not an expert entomologist. --Mary Ellen Curtin

Spiders, bugs, moths, butterflies, beetles, bees, flies, dragonflies, grasshoppers, and many other insects are detailed in more than 700 full-color photographs visually arranged by shape and color. Descriptive text includes measurements, diagnostic details, and information on habitat, range, feeding habits, sounds or songs, flight period, web construction, life cycle, behaviors, folklore, and environmental impact. An illustrated key to the insect orders and detailed drawings of the parts of insects, spiders, and butterflies supplement this extensive coverage.

Husband is a cellular biologist and biotechnologist so he loves the National Audubon Society field guides. My 10 year old son actually requested this one to be added to our collection because he loves insects. He has referred to this book multiple times already and identified several insects around the backyard and woods. Even if you are not trying to identify a particular insect or spider it's fun to just pick this up and read off and on. Of course it cannot include ALL insects and spiders but the "main" ones are here. Highly recommended!

Pros: I used this book for a science competition for identifying insects... It is extremely useful with pictures at the front for viewing each insect. The pictures are organized by insect biotype and refer to the page number where insect information is. The booklet contains spiders & insects and goes in-depth for butterflies. It has basic info on families and select species. Cons: One thing I wish this book had was more pictures at the front, since there were some insects I had never seen before and couldn't even find something similar in the book. Identification points would've also been appreciable. The book is small and ideal for packing, but will close on its own since it's so small. Condition: brand-new, but I bought it used. B)

This is a fascinating and helpful book! The kids like to just look through the pages at all the different bugs even when they aren't searching for anything in particular. Set up well and easy to use. Lots of beautiful pictures! Our favorite find guide series!

Section on moths is lacking certain species. Makes me question what else is missing from the guide. Would have thought National Audubon Society to be more inclusive and thorough, especially when making a field guide.

A nice surprise for my husband. I shared my old one with another bug lover. Easy to use. There are

so many insects that are included in this book. No all of course. Beautiful photos and wonderful descriptions.

This has been extremely helpful for identifying the insects encountered. I enjoy photography, and taking a photo of an interesting insect is fun, but I really like knowing what it is that I found. This has in almost every instance resulted in finding the desired identity. I don't carry it with me, but it looks durable enough to be put in my camera bag and have it survive a lot of handling. This past summer I was fortunate to encounter a brood of Periodical Cicadas. The book clearly shows them and explains the 13 - 17 year appearance. The book did not mention the commonly heard name of Red Eyed Cicada. Perhaps that common name is only a regional thing.

If you don't like insects and admire their lives and their importance to mankind, you're missing out on nature at its best

I've used these books since my kids were little... now buying new ones for the grandkids. You can't go wrong with this one or any of the other topics bound into this kind of an Audubon reference book. I highly recommend this (or any of the other Audubon Field Guides) as a great resource or a bunch of great pics and accurate facts!

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