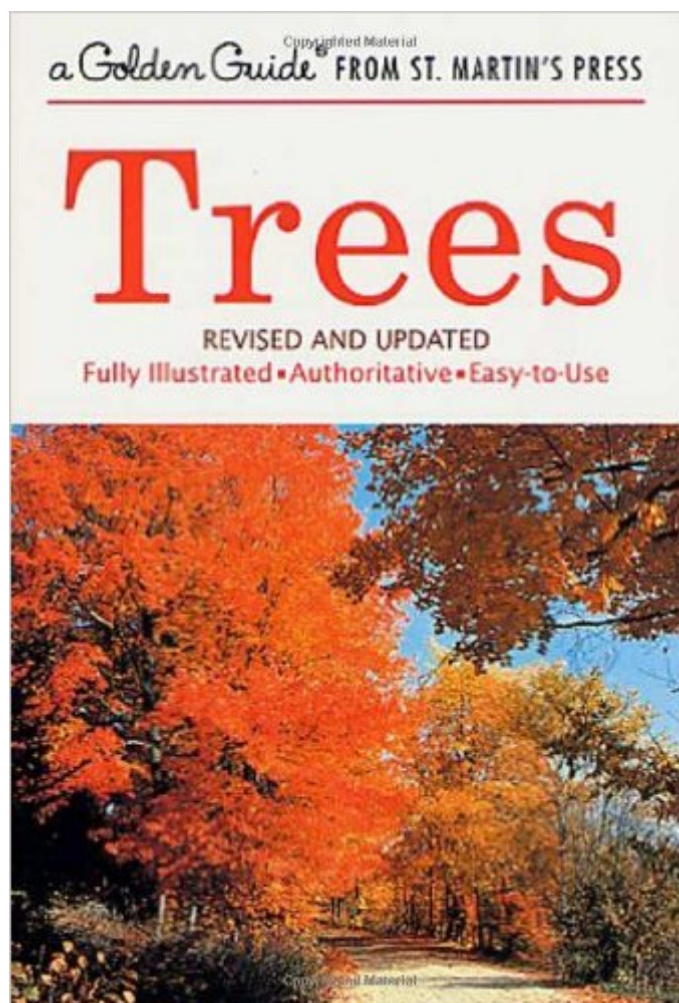


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# Trees (A Golden Guide From St. Martin's Press)



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This Golden Guide describes and illustrates in full color more than 140 of our most common trees. Learn:-How to recognize tree shapes, flowers, buds, leaves, and fruits-Where each species grows-The parts of a tree and the various kinds of treesPerfect for nature lovers of all ages, this is an indispensable guide for everyone who wants to be able to recognize the different trees in North America.

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I love this little book. I've carried it on many hikes, dog walks, and through several years of walking to graduate school. It's easy to use, detailed enough to be helpful, and small enough (my aged copy, at any rate) to fit in your back pocket. Of all of the field guides that I own, I've used this one the most.

This book is great for people who want to learn the basics of different trees, their leaves, their twigs and bark of the trees around their area. If you don't know if the tree grows in your area, you can look at the maps in the book to see if it does. If you like trees and want to learn about them, you'll love this book. I loved this book because it built my foundation for knowledge in trees and their different families.

This is one book in a series, "A Golden Guide" which made up an extremely important part of my

childhood. This 1956 edition was my first real bird guide when I was a pup. Until then, I certainly watched bird, liked birds, studied birds and was absolutely captivated by them. The library in our small town had a couple of musty old volumes which gave written descriptions of birds, with no pictures, but for a young boy, identification of birds was a very difficult process. We simply did not have access to anything better. Yes, Peterson's work was out, but I sure could not lay my hands on a copy. Then, somewhere, some place, my parents found this work for me and it opened up an entire new world. I could actually put a name to many of the birds I had been seeing! You cannot imagine how thrilled I was! And it was hot off the press! Since that time I have gathered quite a large library of books concerning the feathered creatures of the earth. I have dozens upon dozens of field guides and as new ones are published, I cannot wait to rush out and buy them. I literally have thousands of dollars tied up in optics and cameras; all for birds. I have CDs beyond count; recordings of bird calls and I have bookmarked dozens upon dozens of bird sites on the web. Of all this wonderful crap I have, all of which I am grateful for, I don't think one book or one item has ever given me more pleasure than this one little book I received so many years ago. I still have it. It looks like it went through the Crimean War, six tornados, couple of floods and one of my dogs used it as a chew, chew toy years ago, but I still have it. I still thumb through this little book from time to time and I must say that I marvel at the accuracy of the photographs and information provided. Now I grant you that there is absolutely no comparison between this work and those of Peterson, Sibley, The Smithsonian and others of their ilk; oh my no...they are not even in the same league. But that is okay. This little book served its purpose in its time and it served it well! I was showing a young friend of mine, a fellow birder, this little book not long ago and noted he had one of those indulgent little smiles on his face when he proclaimed my little book "quaint." I could not help thinking that in 50 years or so, he is going to have some kid pick his beloved Sibley's up and make the same statement with the same little smirk...on the other hand, I pondered the possibility that in 50 years or so there may be no need for a field guide for the bird...hmmm, maybe no birds to identify, if things keep going the way they are. By the way, I also still have my Golden Guide to Snakes, Reptiles, and Butterflies also! Anyway, I am giving this one five stars, not because it is the beginning and end of all field guides, but because I am personally rather fond of this book, and after all, this is my review so I guess I can give it any rating I want! Don Blankenship The ozarks

Another handy reference for amateur naturalists, this pocket book facilitates the identification and exploration of trees of all sorts. There is some introductory information in the beginning that brings the reader up to speed on how trees work, and also suggests some strategies and uses for tree

identification. Some of the pictures are the soft colors that we have come to expect, but many of the pictures of leaves and nuts are more starkly drawn, perhaps because identification can be so difficult. Trees are arranged by group (spruces, oaks, etc.), and each species has a picture, short description, and map depicting its natural range. This is an invaluable book for amateurs, and has the Golden Guide trademark of being accessible to young naturalists without talking down to them.

•, A Guide to Familiar American Trees by Herbert S. Zim and Alexander C Martin, revised by Jonathan P. Latimer. Thankfully, this volume is easy to use and the entries, though comparatively brief, provide the reader with a wealth of pertinent information. That is also to say that the reader isn't bogged down with a lot of minutia. The drawings are abundant and helpful. Recommended.

I lost my old treasured copy (just like this one) so I replaced it with this. I am once again a happy camper. Illustrations are great, birds' habitat has probably changed a bit, now with global warming and loss of forestation in so many places, so I may be happily surprised to see species that really were not in this area (East Coast) when the book was first published.

I've had this book for a couple of years now, and this is where I started my journey of learning the language of the Woods. It has been invaluable, and I refer to it on a weekly basis. This little booklet will get you to the point where you can identify every major tree in your region. For the price, it is a best buy. I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Very good-quality book. I lend it out to my friends every now & again. Has drawings, not pictures, but they are very accurate and easy to read & understand. Has a few pages dedicated only to Oak Trees leaves & acorns, too! (White Oak p85, Black Oak p97, and their acorns) Of course, lots of other trees, too! Measurements in feet & inches, not cm and meters, like some books. Definitely worth the purchase - For you, your friends, your library, and your purse or backpack. Mine is the (c) 2001 "Revised and Updated" version

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