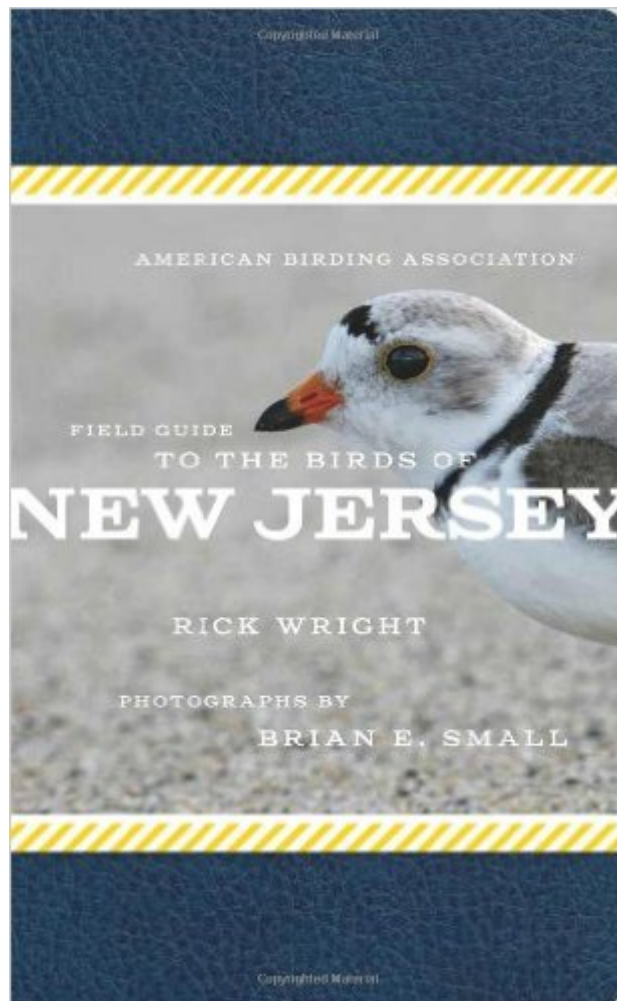


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# American Birding Association Field Guide To The Birds Of New Jersey (American Birding Association State Field)



## Synopsis

From High Point State Park to Cape May Point, New Jersey is home to an amazing diversity of birds. More than 375 species nest in the dozens of state parks, forests, and natural areas created by local, state, and national authorities, from the centimeters-long ruby-throated hummingbird to large raptors such as the bald eagle. This guide to the Garden State's birds features 255 bird species in their natural habitats, presented in stunning color photographs complemented by detailed information on habitats, vocalizations, and when and where to see them. The birds are organized by species for quick reference, and the book includes a complete state bird list and a directory of birding destinations. This is an excellent resource for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts who want to learn more about New Jersey's natural history and the diversity of its birds.

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## Customer Reviews

The American Birding Association Field Guide to the Birds of New Jersey is perhaps the best New Jersey Birding guide I have purchased to date! The American Birding Association partnered with publishers Scott & Nix in order to produce high-quality state bird identification guides with New Jersey being the first guide. The brief Introduction explains basic concepts like scientific names and taxonomy, and illustrates bird anatomy in six pages of labeled photographs. The Introduction is where you see that this really is a book about New Jersey. The section on "Bird Habitats" isn't just a general description of various places where you are likely to find birds, it lists the

specific types of habitats found in New Jersey and which species you are most likely to find there. • "Birding Sites in New Jersey" • lists the state's major birding sites, their counties, the best season to bird the sites and what types of birds will be found at each. • "A Year Afield" • recommends two Jersey sites to bird for each month of the year. The American Birding Association Field Guide to Birds of New Jersey covers 255 species, birds that are abundant and common in the state, plus some uncommon and rare species. Each species is organized in taxonomic order which was expected, and it makes it very easy to navigate through. Each species account includes: basic information such as popular name, scientific name, size (length and wingspan) and weight, as well as symbols indicating if the male or female are larger in size where appropriate. One to three paragraphs compactly describe what the bird looks like in terms of shape and size, its habitat, and how often, where, and when the bird is likely to be seen in New Jersey.

**BASICS:** flexcover; an attractive photo guide to 264 (72%) of the species routinely seen and 57% of all species in New Jersey; each bird shown with 1-3 high quality photos; photos show the adult breeding plumages of the male and female and sometimes of a juvenile-plumaged bird; one paragraph of material on each bird covers descriptions of the bird, habitat preference, some habits, and sounds; a short sentence of key identification notes is used as a legend with each photo; good guide for a novice birder wanting to focus on the birds of the state

**REVIEW:** This book presents something just a little bit different and better from previous state-dedicated bird books. That difference is a guide with a better balance between the size of that book against a proper representation of the region's birds. This book gives us a number of species that is not too few (which makes for a useless book) and a number that is not too high (which can be overwhelming with all the vagrants). Instead, this book has just the right number of birds for the new birder who's taking a first serious effort to learn the birds of his own home turf in New Jersey. Within this book are 264 species the authors consider as "annual or more or less common". In other words, those birds that can be found without much difficulty every year. This accounts for 72% of the species routinely seen in the state and 57% of all 460+ birds known from New Jersey. This smaller subset will serve the novice birder quite nicely for first learning the birds one would expect to see in the state. The other nice feature of this book is the great selection of 600+ color photographs. The quality and size of these photographs should be commended.

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