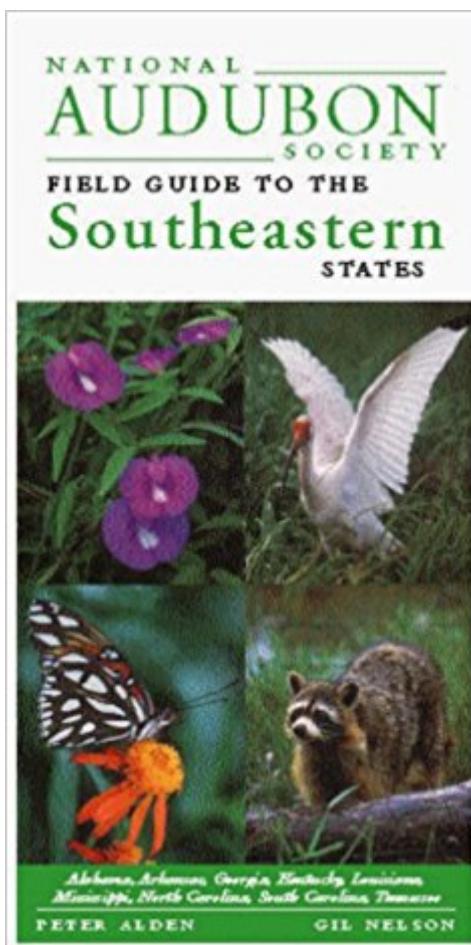


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# **National Audubon Society Regional Guide To The Southeastern States: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, ... (National Audubon Society Field Guide)**





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The most comprehensive field guide available to the American Southeast--a portable, essential companion for visitors and residents alike--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. This compact volume contains: An easy-to-use field guide for identifying 1,000 of the state's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, mammals, and much more; A complete overview of the southeastern region's natural history, covering geology, wildlife habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks and minerals, clouds and weather patterns, and the night sky; An extensive sampling of the area's best parks, preserves, hiking trails, forests, and wildlife sanctuaries, with detailed descriptions and visitor information for 50 sites and notes on dozens of others. The guide is packed with visual information -- the 1,500 full-color images include more than 1,300 photographs, 13 maps, and 16 night-sky charts, as well as more than 100 drawings explaining everything from geological processes to the basic features of different plants and animals. For everyone who lives or spends time in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Southeastern States.

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Peter Alden, principal author of this series, is a birder, naturalist, author, and lecturer. He has led nature tours to more than 100 countries and is the author of books on North American, Latin American, and African wildlife. Peter organized an event called Biodiversity Day, the first of which took place in his hometown of Concord, Massachusetts. Gil Nelson, regional consultant and author of the habitats, flora, and parks and preserves sections of this guide, is a naturalist, writer, and educator who has contributed articles to many national and regional magazines. He lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

Love this book since I am a new resident to the southeast region. Have used it often and keep it handy. Can easily find what I am looking for.

Nice book, great for a quick lookup, not as comprehensive as the books dedicated to one species.

Great guide to carry along on outings, most anything you are likely to see is in this book, and it is not stuffed with plants and animals that do not occur here in the southeast. I love a book like this when in a tree stand, I can identify all the trees within a reasonable distance, and when the morning is slow, I can use my binoculars to see better detail and confirm that with the photos in the book. The photos are great, the descriptions good, and the organization is well thought out. All told it is a book worth far more than the asking price and the knowledge one can gain from this book is

priceless.

I have previously purchased one of these guides for New England. As a new resident in a new region, I knew that I would need this and have used it dozens of times since our move. I think that this is a 'must have' for anyone who has even a remote interest in biology. If I had only one complaint, it is that the book covers too large and biodiverse a region, so the guide is seemingly incomplete. I have already found several insects that were not included in the guide.

Due to its climate and varied terrain, the southeastern United States may have the most varied natural life in the nation. And while it may now be the most populous quarter of the lower 48, the natural world is never far away. The National Audubon Field Guide is an excellent resource to keep close by for those who live and explore in the southeast. The book is divided into three main sections. The first covers an overview of the climate, the geography, the habitats and ecology of the south. The second covers the plant and animal life. And the third introduces some of the more significant parks and natural areas of the southeast. The first great reason this book is valuable is the extensive color photographs and drawings of the different major types of native animal and plant species. The second great reason this book is valuable is its portability. The weekend hiker or boater, and the home gardener will equally appreciate the relative size of this book, as it can be easily thrown into a backpack for easy reference. The book could do a better job of showing some of the non-native plants and animals. Also, the plants and the animals are not indexed, which can make referencing them slower. The final section, which just introduces major parks in the southeast, could have been better with some introductory maps of major hiking and boating areas. That said, this is a fine guidebook that should be useful to anyone in the southeast who enjoys the outdoors.

100% positive.

This book was recommended to me by a friend as a great book for starting nature study here in North Carolina. She recommended getting this book, along with the Peterson First Guide to Caterpillars of North America, and told our nature study group you could identify a lot of things with those two books. She was right! I actually own a LOT of nature guides already, so this one was a bit superfluous, but if I want to minimize what we take on a nature hike, this is one I grab.

The photographs in this book are outstanding. I truly love the guides written by the National

Audubon Guide to the Southeastern States. My problem with the book is that I live in Florida and go camping, hiking, and bike riding in this state. With the title Southeastern, I assumed that Florida would be included. Well, guess what, it isn't. That is my biggest complaint about the book. Since I live in the panhandle of Florida, I've decided on keeping it anyway. However, I've already run across a snake that I can't find in the book. Guess I better start looking for a Florida guide????

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