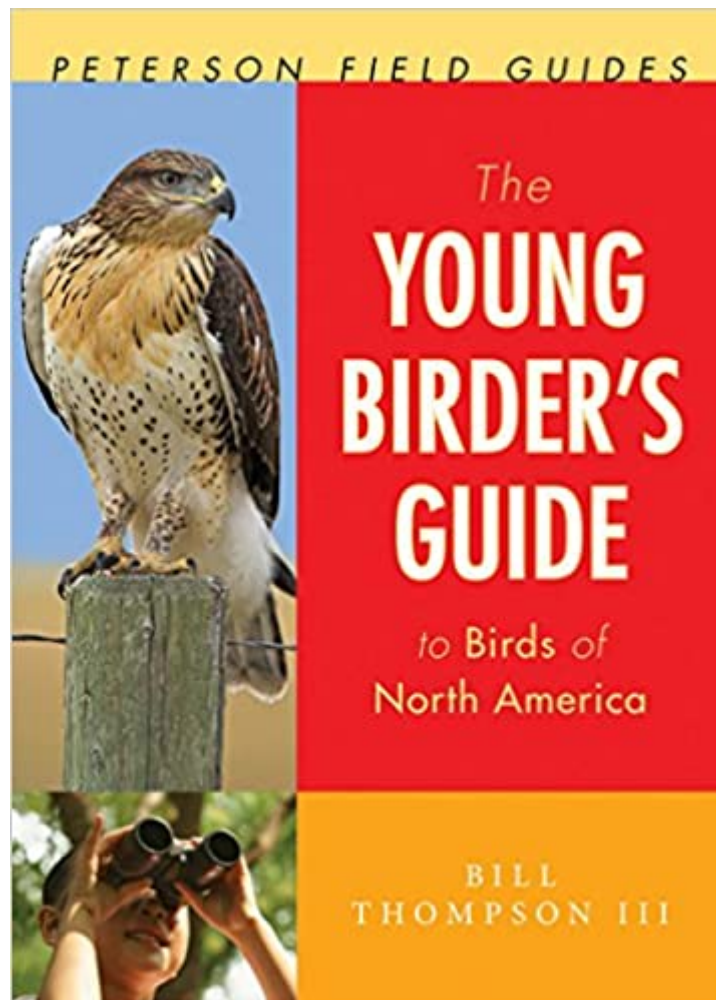




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# The Young Birder's Guide To Birds Of North America (Peterson Field Guides)



## Synopsis

Covering 300 of the most common birds in all of the United States and Canada, The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America is loaded with color photographs, drawings showing typical behaviors, range maps, an easy-to-use checklist, fun facts, and authoritative information about each bird, its vocalizations, and its habitat. While other field guides might overwhelm kids who are new to birding, The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America was created with help from kids. Bill Thompson's own son and daughter and their elementary school classes helped select the content. Kid tested, kid approved!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 6 Up-As other guides have appeared in recent years, birders have latched on to their favorites, but none is aimed so directly at the fledgling birder as this one. The 300 species most likely to be encountered in North America are described on a page each ("adult" field guides usually list several related species per spread), accompanied by a color photo of the bird, two if males and females have different plumage. Notes on habitat and what to look for (markings) and listen for (songs, calls) will help birders confirm sightings. The taxonomic arrangement, covering from waterfowl to finches, is similar to many field guides, so it will be easy for novices to graduate from this title to more

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I've been reading field guides to birds for about fifty years. Bill Thompson's "Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America" is, without question, the best I've seen for beginning birders. I've purchased one for my granddaughter and another for a family of young nieces. I'm quite sure that they are not the last. When Bill wrote the book, he got plenty of input from his son Liam, daughter Phoebe, and her 5th grade class. It shows. There is plenty of information for interested folks of all ages, but it is carefully written so as to neither patronize young readers, nor to be too far over their heads. I read my granddaughter's copy before handing it over, and there was a lot that was news to this old birder. There are about three hundred species included, with identifying marks, information about habits, range maps and a variety of photographs, in addition to drawings by his wife, the wildlife artist Julie Zickefoose. The book is readable, portable, durable, and complete enough to satisfy most bird lovers who are interested in the birds in their backyards and local woods. It might require a bit of supplementation when the Spring and Fall migrants are moving, but in most situations it will get the job done. More importantly, it entertains as well as informs. The author is editor of "Bird Watcher's Digest," and leads birding trips all over the world. He, Julie and the kids, are well-known in birding venues. He also plays guitar, sings and writes for The Rain Crows, a band popular in Eastern Ohio and in birding sites across America. Disclaimer: the Thompson family are friends, but I was not asked to write this review. If I hadn't liked the book, I would simply not have written anything.

I bought this for the 11-year old daughter of a woman who was hanging wallpaper for us. I was showing her all the birds in our yard and she was very interested and picked up on them quickly. I ordered the book, had it in 2 days with Prime, and gave it to her the next time she came over with her mother. I also handed her a pack of those little colored Post-It tabs that you use to show someone where to sign a document. I told her she could mark the pages of the ones she liked. As she went through the book she would say "OHHHHHHHHHH!!!" at each bird that caught her eye

and would pull out a tab and stick it on the page. A few more pages and another "OHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!". When she left there were about 25 tabs sticking out of the top of the book. I think she'll have it a long time. Probably the best investment I've ever made.

I really like this guide. It is simple but has enough information to be useful. It has neat tips which adds to the interest factor. The photos are clear and catch the special qualities of each species. The size of the book , light and compact, makes it great for hikes and birding trips. It even fits in a baggie, which makes it a nice addition to a canoe trip. There is nothing babyish about this book. It has solid information and technique that can be used by anyone. I highly recommend it.

I love this book!!! I am new to birding, although I am not young this book is perfect for beginners of any age, well written, Great illustrations and easy to follow I would recommend it to any person of any age who would like to learn about birding :)

My 8 year old loves her bird watching book! We have identified several birds in our backyard and traveling around. I love that there is a space to write the date that the bird was seen, and my daughter loves reading the facts about each bird that we find. This was a Christmas gift that I gave her, along with a pair of binoculars.

I bought this book for my grandsons. It is Christmas Day and I still haven't wrapped it because I keep looking at it. It's a great book for ALL birders, not just Young ones! Easy to use and lots of interesting and useful info. I am going to have to wrap it now because I need to give it to the boys! I am going to buy myself a copy and one for my granddaughter too! The pictures are great. This is an awesome book  
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We love this book. It's easy to read and super informative. We keep it on hand to identify our birds at our feeders. Love the map. We is my 1.5 year old and me.

Great photos and great detail. I got this for my Bird loving Daughter but the content is so clever anyone would enjoy reading this. My Daughter and I agree this is far and away the best bird book we have from about five very professionally produced books. It's certainly the most fun to look at. It's also very intelligently organized.

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