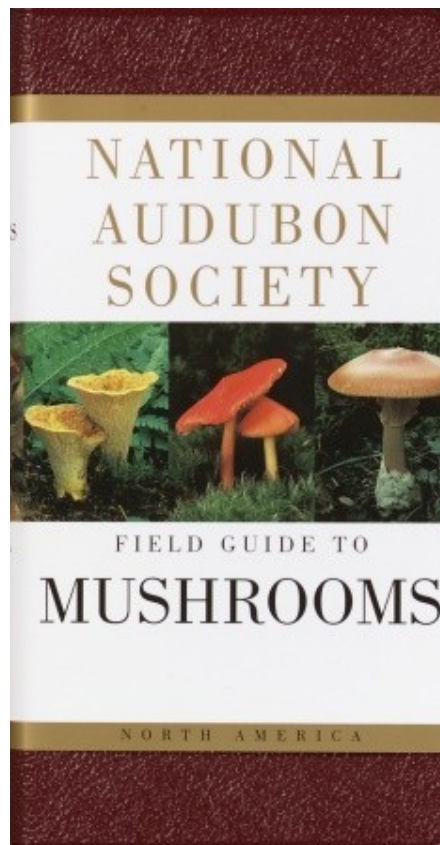




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With more than 700 mushrooms detailed with color photographs and descriptive text, this is the most comprehensive photographic field guide to the mushrooms of North America. The 762 full-color identification photographs show the mushrooms as they appear in natural habitats. Organized visually, the book groups all mushrooms by color and shape to make identification simple and accurate in the field, while the text account for each species includes a detailed physical description, information on edibility, season, habitat, range, look-alikes, alternative names, and facts on edible and poisonous species, uses, and folklore. A supplementary section on cooking and eating wild mushrooms, and illustrations identifying the parts of a mushroom, round out this essential guide.

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stew says

Useful and interesting, but I still don't trust myself to make proper ID with these things. Knowing my luck, I'd turn purple, puff up and have my eyes melt out of their sockets. Purty pix, though.

Kasey Jane says

This is a massive guidebook replete with color plates and an excellent key system. It contains enough information to satisfy someone who has been identifying mushrooms for several years, and many plates show phenotypic differences among the more popular species.

I would not recommend this book to someone who wants to learn mushroom hunting unless they have previous experience with the Audubon guides. I just think this book is a little too dense for a novice -- the pages and pages of LBMs are a little too intense for someone who may just be interested in identifying the most distinctive edibles like morels and oysters.

Recommended Reading

For the amateur mycologist, I would recommend the following books in this order:

1. This one The Pocket Guide to Mushrooms
 2. The Audubon Society Field Field Guide to North American Mushrooms
 3. A regional guide, like Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic
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WaferBiscuits says

An invaluable, easy to use tool for all of your mushroom identification needs. The way it's structured makes it super easy to thumb through without hassle. A must-have for anyone interested in mycology in the field, both amateur and professional

Deb Delk says

An invaluable tool for learning to identify wild mushrooms

Susan says

while not finished reading, this is an excellent book for even beginners, with good photos, and very descriptive info on the mushrooms. a must for any forager

Tofu Fairy says

EXCELLENT ref guide...almost 800 color pics! I was able to ID most of the shrooms I've photographed!

Tim says

This is a user-friendly guide to trees in the Eastern U.S.A. So far, I have found it to be an enjoyable item to put in my backpack for a day on the hiking trail or the park. The book is clearly organized, with sections for leaves, flowers/nuts, and a couple of other categories. It is a good size, and the illustrations are clear. This book will help you identify trees. However, it is not a textbook or a serious introduction to the study of trees - for that, you would need something else.

M says

This here is a field guide worth its salt, especially for the beginning mushroomer. I took up mushrooming about six months ago, and this has been my bible during that time, largely because of the plates, which are abundant and of very high quality; it enables the user to triangulate between the mushroom found, a mushroom depicted in the plates, and the more subtle identifying features that are described in the text portion following the plates. Readers can expect to find information about spore prints, morphology, color, range, substrate, and occasionally, ecology.

On to the shortcomings, because these are worth considering:

-Once you exit the realm of mushrooms with stipes and caps, the organizational scheme of the plates can be confusing, and it can be difficult to find something similar to the fungus you've found if you don't search every page of the plates. Womp womp.

-The plates don't depict multiple stages of development, so immature specimens or specimens with unusual reproductive stages will be very difficult to identify;

-The plates give only the common name of the mushroom, so you have to go to the corresponding page in the text section to find the genus and species if you'd like to google it straight away;

-The photos are not always endowed with the best lighting, which can be utterly infuriating if you're out to figure out which exact species of *Russula* you've gathered in the wild;

-The species descriptions are excellent, but when a "commonly-mistaken-for" species is listed, that doesn't mean that the species is present in the book;

-Winter mycophiles may be disappointed by the relative paucity of crusts, myxomycetes, and polypores discussed in this book.

All that said, I can't help but give this guide five stars. It got me going and it keeps me going, especially when I've failed to be fastidious about taking pictures from all the right angles and collecting specimens for closer inspection at home. Moreover, the clustering of similar-looking species in the plates and in the text facilitates identification by process of elimination for those who (like me) just want to know what the damn

thing is probably called.

PLEASE NOTE: **THIS BOOK IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EAT WILD MUSHROOMS AND SURVIVE.** Edibility is mentioned, but because the assemblage of species in this guide is not exhaustive, it's absolutely essential to avoid eating anything you think you may have identified until you've consulted other books directed specifically toward mycophagists, of which there are several.

Elizabeth says

Superb. Fantastic. Phenomenal. Changed my life.

Benjamin Plume says

Fabulous color plates. Good descriptions. While no guide should be one's lone resource in mushrooming, this one is the closest I've found to a comprehensive and reliable option. I often partner this with Michael Kuo's work (his books or his website) and call it a day...unless of course I'm looking for a meal, in which case I always consult every resource I have.

I would call this book an absolute must-have for mushroom hobbyists. A+.

D says

Relatively compact size, beautiful photographs, concise descriptions, and easy to use -- definitely a good reference for mushroom hunters and interested nature lovers alike. You can't ask for much more to a good field guide than this.

Isaac Wayne says

Incredible reference material! Easy to use in the field and full of fantastic photographs. Would recomend to anybody interested in mycology.

Jaguar says

"National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms (National Audubon Society Field Guides)" by National Audubon Society is a fabulous field guide on mushrooms in North America. With tons of pictures, and TONS of information on EACH mushroom, you will be able to learn about pretty much any mushroom you find in North America. This is a great field guide, and would be great for reference. I would read it again.

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Syroezhka says

I am an avid mushroom forager (as you can guess from my alias). This book has been my reliable source for mushrooming in the U.S. It is detailed, has excellent illustrations and organized in a clear way. I love this book.

Shannon Telles lisowski says

An awesome tool for any mushroom hunter. I learned more than I thought I would. My only complaints.....the lay out and the bulk of the book as I do like to take them into the woods with me.
