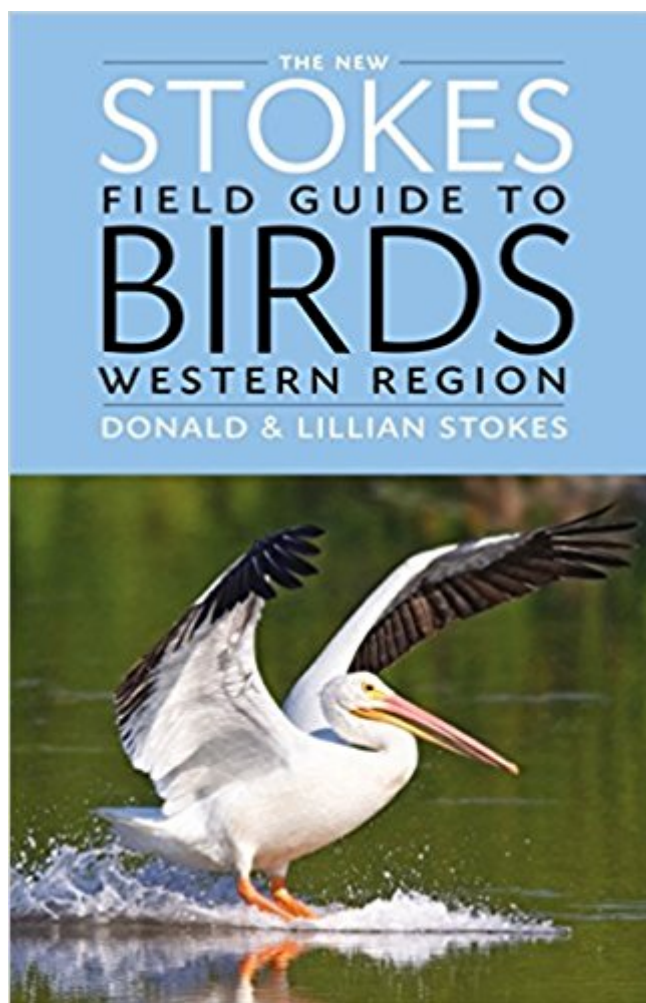


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The New Stokes Field Guide To Birds: Western Region



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The culmination of many years of research, observation, and study, the THE NEW STOKES FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS: Western Region is factually, visually, and organizationally superior to any other photographic field guide available. This easy-to-use guide features 636 North American bird species and more than 2,000 stunning color photographs. And yet it's portable enough to fit in your pocket! The guide includes: * the newest scientific and common names and phylogenetic order * special help for identifying birds in flight through important clues of behavior, plumage, and shape * detailed descriptions of songs and calls * important behavioral information and key habitat preferences * the newest range maps, detailing species' winter, summer, year-round ranges, and migration routes Whether you are a novice or experienced birder, this new Stokes guide will take your birding to the next level.

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Praise for The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America: "This is unequivocally the most spectacular compendium of North American bird identification photographs ever assembled between two covers. ...this monumental volume offers birders the most up-to-date information on field identification of North American birds currently available. ...[it] significantly resets the bar for North America field guides." •Massachusetts Audubon Society "This is by far the most comprehensive North American field guide I have in my possession. There are so many nice modern features that make this field guide extremely useful and user-friendly. I could go on and on.

Don and Lillian Stokes are widely recognized as America's foremost authorities on birds and nature. Their books include the bestselling Stokes Field Guide to Birds, the Stokes Beginner's Guide to Birds, the Stokes Nature Guides, and the Stokes Backyard Nature Books. They live in New Hampshire and Georgia.

I ordered this book as a copy for our RV. I currently have 1996 edition in our home. I was excited to see the new edition has more photos, HOWEVER, it NO longer includes the nesting information regarding each bird...not where they nest, how many eggs, time to hatch (incubation), time to fledge...nothing! The 1996 edition includes all of this information, but this new 2013 edition does not. Such an important part to include. I am so disappointed! I wish I had purchased a second copy of the first edition.

This is the first Stokes guide I have used and I am in love with it. I see a bird or take a picture of a bird, I look in this bird guide and find a bird that looks exactly like my memory of what I saw or exactly like the picture I took. This is so much better than using field guides with drawings. The information in the book is excellent, well organized, complete and clear. I love that the page numbers where each type of bird is located in the book are listed on the inside front cover. Not only are there pictures, but there are pictures of male and female and in different seasons and if appropriate different years of development. I have only been paying attention to birds for a few years, so I have a lot to learn and this guide is by far the most helpful book I own.

One of the best field guides for Western birds. Nicely bound paperback should hold up well in the field. The range graphics on the pages help a lot. Photos are very good. Would have given 5 stars if publisher had included nesting information that is in the previous edition.

Love the Stokes field guides. I have two copies of the Eastern and have worn them out! The photos are so good. I like seeing the birds in different plumages as it really helps with ID. Descriptions are also very good. Happy to have the Western for my collection. The book was in excellent condition. And arrived quickly.

If I had only one guide to take birding, this would be it. I found myself borrowing this from friends

while birding as it's the best combination of usable photos and summary descriptions for field use. I find myself referring to it every time I spot new birds or verifying those I can't positively identify without help.

I own several excellent birding field guides including the most recent Sibley's and the National Geographics. But this has become my 'go to' guide for identification because of the extensive text descriptions. Each bird is described for every season, age, gender and flight display with helpful comparisons with and differences from similar birds. I've learned that a lot of birders prefer drawings in field guides as opposed to photographs as are used in this Stokes guide. But these photos are chosen with care to be as representative as possible and there are a lot of photos for each bird, too. Like the guides with drawings, examples are provided for gender/season/age when helpful for the species. I think anyone with more than a passing interest in birding would really enjoy and appreciate this guide!

Excellent pictures, description of details such as habitat, migration patterns, nesting etc. I'd recommend this book to both the beginning birder as well as veteran birders.

I am extremely impressed with this book. Anxious for spring birding time to come.

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