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# Ultimate Explorer Field Guide: Birds (National Geographic Kids Ultimate Explorer Field Guide)



## Synopsis

This fun, photo-filled, and fact-packed bird guide will make kids Stop! Look! and Listen! to find the feathered friends right in their own backyards. From ducks to hawks, sparrows to sandpipers, kids will learn how, where, and when to spot birds all over the United States. With tons of info and interactivity prompts, it's the perfect companion for backyard or field trip, camping or vacation. Durable and portable, it's just right for pocket or backpack

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Since this is a scientific exploration book I wanted to see how my younger boys reacted to it first. I gave them the field guide and they eagerly turned the pages, looking at the pictures and reading the names of the birds. My seven year old liked it the best, and actually started asking questions about what he was reading. So, good news there. Now, my thoughts. I can not stress how amazing the photography is. The birds come to life in beautiful, candid shots that had me eager to turn the pages. They are arranged in the book based on the species they belong to. This works well, except that I wondered about why they were part of the same species or why that species name came about. For example, there are a family of birds classified as goatsuckers, huh? Why? I would have loved to know. Kids will find each bird entry full of details and easy to decode. There is a map for each bird that shows where in North America it can be found and at what times of the year. There are also drawn illustrations of each bird with specific physical details pointed out so that young bird

watchers can identify their birds. There are also occasional Bird Nerd facts, jokes and True or False questions. Dividing up the book are special Birdtastic Features that show full color photographs of bird habitats, strange bird behaviors, extinct birds and more. You can also find a quick ID guide in the rear of the book. Personally, I found this an enjoyable book. As a non-fiction title it is specifically geared toward young middle graders who want simple facts and easy identifications. It is the perfect size for kid readers and is great for those with a slight interest and those who actually want to go exploring in the wild. 4.5 stars!

This is a wonderful book. My 8 year old loves it and has used it several times. She liked the format with questions and answers, and tips and, jokes. The jokes were carried to school as well. Thank you for an easy to use fun reference.

ULTIMATE EXPLORER FIELD GUIDES is a new series from National Geographic Kids. These pocket-sized books are great for beginning naturalists looking for hands-on experiences. Each field guide is chuck-full of fascinating information. From pelicans to cardinals, BIRDS by Julie Beer features dozens of well-known birds. The bird entry pages including photos, range maps, descriptions, special characteristics, interesting facts, and help with classification. The book concludes with a glossary, resources, a quick ID guide, and an index. Although birds are grouped into color coded families, this feature is easy to miss. Librarians as well as young readers will appreciate the durable book covers and compact format. Set up a spring display with a variety of field guides that encourage children to get outside and explore the natural world. Connect with STEM standards and real-world world science activities. Published by National Geographic Kids on February 9, 2016. ARC courtesy of the publisher.

My daughter pounced on this book before I even got a look at it. It's a field guide of North American birds. It has photos and information about dozens of birds. They're divided up by characteristics rather than alphabetically, but there is an alphabetical index in the back for quick reference. My daughter has carted this book around with her everywhere since we got it. She's gone on several bird watching excursions in our backyard and in the woods nearby. She even brings it on errand runs in case she sees a bird at the grocery store.

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