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Birding Field Guide Reviews

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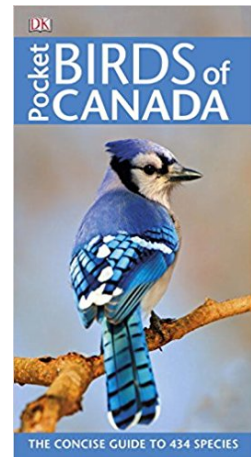
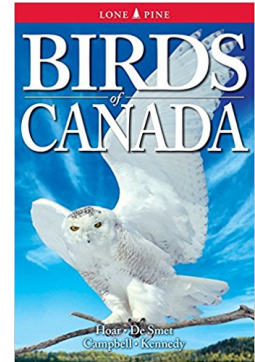
Birds of Canada (Hoar et al, 2010) & Pocket Birds of Canada (Bird, 2016)

Pros

- Great book for beginner birders, illustrations, pictures, maps
- Easy to read
- Checklist at the back of the book
- De Smet is a local author, who works for Manitoba
- Conservation ‘
- Gives LOTS of information about bird (diet, population, nesting, etc.)

Cons

- Not very scientific, very general
- No labels on illustrations to help identify birds
- Manitoba Birds doesn't have real pictures



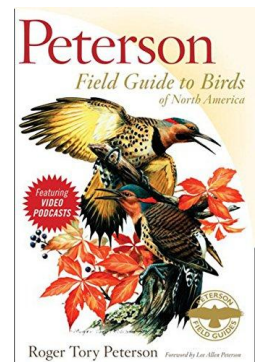
Peterson Field Guide to the Birds of North America (Peterson, 2008)

Pros

- Gives guide to proper topography at the beginning of the book
- Lots of illustrations showing different sexes, ages, subspecies
- Points to specific identification spots on bird
- Lots of information on subspecies

Cons

- Distribution maps at the back of the book
- No checklist
- No pictures, only illustrations
- Birding Field Guide Reviews



National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America (Dunn & Alderfer, 2011)

Pros

- Illustrations of subspecies, ages, different molts, etc.
- Gives distribution maps on same page
- Points and labels different markings for identification
- Gives months that you can most likely see Juveniles
- Voice and songs descriptions

Cons

- No checklist at the back of the book
- Is very scientific, does not give lots of additional information about the species
- Very much an identification guide

