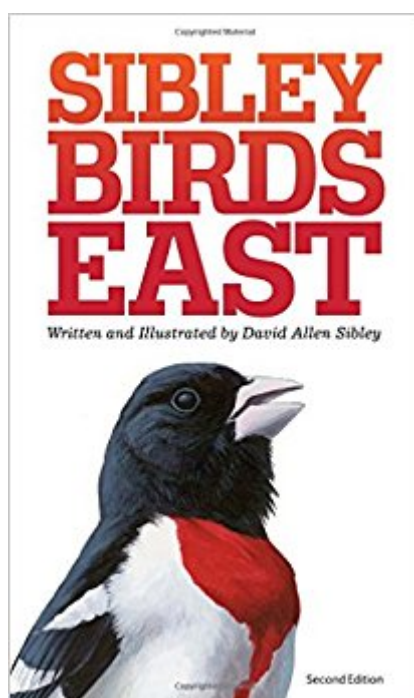


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# The Sibley Field Guide To Birds Of Eastern North America: Second Edition



## Synopsis

COMPLETELY REVISED AND UPDATED: From renowned birder, illustrator, and *New York Times* best selling author David Sibley, the most authoritative guide to the birds of the East, in a portable format that is perfect for the field. Compact and comprehensive, this guide features 650 bird species, plus regional populations, found east of the Rocky Mountains. Entries include stunningly accurate illustrations--more than 4,601 in total--with descriptive captions pointing out the most important field marks. Each entry has been updated to include the most current information concerning frequency, nesting, behavior, food and feeding, voice description, and key identification features. Here too are more than 601 updated maps drawn from information contributed by 110 regional experts across the continent, and showing winter, summer, year-round, migration, and rare ranges. This new and improved edition includes:

- Updated habitat, description, behavior, and conservation text for each species account and all family pages.
- New and revised illustrations of species and regional forms.
- New design featuring species accounts in columns, allowing for better comparison and more illustrations and text.
- Current taxonomic order and up-to-date common names.
- All maps revised to reflect the most current range information.
- More species and rarities included.

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## Customer Reviews

Providing birders the convenience of portability, Sibley's newest volume breaks down the information in *The Sibley Guide to Birds* into specific regions (*The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of*

Western North America will be published the same month). The guide includes much of the basic information in the Guide to Birds, such as the parts of a bird and general color-coded maps, but focuses most of its attention on birds who make their home east of the Rocky Mountains, such as the Double-crested Cormorant and the Eastern Screech-Owl. The color-coded maps that accompany each bird show where the birds live throughout North America, so that birders in, say, Pennsylvania, will know to look for the Northern Mockingbird in California as well. And, of course, Sibley's beautiful full-colored paintings of birds jump out at every page—even in small format. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Not just spin-offs from the famed Sibley Guide to Birds, these field guides are specifically designed to tote along on outings. The maps are new. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Knopf Publishing has managed to botch a David Sibley Guide, once again. As many of you will know, "The Sibley Guide to Birds" Second Edition, First Printing (March 2014) was reprinted in July 2014 in response to negative feedback from purchasers of the Guide. The print was too light, and the colors of a number of the birds was off. In this case, it is the coloration of the birds which struck me right away. Some of the white birds are far too light, and some of the darkest birds are so dark such that it is difficult to see the features of the birds. I have the Sibley Guide to Birds, Second Edition, Second Printing (July 2014) side by side with the "Sibley Birds East.", "revised edition" (March 2016). The coloration of the birds is far better in the "Sibley Guide to Birds. I will probably return this Field Guide. I would not be surprised if Knopf reprinted it. "Sibley Birds East" is 438 pages and fairly weighty. .It's not something I would tote around in the field PLEASE NOTE : has lumped the reviews of the previous edition together with the March 2016 Edition. These are not identical books. I would recommend that those who are perusing the reviews look at the dates. Any reviews published prior to the end of March, 2016, have to be of the first edition.

I'm very pleased with my new Sibley Guide. I've been a Peterson user for many years but I plan to switch to Sibley out in the field. What I appreciate the most is that all the pictures and information that you need is given on one page. With Warblers, for example, pictures of breeding plumage and first winter plumage are on the same page. With Gulls there are numerous illustrations of their progression to mature plumage all together. Also, each species is pictured both from the

underwings and the top of the wings plus in perched position. This is especially handy for Hawks. In Peterson one has to find several different pages for illustrations of one Hawk species, In Sibley these illustrations are all on one page. In short, I love my new eastern guide from Sibley and will make it my primary field guide from now on.

Well it looks like there is another text issue with the second edition unfortunately. The text is a size six font still but it doesn't seem dark enough and it appears to be the same as the second edition first printing. It was a little bit hard to read. Definitely not the same as the second printing. I feel bad for David Sibley that this has happened again. There were other parts of the book that bothered me too. I was surprised there wasn't a quick finder at the very beginning of the book to get to a species quickly. It was like 5 pages into the book instead. Information of many of the birds were limited because it is a very compact book of many species. It seemed to be focused on the more unreliable plumage of birds too much and not enough on the very reliable shape and structure. But this is a pretty good field guide, especially because it is small and can be used in the field. It is comfortable to carry with the paperback. The size was so good I had to add a star to my rating. It had a lot of different angles on birds and flight views which were cool. Overall I don't know if I would recommend this because the text is small and a little hard to read. I prefer the Nat Geo guide for now.

The large whole N America field guide was revised a couple of years ago, with some problems with the text being light in color. The fonts of the new East version have similarly changed, a bit smaller than the 2003 edition. Taking an example, Franklin's Gull has the same number of pictures, but rearranged. There is no longer a small line connecting to "mostly white neck", for example. Just the same text by the neck. The maps have moved to the bottom of the page. There is slightly more pink in the picture of the breeding plumage gull. For Red-tailed hawk, there are two pages as before. No text and pictures in boxes, it flows as one now. Two new pictures of an albino hawk are shown. The book is now 438 pages, instead of 430, so some new pages are now there. The range maps must have been revised a bit. For the advanced birder, the most up to date info is here. For all of us, Common Moorhen is now Common Gallinule. If you have the 2003 book, do you need this book? Not really. As your book gets beat up or you lose it, the new one is certainly as good as the old one. If you never had the book then go for the new one. No pictures and maps are worse, some are better. If the old one is a bargain, get that. But the current price of the reviewed edition, new, is hard to beat.

AMAZING! I love this book and all my friends who have seen me use it have been WOWed promptly gone out and bought it. I know that some reviews said there was a problem with printing. Well I contacted the author and he personally wrote back to me assuring me all those problems were resolved. The book is the best book out there! EVERY birder needs this! The pictures are beautiful and accurate, I seriously can not think of anything that needs improvement. LOVE IT!

I am from the West and I was going on vacation to Maryland. I knew that virtually every bird I saw was going to be a new one, especially those on the Shore. I have the western edition and it is well-marked and beat up. I like Sibley because it is compact and shows many of the hybrids, geographical variants and immature forms on a single page. It also has a page of all the birds of a given category so you can scan it quickly to home in on the one you are seeing. There are probably better books than this but it fits so nicely into my cargo pants pocket. Oh, I saw about 50 new birds for me in about five days. My only criticism is a lot of the birds are in both editions and did not feel I needed to know that a particular bird was only found in Texas or the Rockies, nor did I need to know what it looked like.

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