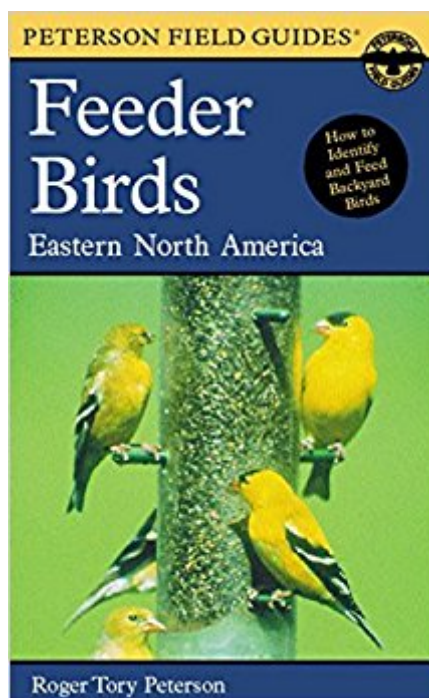


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# Peterson Field Guide To Feeder Birds Of Eastern North America



## Synopsis

Slim and affordable, FEEDER BIRDS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA features Roger Tory Peterson's classic art in a larger format designed especially for the eighty million North Americans who watch and feed birds. This easy-to-use, at-a-glance guide simplifies identification by including only the birds that frequent feeders. And to make it even more convenient, the most commonly seen birds come first, followed by those that are harder to identify or that rarely visit feeders. Range maps, descriptions of birds and foods that attract them, and illustrations are on facing pages, so identification is fast and easy. The brand-new introduction covers important bird-feeding topics, including types of feeders and where to place them, birdbaths, kinds of food and when to feed, plantings that attract birds, and solutions to problems with squirrels and cats. A handy quick-reference list tells what kind of food each species prefers, and a feeder checklist provides a record of birds as they are seen.

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Roger Tory Peterson, one of the world's greatest naturalists, received every major award for ornithology, natural science, and conservation as well as numerous honorary degrees, medals, and citations, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Peterson Identification System has been called the greatest invention since binoculars. These editions include updated material by Michael O'Brien, Paul Lehman, Bill Thompson III, Michael DiGiorgio, Larry Rosche, and Jeffrey A. Gordon. Roger Tory Peterson, one of the world's greatest naturalists, received every major award for

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**When to Feed Birds** Perhaps the most frequently asked questions about feeding birds concern when to feed them. When should I start feeding? When should I stop so I don't affect migration? Can I feed in the summer? Several issues must be considered. People feed birds in order to enjoy them, so why not feed them all year long? As long as you're willing to put in the time to maintain the feeding area; supply food and water and keep the area clean; you will be rewarded by birds using the site. You may not get the variety in the summer that you'll see during migration or in the winter when there is more of a dependency on the feeder, but you may be rewarded with the antics of young birds being introduced to the site. Birds can become dependent on feeders for supplemental food. It has been shown, however, that they do not rely on feeders for all of their food and perhaps not even a quarter of what they eat. That said, though, the feeder can be an important resource during times of duress. When severe snowstorms blanket wild food supplies, the birds will turn to the feeder they have come to know as a food resource. It is during these times of stress that the feeder plays its most vital role. Do not let them down at this point! If it is a storm of long duration, the feeding station may mean the difference of life for some of the more physiologically unprepared birds. The feeder helps many a bird through the hard times, so it is important to be faithful to your feeding once you start. As for the question of affecting migration by holding the birds at the feeder so that they will not go north to breed or south for the winter, the answer is that birds are not controlled by food. Once the hormones for breeding begin to flow, they head north, and once the drive for migrating south takes hold, off they go, no matter how much food is available. If a species that normally does not stay for the summer or winter remains at the feeder, it is more than likely a young bird that does not have the proper hormonal impulse to migrate or an older bird that simply can no longer make extensive journeys. You are not affecting the breeding or migrant population of the birds of the United States by feeding.

This book is a slim volume, paperback, with lots of information packed within its covers. The print is large & easy to read. The maps of distribution in the Eastern U.S. are easy to understand. The pictures of various species within the family group on the same page make the comparison of the birds visiting your feeder very simple to decipher. I got this for a colleague at work's little boy so they

will become familiar with the birds who visit their feeder. Need to get a couple more for our grandsons & one for their Papa (who was fascinated with this one!!)

Great way to identify those feeder birds. Also recommends types of foods to attract them. On a different note, I particularly dislike the way the FORCES you to write a lengthy critique. That's a bit out of line. I don't think when I buy something on that I should have to defend it, one way or the other.

What great about this book is what they have listed is what comes to my feeders.

The book was very nice with the colored pges and information.

Bought as gift for a daughter with a new bird feeder. She and her family love it. They are having a wonderful time identifying the birds that visit the feeder.

All of the Peterson Field Guides are great. Good to have around.

I purchased this book for my grandmother, who constantly watches the birds at her feeders. She would constantly mis-identify them with the typical bird ID book, there were just too many birds to choose from. This book lists only those birds that are found at feeders, which makes it easier for her to narrow them down. It also tells what type of food each species prefers, which helps to answer her questions on how to attract certain birds to her feeders. Overall, a good book to keep near the window. It's also a good reference on how to properly maintain a healthy birdfeeder.

This is a favorite of ours now! I'm so glad we purchased it. Beautiful pictures and plenty of interesting information!

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