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This new series is designed with the beginner in mind. Featuring the original art of celebrated naturalist Roger Tory Peterson; incorporating the Peterson Identification System, the most effective method for bird identification; and using a straightforward design. This series makes field guides accessible and appealing to children. Roger Tory Peterson was the inventor of the modern field guide. Known as the father of modern bird watching, he has been called "the greatest conservationist who ever walked this planet" (ornithologist Chandler S. Robbins). More than anyone else in the twentieth century, his work as an artist, photographer, writer, editor, educator, and conservationist has increased environmental awareness and helped millions to understand and enjoy the natural world. For his work, Dr. Peterson received every major award in the field of conservation; twenty-three honorary degrees from major universities; and the United States' highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal o

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Jacqui Jacoby says

This is a great book for IDing feathered freind. What I needed was a how to plan bird feeders and birdhouses in the yard. I am putting in a garden and I want animal habitat to be a main objective.

Rachel says

A brief guide of about 20 birds children may see in their backyards. There is a brief description and photo of each bird, drawings of males, females, and in some cases juvenile birds. Descriptions are simple and include interesting facts. This is not an exhaustive guide for bird watchers but an introduction appropriate for children.

Tye says

If you like birds and like to go bird watching, you should read this book. But if you aren't into that stuff then I wouldn't read it but it helped me because I live on a ranch and I see these birds quite often so it's nice to learn something about them.

Marjorie says

This book uses both photos and drawings to aid in the identification of twenty birds commonly found in the back yards of the US and Canada. Birds are divided into sections based on feather color which makes it easy to quickly find the right section, then using other details, such as the shape of the tail or the length of the legs, make an identification. Because several pages are devoted to each bird species, readers will learn more specific facts about each bird, such as its vocalizations. This book would be useful in the classroom to introduce the idea of scientific identification as this uses the Peterson system that guides the observer to look for identifying features. Students would learn the scientific method through observation as well as the characteristics of many common birds, helping to foster an interest in the natural sciences.
