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Birds Of The Blue Ridge Mountains: A Guide For The Blue Ridge Parkway, Great Smoky Mountains, Shenandoah National Park, And Neighboring Areas



Synopsis

In this detailed guide to the best birding localities, Simpson describes more than three hundred sites, including recreation areas, overlooks, campgrounds, picnic areas, and hiking trails. For each site, he lists the species most likely to be seen as well as rare birds that the persistent birder might find; he includes notes on the plant life and geography of each site and provides information on highway access and accommodations as well as accessibility for the handicapped.

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This book wasn't what I expected. It's more for a serious birder since it goes into how they build a nest and where in the woods they are likely to be seen. There are very few pictures and no color pictures at all. Mostly drawings. I am looking for more of a backyard bird book to recognise the birds

that visit my feeders and the trees in my yard and surrounding area. I would send back for a refund but it would cost almost as much as the book costs so I will end up donating it to the local used book store

nice

This is a marvelous book about the birds of the Blue Ridge Parkway. There are many interesting tidbits that help you go to places where you can have the opportunity to see certain birds.

I found this book to be for the birds. Extremely wordy and only a handful of black and white prints of birds. The format does not allow for quick and easy access to identifying bird species at a glance. It does not serve my need if I have to search through lengthy text to get information about a species that I can't identify until I see a color photo. I'm sure the author spend much time in gathering information for this book such as which birds are found in what areas... however, unless you are an experienced bird watcher or ornithologist, this book may be difficult to follow without prior bird knowledge.

This book is an all-around treasure, for the beginning birder or the experienced ornithologist, living in or near the Blue Ridge, planning to visit the Appalachian region, or even simply interested in this world-class region. The first fifty pages constitute an introduction to the Appalachian province and birding in general. The rest of the book profiles the birds of over 300 locations, where to go to see them, and how to get there. The book contains over two dozen maps, and even information about birding spots with handicapped access; an annotated checklist of birds; and a guide to contacts and resources for particular areas. It also features the drawings of H. Douglas Pratt. Part travel guide, part natural history, part handbook, this book is above all a joy. (This review originally appeared November 29, 2000)

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