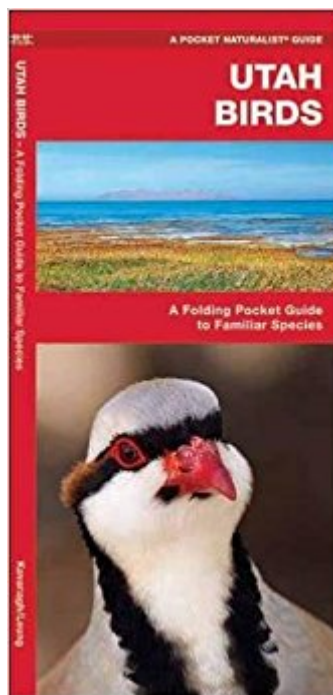




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# Utah Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Species (Pocket Naturalist Guide Series) (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## Synopsis

The Beehive State is home to three richly distinct regions &#x96; The Rocky Mountains, the Colorado Plateau and the Great Salt Lake and desert &#x96; are home to the permanent or temporary home of 448 species of birds, including the state bird &#x96; the California gull. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights over 140 familiar and unique species and includes an ecoregion map featuring prominent bird-viewing areas. Laminated for durability, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information and ideal for field use by visitors and residents alike. Made in the USA.

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## Customer Reviews

Utah Birds, An Introduction to Familiar Species, is a must-have, reference guide for beginners and experts alike. Whether you're on a nature hike or in your own backyard, you'll want to take along a copy of this indispensable guide. The Pocket Naturalist(tm) series is an introduction to common plants and animals and natural phenomena. Each pocket-sized, folding guide highlights up to 150 species and most feature a map highlighting prominent sanctuaries and outstanding natural attractions. Each is laminated for durability. (31/2 X 81/4 folded, opens to 22 X 8 1/4, color illustrations, map)

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

This is a very good little guide if you want to travel light and do some birding. I loved it!

Nifty little fold out. Use it weekly. Very handy, in color, plastic coated, great quick reference.

Nice field guide. Easy to carry

This is very sturdy and extremely cool. It's pretty well laminated, so if you dropped it in the mud, you could wash it right off. It seems to have like three hundred birds on it, but I think in reality there are only 150. It has twelve panels, and a little information on each bird.

This sturdy guide typically resides on the windowsill facing my bird feeder, where it gets regular use when it isn't accompanying me on bike rides or hikes. By definition, a fold out pocket bird guide is a study in compromises. However, this guide makes all the right choices, and is an excellent quick reference. There are over 140 species, with a thoughtful mix of birds from many Utah habitats. It is organized into six main categories by type (perching birds, birds of prey, etc.). Lacking room for useable photographs or several views of each species, this guide features one clear illustration for most species (both male and female for some ducks), showing the most distinctive or important aspect of each bird. Text is judicious, but provides enough information for field identification. For example, I identified a Ferruginous Hawk this weekend because the guide notes that the "key field mark is pale, unbanded tail" and the illustration is of the underside of the hawk soaring and displaying the distinctive tail. Although I use a full bird guide book to confirm questionable sightings, this guide is perfect for refreshing my memory about similar species. Because you can see all of the birds at a glance, this guide is also far easier to use and less intimidating for novices than a book. Friends who can't tell an American Robin from a California Quail can look at my bird feeder, pick up this guide, and proudly say "that must be an Oregon race Dark Eyed Junco!"

I much prefer a compact field guide called Birds of Utah. Spend the extra several dollars and you get much more for your money. This is a laminated folding guide that was a disappointment.

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