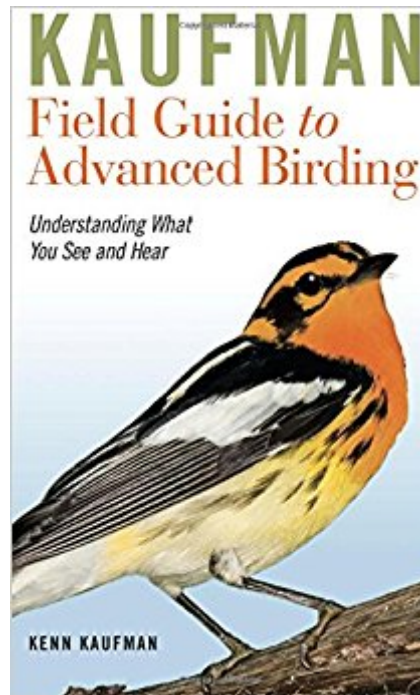




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If birding is more to you than simply pinning a name to a bird, this is the book you'll turn to. The Kaufman Field Guide to Advanced Birding is nothing short of Kenn Kaufman's wisdom and teaching skills crystallized into 448 insight-packed pages. Not only will you love this book, you'll learn from it. -- Pete Dunne Yes, it entails some dedicated reading, instead of just trying to match up pictures -- but any birder who invests time reading Advanced Birding is going to reap enormous benefits in the field. -- Scott Weidensaul I think this is one of the most important bird books of our generation. A worthy sequel, to be sure, to Kenn's 1990 classic by the same name. I stand in awe. -- Ted Floyd,

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Kaufman Field Guide to Advanced Birding (Kaufman Field Guides)Not so much a field guide as a text. I like this book very much. Kaufman shares his years of experience, considerable knowledge and wisdom on the process of identifying birds. His emphasis is on understanding what you see and hear rather than on an exhaustive discussion of field marks. Probably not a book that would appeal to most beginning birders but a wonderful book for all birders who want to learn how to learn about birds.Much of the material is specific and detailed yet Kaufman manages to describe the general principles for understanding the appearance, behavior and vocalization of birds.Very nice description of anatomical structure, plumage, habitat, songs and behavior as these relate to the challenge of identifying birds. I'm enjoying it and finding it very helpful. This book is a great

compliment to any field guide and a "must have" for birders intent on developing their skills and knowledge. Highly recommended.

Fantastic for birding. Very easy to use and understand and the color plates are very exact. This is my go to bird book out of all the bird books I own. Highly recommended for any birder!

A great book for birders. Even if you're a bit of a beginner, there will be information in here that will help you develop your skills. Aimed at mid-level birders, it is written clearly and there are illustrations to help explain what the author's on about. Ken Kaufman is one of the best. Highly recommended.

Very nice bird book for me. As a beginner, I bought several books because many different birds come to our feeders. It's amazing how the eye markings, the shape of the tail, color, and rings or lines tell you what the bird is and more. My grandson looks at my birding books too. He loves to look at the photos of the birds too. You will love this book!

Nice companion to Kaufman's original version.

This is actually very helpful for beginner too. This book tell you what to look for to get you to the full ID of your bird. I also have his other book "Field Guide to Birds of North America". Both I carry into the field. My back home bible is "The Sibley Guide to Birds, Second Edition"

I bought this book because I own the Kaufman guide to Birds of North America, which I love. This book is softcover, and field guide size, not bulky. If you prefer just looking at pictures, this book isn't for you. This book is like a beginner ornithology course (but a lot cheaper than a college course!) I have learned all about the various feather groups on birds, structure of a bird's body and more. By studying this book I'm going to be a much better birder, learning what to look for as far as shapes, bills, feathers, flight and more.

Kaufman shows himself to be extraordinarily knowledgeable. He writes in a simple, straightforward and understandable fashion while keeping it light enough to keep you from getting bored. The first third of the book is a great resource to improve your birding skills. The remainder deals with keying out the most troublesome groups. It will most definitely be in the car whenever I go after gulls, shorebirds and epidonaxes .

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