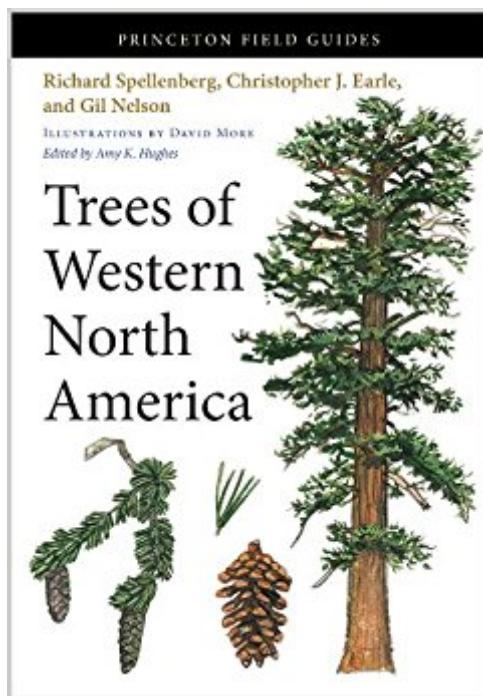


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This is a beautifully done field guide. The binding and illustrations (habitat maps and tree, leaf and seed drawings) are top quality and the content is extensive; succinct, well written and organized, detailed without being overly scholarly, and most importantly, invitingly useful! I'm glad the authors divided their work into two volumes (East and West), although there is obviously some overlap. This is a reference work that will be worth treasuring for generations.

This is a solid, handsome book, with detailed descriptions and illustrations that make it easy to browse through. A serious botanist will surely find it useful; an amateur can learn from it; almost everyone will enjoy leafing through (no pun intended), and learning about our local trees.

This book belongs in every-one's library. Unlike so many clones on the subject, it's informative and complete very well illustrated.

Excellent guide book for tree nerds like me.

This is another tree book which shys away from providing keys that would considerably speed up the ID process. The so-called "leaf keys" in this volume are difficult to use because they are just pictures of leaves (not to scale!) This leads to a lot of leafing through the book to find out more. Additionally, not every species is represented in this "key", so you have to find out more by checking "similar species" or by further browsing the book. This is unnecessarily cumbersome and it can take ages until you arrive at a definite ID. The information presented is first class, but in the digital age I can look up a lot of it online; the foremost task of a field guide is (for me at least) to provide an accurate and fast means of ID, because finding the name is the most important step; once arrived there, it is simple to get a lot of additional information ...

This is not a field guide - the book is somewhat large for that - but it's a wonderful at home guide to help identify trips you've seen. Rather than photos it uses really nice line drawings that often give a better sense of the leaves, bark, and fruit.

This is a very, very well put together book. It told me everything I wanted to know about western trees, with pictures.

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