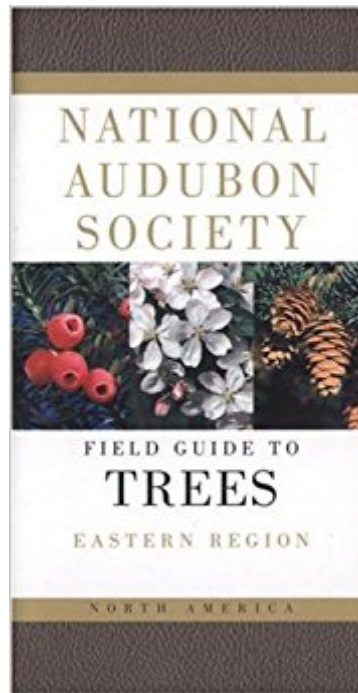


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# Audubon Society Field Guide To North American Trees: Eastern Region



## Synopsis

Tree peepers everywhere will enjoy these two guides which explore the incredible environment of our country's forests-including seasonal features, habitat, range, and lore. Nearly 700 species of trees are detailed in photographs of leaf shape, bark, flowers, fruit, and fall leaves -- all can be quickly accessed making this the ideal field guide for any time of year. Note: the Eastern Edition generally covers states east of the Rocky Mountains, while the Western Edition covers the Rocky Mountain range and all the states to the west of it.

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Trees thrive all around us; but how much do we know about them? If you want to learn about your best friends and neighbors in a hurry, Elbert Little's field guide is a good way. I lived with a Black Walnut for 23 years before realizing my tall friend is the scarcest and most coveted of native hardwoods and was especially terrific for gunstocks. And I didn't know my two neighborly Common Persimmons were having a lovely relationship with one another (they must in order to produce the fruit), nor that their name was derived from the Algonquin. If you'd like to identify a stranger, Little's organization by thumb tabs based on leaf shape makes it easy to find the section where your tree is pictured with its leaves and bark in a full color photo. He also provides separate sections showing us flowers and fruit. You'll be charmed by an especially brilliant section showing red, orange, brown and gold autumn leaves. Who but a dendrologist, or tree identification specialist, would know so well how to share all this knowledge of trees? And Elbert Little is not just any dendrologist, mind you, but the former Chief Dendrologist of the U.S. Forest Service. What is a tree, really? According to Little,

it's a "woody plant with an erect perennial trunk at least 3 inches in diameter at breast height, and definitely formed crown of foliage, and a height of at least 13 feet." That's good to know. If you love words (as I do), you're lucky to get a glossary with "lanceolate," "nutlet," "pith," "sepal," "stamen," and "whorled" fully explained.

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