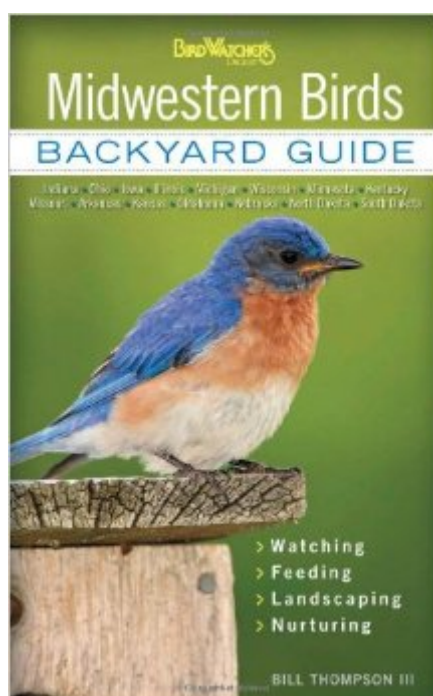


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From the editor of the nation's premier birding magazine, a no-nonsense, no-fluff quick guide to the birds you see every day. Of all the classic American pastimes, perhaps none is as widely accessible as watching birds. Our unusually vast, diverse environmental landscape supports fascinating species and variations exclusive to each region of the country. While birders often spend their efforts in search of the rarest creatures, some of the most beautiful and intriguing birds are the ones that frequent our backyards (or nearby) daily. For that reason, where other larger volumes focus on bird types that the casual observer is never likely to encounter, *Midwestern Birds* concisely celebrates those species living under our very noses. Written by Bill Thompson III, the editor and co-publisher of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, this portable 5"x8" book contains the same variety of entertaining and informative entries that make *Bird Watcher's Digest* the nation's most popular birding magazine. Inside, you'll find profiles of the 55 most common birds in the Midwest, complete with large color photos, gender-specific physical descriptions, nesting and feeding information, bird call particulars, and interesting stories about each species. Thompson also introduces the reader to the basics of bird watching: essential gear, bird-friendly food and plantings, housing tips, and observational techniques. This guide covers Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Look for our other backyard bird guides covering the Mid-Atlantic, South, Northeast, and West regions of the United States.

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not a lot of birds, but beautiful photos, lots of information on nesting details, love the info for each species: how to attract it to your backyard, if it comes to feeders, bird baths, nests in birdhouses and if it is attracted by certain plants, etc. Nice plant guide detailing what kind of habitat it provides for birds (fruit, or shelter, etc.) Nice addition to the "traditional" bird books.

I also have The Stokes Guide to the Birds of North America, and believe it to be the creme de la creme of bird guides. This book by Bill Thompson III, though, is outstanding and a must have because it details the varieties found in the Midwest and is, therefore, not cluttered with information and photographs of birds I am unlikely ever to view from my home here in the High Plains. Thank you Bird Watcher's Digest for publishing a terrific gem laced with terrific photographs of every bird, together with outstanding guidance for providing an inviting habitat so I can while away the time marveling at birds choosing to pay me a visit.

This is an excellent resource, especially for beginning bird-watchers. There is a lot of great information on identifying and attracting midwestern birds. The photos are very good, and the book is well organized.

I have been looking at this book almost daily. Love the way it is referenced by color and then cross referenced if the male or female is another color. Easy to find what you are looking for. I only wish it had more birds in it. It seems I am sometimes looking for something that just isn't in there!

It is a good book for what I wanted it for. I am enjoying identifying the birds that come to my feeder and little information about their personalities.

Great source for identifying male birds in the midwest with excellent pictures of each. It explains feeding habits, markings, migration habits, etc. My only negative comment is that it doesn't have any pictures of female or young birds of each species. There are several birds I need to google to identify because this doesn't show the female or young.

Information is very nicely presented and is really a nice book to have around. So far, we have

spotted close to 10 varieties and are hoping to find more in the coming months. Also, the book is neither big nor heavy that even my 21/2 old is able to turn the pages and show me the birds (Though she calls all the birds as cardinals :-)

This book has great information for all of the common birds you are going to find in your typical Midwestern backyard. There may be other books out there that are set up for the first time bird watcher but this book is a great first book set up by classes of birds like your major taxonomic books.

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