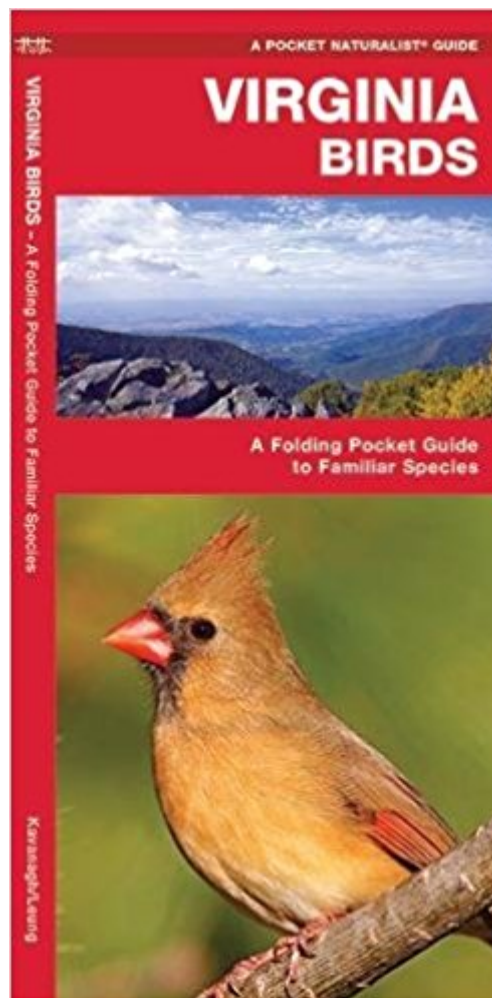




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# Virginia Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## Synopsis

Virginia is the permanent or temporary home of 425 species of birds, including the state bird &#150; the northern cardinal. 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

Virginia 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. (3 1/2 X 8 1/4 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.

I love these fold-out guides. I've bought them for other states in which I lived too. They are always informative, easy to read, and have just about the right content. I admit...I would have liked just a few more graphics, but it is still great. (Opsrey in flight would have helped.) I'm not a sophisticated bird watcher, but when I go out in my neighborhood with these guides, I can postiively identify birds. It is so much fun!

Even though I am an avid birder and have many standard guide books I also own over a dozen of the foldable guides in this series. I use them as "flash cards" before a trip in order to become familiar with the common birds in a particular area so I can spot the unusual ones quicker. I also give them to my non-birding companions so I can share the joy of identifying wild birds. It is not as intimidating to them as a Sibley's or a Peterson's guide book. I should mention that the guide has less than half of the birds that can spotted in the region but it does cover the most popular species. However, it is great for a primer or for beginners and children.

A wonderful quick source at your fingertips for fleeing visitors when there is no time to leaf through a book.

This has been a great addition to our homeschool nature studies! We keep it near the backdoor, outside of which is located several bird feeders. Perfect size/length for kids--not too overwhelmingly long, but with great pics of many common VA birds. My 5yo son loves it! \*\*We also love other guides in this same series, and many are eligible for the 4-for-3 promotion. Also love that they're laminated; they seem very durable and have already withstood some abuse from our resident 1yo.

Great summary of likely birds in our area in a compact folder -- makes it easy to identify the birds at our feeders.

I'm a birder and I go birding with the MOS here in Maryland. We go to Virginia and I am quite familiar with most of these birds. Some are hard to tell, even though I believe I know them. This guide is great to have to study the features to make sure I'm identifying the birds. I'm a photographer and it helps me to immediately take photos and later relate to the guide and see exactly what bird I photographed.

This is a wonderful, waterproof guide about Virginia birds that you can easily carry on a hike.

Excellent guide to local birds

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