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Arkansas Birds (Pocket Naturalist)



Synopsis

The Pocket Naturalist card is a pocket-sized, folding card which provides simplified, easy-to-use reference to what everyone should know about familiar plants, animals, and natural history. Maps are included to highlight prominent sanctuaries and outstanding natural attractions. Every card is laminated so that it is waterproof and practical for use in the field. This card highlights over 100 of Arkansas' most common breeding birds and familiar migrants.

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Customer Reviews

These Pocket Naturalist field cards are a great help in identification of birds; however, they have a significant drawback: there is usually only one illustration provided for each species and it's the male. In many species, the male and female are fairly different, so if you happen to be looking at a female Goldfinch, you will likely not be able to identify it as such because the Guide only shows the male (he's bright yellow, she's dullish yellow-green and much more nondescript). I like the Pocket Naturalist for its small size and very little weight. Perfect for tucking in my knapsack while hiking or boating. HOWEVER, instead of purchasing the Pocket Naturalist guide, I would recommend that you check out the Peterson's FlashGuides series. Peterson's provides male and female illustrations and makes identification much easier with greater likelihood of success. There are several different versions of the FlashGuides for birds based on region, just like these Pocket Naturalist guides. Peterson's costs a little more, weighs a little more and folds out larger than the Pocket Naturalist (a drawback as it's kind of hard to handle in the wind), but it is the better of the two products.

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