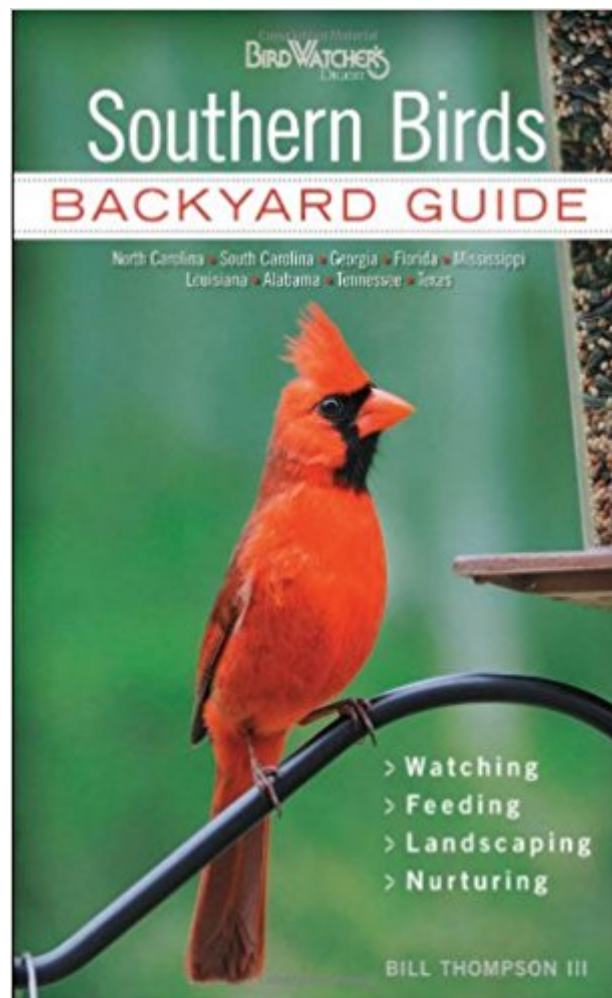




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# **Southern Birds: Backyard Guide - Watching - Feeding - Landscaping - Nurturing - North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, ... Texas (Bird Watcher's Digest Backyard Guide)**





## Synopsis

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, *Southern 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 South, 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 North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas. Look for our other backyard bird guides covering the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, and West regions of the United States.

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Create a Bird Sanctuary in Your Own BackyardÂ Birding is one of Americaâ™s favorite hobbies, and with the help of Southern Birds: Backyard Guide you can enjoy this fast-growing activity from the comfort of your own home and yard. Written by noted birding authority Bill Thompson III of Bird Watcherâ™s Digest, this convenient guidebook features all of the birds, both common and exotic, that you are likely to see in backyards anywhere in the South.Â â “ Large, full-color photos of featured birdsâ “ Tips for attracting the birds you want (and how to keep them hanging around)Â Whether you view birdwatching as a fun family activity or simply a way to make gazing out the window more interesting, this book is your key to a fascinating (and affordable) year-round hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Bill Thompson III (Whipple, OH) is the editor and co-publisher of Bird Watcher's Digest. He's also a keen birder, the author of many books, a field trip leader, an ecotourism consultant, a guitar player, the host of the This Birding Life podcast, a regular speaker and performer on the birding festival circuit, a gentleman farmer, and a fungi to be around. His North American life list is somewhere between 673 and 675. His favorite bird is the red-headed woodpecker. His "spark bird" was a snowy owl. He has watched birds in 25 countries and 44 states, but his favorite place to watch is on the 80-acre farm he shares with his wife, artist and writer Julie Zickefoose. Some kind person once called Bill "the Pied Piper of Birding" and he has been trying to live up to that moniker ever since.<http://billofthebirds.blogspot.com>

i was a little disappointed in this book...i was looking more for a bird identifier book...this is more of a guide on how to build a sanctuary for attracting birds....but it is a good one for that for sure...

I enjoy sitting on the front porch watching the birds that come to my feeder. I keep this book by the front door to look up new visitors.I really like the way this book is organized. Sometimes I know exactly what bird I'm looking at (a Cardinal, for example, is hard to mistake.) in that case I may skip directly to the how-to-attract-it section. My only real complaint is that the photos (deliberately) show the most distinctive and vivid examples of a species color and markings. I would prefer to see a more typical example. That's just my opinion.

This is mostly written. Only pictures of males and those pictures are of poor quality . I don't recommend this book.

I bought this book for my 95 year old mother who is in the top assistance level of a nursing home. One of her greatest pleasures is still watching the birds who come to the feeder outside her window. When I visited her recently and took her the book, we really enjoyed looking up the various birds that we saw in the feeder and for just a few moments, my Mom had some peace and joy and a brief journey back into the earlier parts of her life. This to me is worth all the gold in California!!

kids and i are learning so much as a family

This book is highly incomplete. Many of the birds we are seeing in our yard are not listed in this book. We are very disappointed in this book.

This book has been perfect for my daughter and I to identify every bird we've seen in our backyard and several around our upstate South Carolina city. The descriptions and pictures are excellent. And we've learned when and how to attract more beautiful birds to our backyard.

Love this book! It has just what I was looking for to be able to identify different birds I am seeing in and around my property. Lots of pictures and useful information!

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