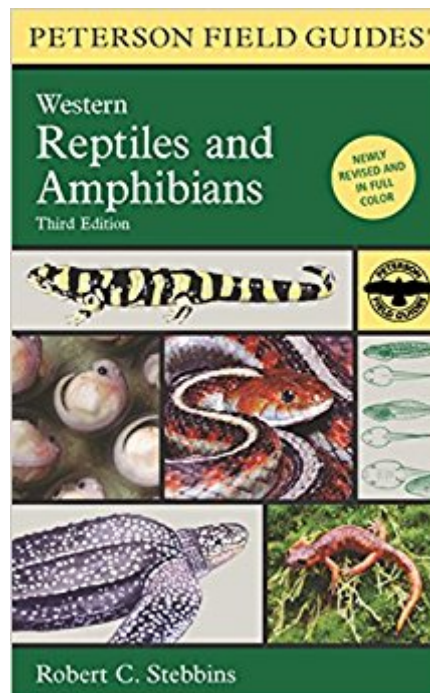




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Synopsis

This guide covers all the species of reptiles and amphibians found in western North America. More than 650 full-color paintings and photographs show key details for making accurate identifications. Color range maps give species' distributions. Important information on conservation efforts and survival status rounds out the detailed species descriptions.

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Customer Reviews

Roger Tory Peterson, one of the world's greatest naturalists, received every major award for ornithology, natural science, and conservation as well as numerous honorary degrees, medals, and citations, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Peterson Identification System has been called the greatest invention since binoculars. These editions include updated material by Michael O'Brien, Paul Lehman, Bill Thompson III, Michael DiGiorgio, Larry Rosche, and Jeffrey A. Gordon. The late Robert C. Stebbins was professor emeritus of zoology at the University of California, Berkeley, and curator emeritus of the University of California's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. He authored over a dozen books plus numerous scientific papers and produced two documentaries. He was the foremost illustrator of North American amphibians and reptiles. In addition to his work in herpetology and vertebrate natural history, he devoted much of his life to promoting "ecological literacy" in both young people and adults through seminars, workshops, and publications. His last work, *Connecting with Nature: A Naturalist's Perspective*, summarizes his work in this important area.

My granddaughters live in Colorado and see many snakes. This is an excellent book to show them how to identify the snakes they come in contact with, especially the Rattlesnakes. Many other reptiles and amphibians in the book with factual information. Their parents will have to help them read it as they are young.

Great pictures and descriptions. I like to show the photos to the kids at bed time just to see if they can go to sleep. They only wake up screaming occasionally.

Everything we needed in a field guide for identifying. We live in the Northwest and this book hasn't failed us yet. This is primarily used by my boy scout, so it is easy to use. Its too big for a cargo pocket, but small enough that it is insignificant in a day pack. It looks like it has plenty of coverage for our area and anything we should find.

Concise; a good pocket guide

Love this book. I go herping a lot and have used this many times to key out specific reptiles and amphibians. Amazing guide. Has pictures as well as natural and life history of most species. Everything you need in a good guide.

This is THE field identification guide for amphibians and reptiles found west of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, including Alaska and western Canada. Stebbins is the expert. I am a professional herpetologist and keep a copy of each edition for my own use, as well as Conant & Collins companion book for Eastern herps. This last one I bought was a gift to a young up-and-coming naturalist who likes to collect snakes. The pictures are fantastic. Stebbins is also a wildlife artist, and has great paintings of each species. In addition, there are fine photos throughout. But the paintings are better to illustrate features that help distinguish between similar species. I recommend this little volume as a necessity for anyone who might need to identify amphibians or reptiles in the West. It handily fits into a backpack or even a large pocket to take on hikes and such.

Snakes and lizards, this book makes it easy to identify. Nice range maps.

Like a pair of shoes with a little extra room in the toes, I purchased this book for my 5 year old son,

knowing that he would grow into it. He is very interested in animals and the outdoors, so this book is a natural fit for him, just as it was when my Dad purchased it for me as a boy. Granted, the descriptions of the various species are above his understanding, but the beautiful illustrations and color photos keep his interest, and make him want to read more. The range maps are easy enough for him to comprehend. This book is a nice supplement to his PBS Animal shows (like Dinosaur Train and Wild Kratts), and one that he enjoys thumbing through to look at the pictures and attempt to read.

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