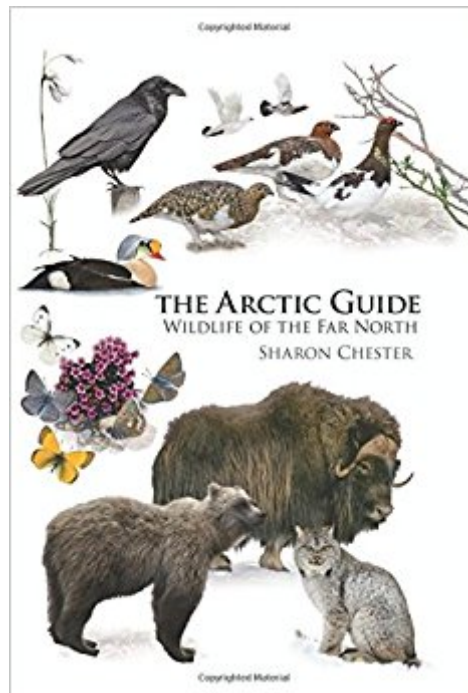


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The Arctic Guide presents the traveler and naturalist with a portable, authoritative guide to the flora and fauna of earth's northernmost region. Featuring superb color illustrations, this one-of-a-kind book covers the complete spectrum of wildlife—more than 800 species of plants, fishes, butterflies, birds, and mammals—that inhabit the Arctic's polar deserts, tundra, taiga, sea ice, and oceans. It can be used anywhere in the entire Holarctic region, including Norway's Svalbard archipelago, Siberia, the Russian Far East, islands of the Bering Sea, Alaska, the Canadian Arctic, and Greenland. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features, size, habitat, range, scientific name, and the unique characteristics that enable these organisms to survive in the extreme conditions of the Far North. A color distribution map accompanies each species account, and alternative names in German, French, Norwegian, Russian, Inuit, and Inupiaq are also provided. Features superb color plates that allow for quick identification of more than 800 species of plants, fishes, butterflies, birds, and mammals. Includes detailed species accounts and color distribution maps. Covers the flora and fauna of the entire Arctic region.

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"This book takes my breath away and it may leave you gasping with glee, too. Ms. Chester begins with a lively crash course in boreal geography and ecology, then begins her heroic march through nearly all of taxonomy. . . . The Arctic Guide takes the reader on a tour de force of nearly everything that's interesting in the circumboreal world."--Ed Kanze, Bedford (NY) Record-Review "Do you plan

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Extraordinary. The Photoshopped illustrations are beautiful and informative throughout. The text entwines but never intrudes. Chester writes with elegant clarity, providing context and detail in just-so balance, transmitting basic knowledge about the Arctic's location, biota, and manifold geography--both above and below the 50-degree July isotherm that functionally demarcates the region. I would have enjoyed a mention about Alert and Nord, the two northernmost research stations that shelter hundreds of people for months at a time. And Chester might have defined the boundaries of the Queen Elizabeth Islands better than she did. Otherwise, the book's design and substance approach perfection, the result of a winsome partnership between author and publisher.

At last, a comprehensive guide to the flora and fauna of the entire Arctic, both New and Old World. The artwork is beautiful and clear, but it is the text that puts this book way ahead of being just a pretty picture book. Besides providing detailed species accounts, the text offers glimpses into Inuit legends and lifestyles associated with arctic animals and plants, provides the meaning and history of the scientific and common names of all the arctic species, and includes bits that makes one think, "Wow! I didn't know that!" This book will definitely be in my backpack on my next trip to the Far North.

Just recently received the paperback version of this book and it'd be a bargain at twice (or three times) the price. As someone that's traveled to Churchill, Manitoba multiple times, with more trips planned in the future, this book will be by my side. It's truly an incredible one-stop field guide for the north. The illustrations are incredible and the text is solid. Looking forward to using in the field!

As an Alaskan scientist and artist who has a shelf of other field guides, I have great respect for the person who put this together. This is a major work. Bravo!

This is a fantastic field guide to the Arctic. I teach field courses in the Arctic, and this is very useful in my work. My favorite thing about this book is that it includes common names for the species in various languages across their range, including indigenous languages. This is one of the best field guides I've come across.

Beautiful reference book. Get it in Kindle as well, as the book is too heavy to carry when traveling.

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