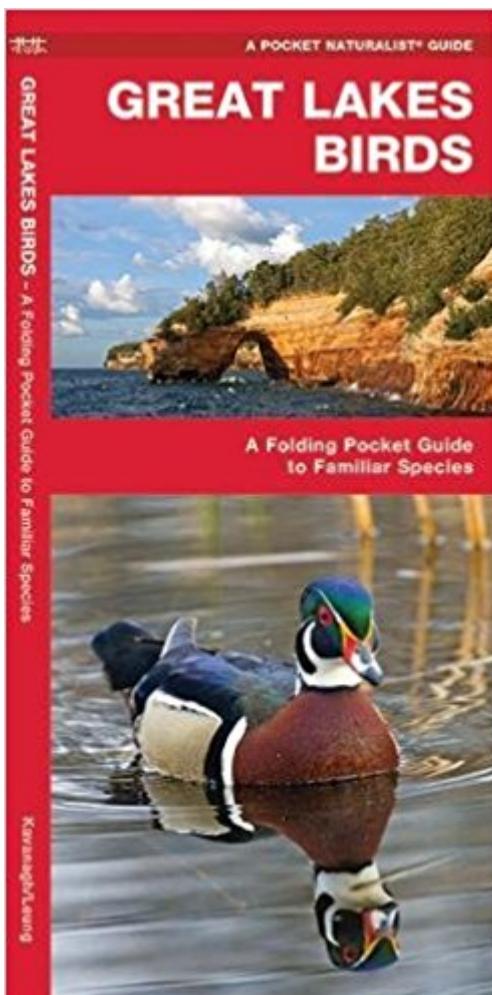


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# Great Lakes Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## Synopsis

The Great Lakes watershed is the permanent or migratory home of over 450 species of birds, including the iconic common loon, whose haunting call can be heard at night throughout the region. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights over 140 familiar and unique species and includes a 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

Great Lakes Birds, An Introduction to Familiar Species, is a must-have, reference guide for beginners and experts alike. When visiting anywhere in the Great Lakes area, you'll want to take along a copy of this indispensable guide that reviews familiar species found in nearshore habitats throughout the region. 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. (31/2 X 81/4 folded, opens to 22 X 81/4, 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.

For a quick ID guide, I really like this. I got one as a thank you for donating to Wisconsin Public Radio. I can sit at my window and quickly identify new birds that visit my feeders. I liked it so much, I bought one for my neighbor. It's a three-fold brochure-type booklet and the pages are laminated. It can easily slide into purse or pocket and be taken on nature walks or camping. A great stocking-stuffer or little gift for the new or casual bird-watcher!

It is a very abbreviated list of Great Lakes birds. Probably fine for someone new to birding.

This is an easy to carry and , durable guide for birding in the Great Lakes. This is not intended to a comprehensive guide but a nice quick reference,

Pictures hard to connect with real birds. Better off buying a book

The book will be very useful on my upcoming trip.

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 its 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 its kind of hard to handle in the wind), but it is the better of the two products.

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