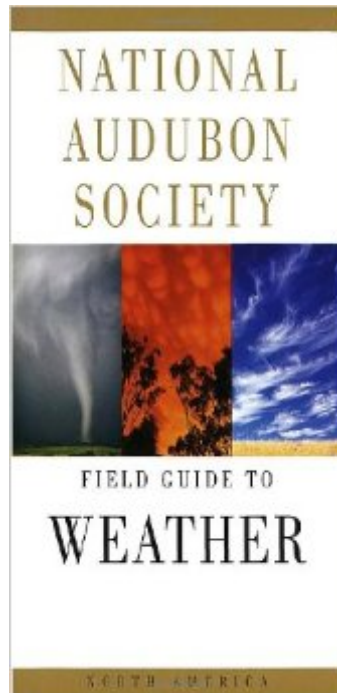


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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To Weather: North America



## Synopsis

Interest in our nation's weather patterns is rising -- as witnessed in the popularity of the Weather Channel -- and this guide is the most popular reference to every type of weather system, cloud formation, and atmospheric phenomenon common to North America. The 378 dramatic photographs capture cloud types, precipitation, storms, twisters, and optical phenomena such as the Northern Lights. Essays with accompanying maps and illustrations discuss the earth's atmosphere, weather systems, cloud formation, and development of tornadoes and many other weather events.

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## Customer Reviews

I ordered this book after reading other peoples reviews. Something in particular I was looking for was information about clouds (types/formations, significance). This book has exactly the information I was looking for (and more); detailed information about clouds - including hundreds of pictures - allow me to identify and name the different cloud types. It also explains very well how this all relates to the overall weather situation. Although the book is targetted towards North American weather, I did not find this a major disadvantage. Weather situations in the US and Canada are mostly used as examples, and knowing the general European situation, information is easily put into context. When ordering I was a little bit worried this was one more popular weather book with the standard stuff. No sir! This book definitely also serves the more serious weather observer. Recommended!

Any weather observer knows that a weather book with pictures, which also describes what they are

seeing, is hard to come by. This book allows the observer to locate a particular cloud type or weather phenomenon by picture instead of just a written description. Then with the flip of a page, and the help of a few subscripted numbers a person can look up what they are actually observing. This book is a wonderful tool of written knowledge for the weather curious person.

The Audubon Guide to weather is a one and only purchase for meteorologists. The photographs are simply spectacular, particularly the cumulonimbus and cumulus congestus, which are mysterious and somewhat intimidating at a distance. Since I reside in the desert, this guide causes me to long for cumulonimbus towers or even an occasional cirrocumulus formation. The content and system are convenient, as referring to the right back of the book for photo explanation is great organization. The photographs of impending thunderstorms are stunning. A very frightening and important warning cloud is the mesocyclone. This formation indicates a tornado later in the day. The guide could also assist in creating a Tornado Warning issue in a specific area. The whole Audubon series should be put into your private collection, as they are known for extremely helpful guides and environmental contribution. There are two editions which do not differ in very many respects. Economy Press, which edition is long out of print, lacks a few photos compared to the contemporary edition. The new press is superior anyway, and has very clean transfers. The very old Economy Press is not as detailed as the new edition. Since only one edition of this sensation guide is available, it should easily be purchased with an impressive price. The older version used to be hardback, and had a different illustration on the front cover, still mentioning the authors however. The new print is leatherback, which is easy to carry and not bulky. The Economy Press may last a bit longer, but the new edition is more helpful in cloud identification. Many Audubon field guides are recommended, including their guides to butterflies, insects, and birds. Along with the Petersons, these guides should be sought out.

This book is a wonderful, easy-to-use tool for amateur and professional meteorologists alike! The pictures are fabulous, and when cross-referenced with the text, they make learning about our weather fun and informative!

What I find very valuable about this book is the fact that it is loaded with illustrations of different kinds of meteorological phenomena. For a pilot, it is important to understand what sort of weather you are going to be flying into. If you don't spend a lot of time studying meteorology, it can be difficult to conceptualize what kind of cloud formation is ahead of you. Some of the pilots' literature

have rather weak illustrations. This book is an excellent supplement to any pilot's training manual in providing visual aids for learning about spotting weather phenomena. Also, in general, it is very enjoyable to page through the book, as the quality of photography is very good.

I believe this book was previously known as the Field Guide to Clouds, not sure exactly when the change took place but I'm glad to have finally re-found this book. What first allured me to this series when I was a child were the amazing photographs in the middle. Some very rare species of clouds all beautifully captured. The information contained within this book is very well organised, and as said in the title it fully lives up to its field guide reputation. By identifying the clouds you see in the sky via the photographs you can then follow the page number to the description of the formation and what weather you can expect from it. Alternatively, there are essays in the beginning describing several weather phenomena and their life cycles, where they can be expected in North America and much much more. This is a fantastic book for anyone interested in weather and particularly clouds. While made with North America in mind, anyone could enjoy this book especially the brilliant photography included with it.

In the past 15 to 20 years, camera phones and Midwestern storm chasers, among other things and people, have made unusual weather phenomena much easier to observe and record. This NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN WEATHER dates back to the Nineties, but it was already so thorough that it is hard to beat even today. Expect to see not only numerous photographic evidence of weather phenomena like cumulonimbus clouds, but also the harder-to-catch tornadoes and solar illusions like "sun dogs" (a type of prismatic reflection, but not a rainbow). With such good illustrative photos, surrounded by such exacting text, and in between vinyl covers, the NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN WEATHER is hard to beat. And especially at the current price, I can't think of anything else that comes close.

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