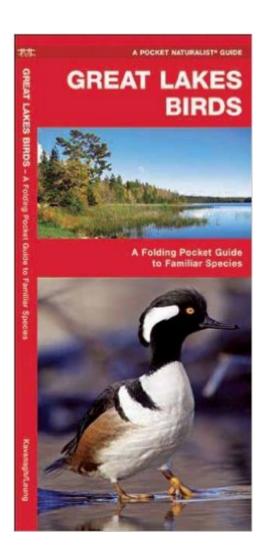
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The Great Lakes watershed is the permanent or migratory home of over 450 species of birds, including the iconic common loon, whose haunting call can be heard at night throughout the region. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights over 140 familiar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

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!

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 liklihood 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.

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

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