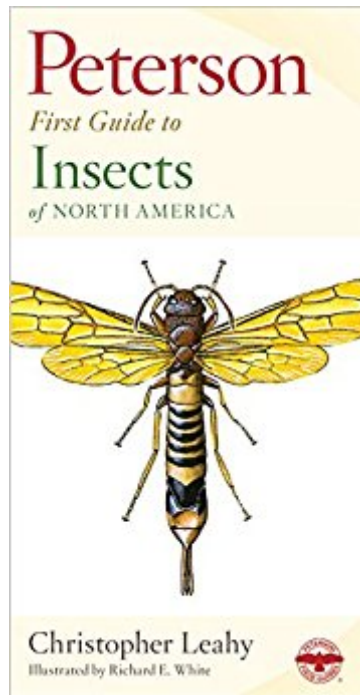




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Customer Reviews

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.

As the name implies, this is a First Guide for beginners. It is an introduction to life cycles, nomenclature, the differences between spiders, true bugs, and insects; insect anatomy, and family groupings such as "ground beetles." Laying a foundation with such basic identification skills is vital to further entomology! It is the same with any field, in botany, it helps me to recognize the

characteristics of Chenopodiaceae vs. Asteraceae, etc. Similarly, it is helpful to narrow down the field of suspects to dung beetles vs. ground beetles vs. click beetles. I grew up with this book but eventually purchased several other insect guides because there are just SO MANY insects out there. Personally, I find illustrations much more revealing than photographs. Great for kids and also adult beginners!

This book is a must have in our neighborhood. We live out in the woods of the Pacific Northwest where there are LOTS of bugs. I have 3 little boys that love to pick up and explore any and everything that crawls or flies. This book has lots of helpful information. The small size makes it easy to pack around when hiking.

The Peterson field guides have long been, IMHO, the gold standard for this type of publication. My 4-year-old great grandson has recently shown a great interest and curiosity about insects, and this First Guide is just the ticket for furthering his knowledge of these fascinating creatures. Who knows...he may be a budding entomologist!

Good for a beginner if you just want to learn common things about some of the insects in your backyard. It doesn't have any scientific names and not many insects in it. It does however, give good descriptive paragraphs about each insect in the book. As for a professional entomologist or a student, it is a waste of time.

Got this guide for my kids to use in the backyard and to learn a little about bugs. The setup is similar to other Peterson Field Guides, but this book is much smaller and has less insects in it than I thought it would. I hoped there would be quite a few butterflies and moths as the kids are very interested in that topic. Apparently, you need to purchase the butterfly and moth book if that is what you are mainly interested in. Quite a few of the pictures were in black and white which was another disappointment compared to the bird guides I am used to. Overall, good information that isn't overwhelming for beginners, but a bit brief for my expectations.

Good information, but pictures are not enticing.

We live in Upstate New York. I bought this several years ago as a companion to our homeschool science curriculum. I have three school aged kids, 4, 6, and 10. I often find them poring through this

or using it outside to identify bugs they've found. It has been a good resource and has gotten plenty of use.

First, this is a teeny book. One that you'd stuff in your shirt pocket. Two, most of the pictures are drawings. Not impressed. Third, it's impossible to actually FIND the bug you're holding in your hand! The only good thing is learning about insects. Identifying crawly things in your yard is for another book.

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