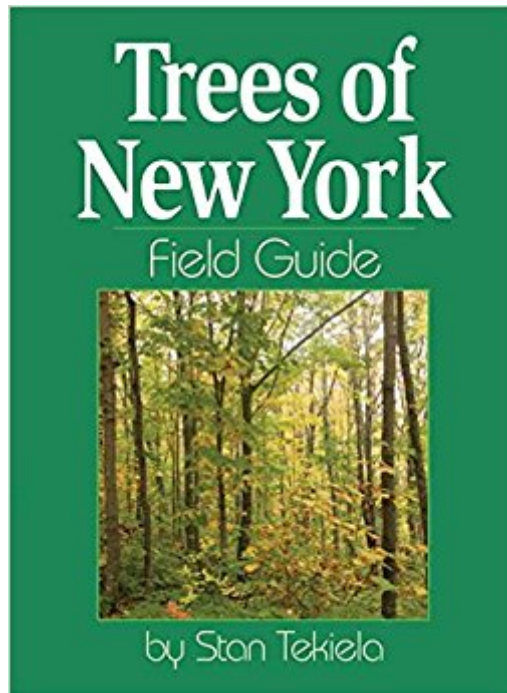


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# Trees Of New York Field Guide (Tree Identification Guides)



## Synopsis

Trees are all around, but how much do you know about them? With this famous field guide by award-winning author and naturalist Stan Tekiela, you can make tree identification simple, informative and productive. Learn about 118 New York trees, organized in the book by leaf type and attachment. Fact-filled information contains the particulars that you want to know, while full-page photos provide the visual detail needed for accurate identification. Trees are fascinating and wonderful, and this is the perfect introduction to them.

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## Customer Reviews

I only wish all my field guides were this well organized. Imagine this. A book small enough to fit in your shirt pocket, but with each page identically formatted:   
   
 A full page on the left side with a look at the leaves, berries, etc as they appear   
   
 Insets on the left-hand page with the bark, flower and fruits   
   
 Then on the right hand page -   
   
 An icon on the top right hand corner with the leaf-type for quick flipping   
   
 An icon on the bottom right hand corner with the leaf-size for quick flipping   
   
 An icon on the top left hand corner with a silhouette of the tree standing next to a house, for quick size/shape reference   
   
 Then all the usual details about the tree that you'd expect to find in a typical field guide (I won't list them here)   
   
 And finally, "Stan's Notes" - a quirky and informative paragraph with stuff about the trees that you're not likely to find in a boilerplate field guide, like things each tree might provide or come in handy for, and even its history and "behavior" (who knew trees could behave?)   
   
 Although it's a serious, practical field guide, my 5-year-old daughter

still wrestles it away from me whenever she sees me with it because she loves the pictures and takes pride in finding trees that we've seen near our home. A bargain indeed.

Tekiela makes identifying trees a breeze. While out photographing landscapes I became very interested in the trees in my pictures. This book takes all the guesswork out. It shows a photo of the bark and is organized by the easiest part to identify; the leaves. Well organized and easy to use. Hand-sized so it travels well, too. I use this book along with Tekiela's book on New York Birds Birds of New York Field Guide, Second Edition. Basically, this book is exactly what you would hope a book on this subject would be. It stays in my car or my camera bag at all times.

Got "Trees of New York" to use with my 5-year-old grandson, who is fascinated by acorns. Entries show leaves, bark, flower, & fruit (acorn), so it's been easy to ID the kind of tree we're in front of. I've learned a lot too. Who knew about Bur Oaks? Turns out they have distinctive brown acorns. Since it's fall, we've branched out to other nuts we've found. That has led to conversations about why birds and animals need to fill up before winter. He now looks for birds that might be preparing to fly South. It helps our success in distinguishing among what we find that we're dealing only with trees found in NY. Yesterday he asked if he could borrow the book to look at more trees. I'd recommend this for anyone who looks at a tree at any season and asks, "I wonder what that is."

I've wanted to become better at tree ID for awhile now. When I was at a wilderness program a 4 year old boy seemed to be an expert on the subject. He pulled out his Trees of New York Field Guide to show me a few things. I was impressed and bought the book. I still don't know as much as that 4 year old boy did, but I have come a long way. I wanted a book that was small enough to carry, but had good color photos and details. This book fit the bill. I've been able to find every native tree that I've looked up. My only complaint about the book is the binding. It seems to be glued rather poorly and I'm afraid that it is going to fall apart fast, especially when it's being carried in a backpack out on hikes.

I have this book, Stan's bird books for both NY and WI, and his flower book for WI. They are very good books for amateurs/beginners, the pictures are great, the notes pertinent, easy to use. I like that he specifically notes which trees/flowers are native vs. non-native, which my current NY wildflower book, a much more "professional" guide, does not do.

While this covers much material that is in other tree identification resource manuals, it is unique in the respect that it addresses those trees specific to New York State. There is also some additional information on tree species that may not be available in other similar resources.

A good sized guide to carry around although the binding seems like it may be a bit fragile; however, so far it has stayed together. The concentration on NY will appeal to many, but a guide to the northeast in general might be better since many of the trees in NY are also in the general area. I prefer larger photos of the bark, flower and fruit, but they are here.

I like knowing more about the world around me and trees are good to know. The book was interesting in that it told of the trees ( many more than you might know of in one family and many families) that grow in New York and if they were introduced or were here naturally.

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