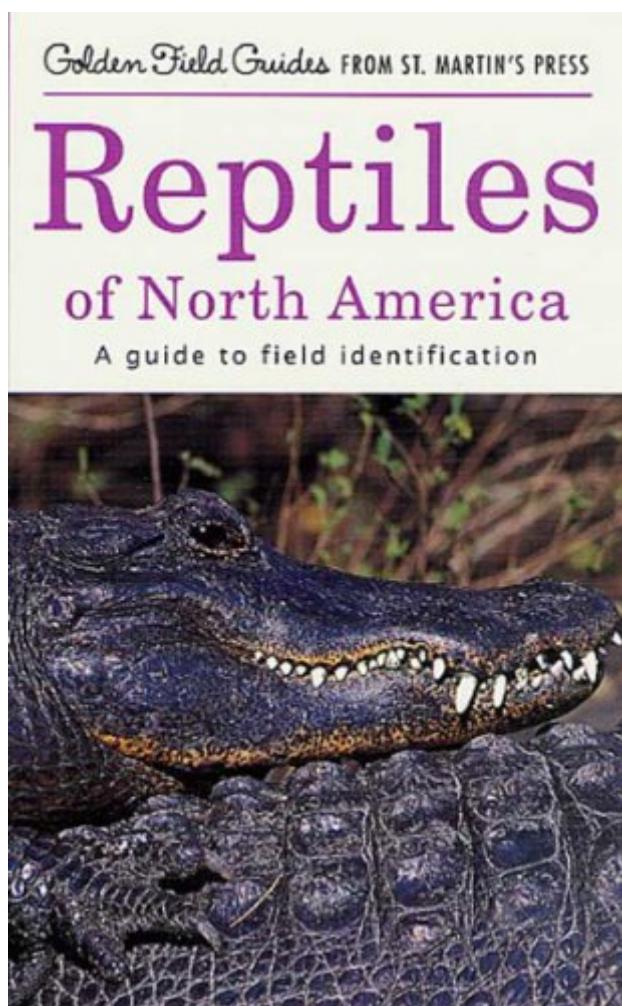


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# Reptiles Of North America: A Guide To Field Identification (Golden Field Guide F/St. Martin's Press)



## Synopsis

This eBook is best viewed on a color device. Reptiles of North America by Hobart M. Smith and Edmund D. Brodie, Jr. Discover the Red-bellied Turtle, which is nearly extinct. Uncover a Garter Snake in your backyard. Locate an Alligator Lizard--or a Legless one. Identifying reptiles is fascinating and fun with this classic Golden Field Guide. Abundant illustrations and the Key Characteristic system, preferred by professionals, make this single-volume reference an outstanding choice for nature projects, collectors of all ages, and scientific study. -All of North America in one volume-278 species and 500 subspecies in 22 families...plus 18 exotics-Illustrations include juveniles and adults, body forms, undersides, scales, and more!-Text, range maps, and illustrations seen together at a glance-Common and scientific names-Convenient measuring rules...Plus first aid information for snakebites.

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## Customer Reviews

This field guide is very complete in terms of the reptiles that one might encounter, even rarely, and also very user friendly....a factor in my recent purchase of a copy for two of my grandchildren, ages eight and eleven. With it, despite their age, they were able to quickly identify several snakes and

lizards frequenting their new yard and surrounding country. I have recommended this volume to many friends and I personally keep a copy both at home and in my vehicle so that I will always be able to identify the creatures I encounter.... or at least most of the ones with scales.

Wonderful reference book.

Excellent

Great used book and a handy reference for reptiles in my area of Florida. Would recommend for anyone wanting a quick reference and not needing a lot of detail.

My husband loves to identiy snakes and reptiles from our property. It is a good reference book. Arrived on time and in great condition.

The cover looks quite different from what we used to get in the old Golden Guides, but the format, within, is much the same. Color drawings, very clear and detailed, with line drawings inserted very liberally to illustrate certain points. Ranges shown, as in the old days, with color superimpositions on a small map of N. America. Some small-print interpolations have been added to certain species in order to reference other species which may be confused; these interpolations will be hard for the elderly to read and may add abstruseness for a young imagination. There is good general information added, but the small print of that stuff means most people will used it only as an identification guide. For that purpose it is an excellent first book.

"Reptiles of North America: A Guide to Field Identification" by Hobart Smith is what I have read for years. A lifelong novice, but curious follower of herpetology, I have used this field guide to identify geckos, skinks, snakes, turtles, terrapins, tortoises and more. Although I live in the northern Midwest, we still have a few things crawling around. I first had a copy of a much earlier edition when I was a child. We lived on the then-edge of the suburbs, with woods and creeks close by, and this became a useful book, along with a guide for amphibians, spiders and butterflies. Each animal is described by family, subfamily, species and subspecies, with color-coded maps telling the reader where it can be found. A brief overview of each family provides a few lifestyle facts. Color drawings for every species accompany the description, with details like "2 1/4 in. (58 mm) snout to vent" (Texas Banded Gecko). A section at the end (20 pp) explains general reptile biology, distribution, scaling,

and reproduction.If the random snake slithers through your lawn, "Reptiles of North America: A Guide to Field Identification" is the book to help you sort out just what kind it is.I fully recommend this book.Anthony Trendl[...]

This book was very informative and helpful for work in the feild. It helps you identify the type of reptiles that live in your area and what they look like. Very useful. The only thing I would change would be that the range maps have states & provinces on them. The maps only have a blank U.S., Canada, and Mexico map. Still great though. Highly reccomend it!

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