

Paulina's and Fernando's Favourite Nature Books

BIRDS

- Cannings, Ru., and Ri., Cannings. 2013. Birdfinding in British Columbia. Greystone Books. Vancouver, BC. 466 pp.
- Ehrlich, P., R. D., S. Dobkin, and D. Wheye. 1988. The Birder's Handbook: A Field Guide to the Natural History of North American Birds. Simon & Schuster. New York, NY. 785 pp.
- Dunn, J., L., and J., Alderfer. Eds. 2008. National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of Western North America. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C. 2008.
- Sibley, D., A. 2003. The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America. Knopf, Borzoi Books, Random House. Toronto, ON. 5th Printing, 2006. 471 pp.
- Stokes, D., W, Stokes, and L., Q., Stokes. 2010. The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America. Little, Brown. New York, NY. 1st Edition. 2010. 791 pp.
- Stokes, D., W, Stokes, and L., Q. Stokes. 2013. The New Stokes Guide to Birds: Western Region. Little, Brown. New York, NY. 1st Edition, 2013. 574 pp.
- Stokes, D., W. 1979. Stokes Nature Guides: A Guide to Bird Behaviour, Volume I. Little, Brown (Canada). Toronto. 1979.
- Udvardy, D., F. 1994. National Audubon Society: Field Guide to Birds Western Region. Knopf Borzoi Book, Random House. New York, NY. 2nd Ed., 11th Printing 2009. 822 pp.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE-RELATED TOPICS

- Cannings, S., J., Nelson, and R., Cannings. 2011. Geology of British Columbia: A Journey. Greystone Books, D&M Publishers, Vancouver, BC. 154 pp.
- Lovelock, J.,E. 1979. Gaia: A New Look to Life on Earth. Oxford University Press, New York, NY. Paperback Ed., 1982. 157 pp.
- Comment: The author states the hypothesis that life on earth interacting with the abiotic environment forms a complex that has the capacity to keep our planet fit for life. This contrasts with the traditional view that living matter just reacts and adapts to the physical environment.*
- Lovelock, J. 2006. The Revenge of Gaia: Why the Earth is Fighting Back – and How We Can Still Save Humanity. Penguin Books, London England. 177 pp.
- Comment: In this book, written 27 years after Gaia, Lovelock discusses how earth is reacting to the voracious assault of mankind.*
- Shermer, Michael. 2006. Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design. Owl Books, Owl Books, Henry Hold. New York, New York. 2007. 199 pp.
- Comment: The author explains why Intelligent Design is bad science and poor religion, and why there should be no conflict between Science and religion.*

INSECTS

- Acorn J., and I., Sheldon. 2006. Butterflies of British Columbia. Lone Pine Publishing. Edmonton, AB. 360 pp.
- Brock, J.J., and K., Kaufman. 2003. Kaufman Field Guide to Butterflies of North America. Hilstar Editions. New York, NY. 391 pp.
- Cannings, R., A. 2002. Introducing the dragonflies of British Columbia and the Yukon. Royal British Columbia Museum. Victoria, BC. 3rd Printing, 2019. 96 pp.
- Elmhirst, J., K., Fry., and D., Macaulay. 2008. Garden Bugs of British Columbia: Gardening to attract, Repel and Control. Lone Pine Publishing. Edmonton, AB. 223 pp.
- Lee-Mader, E., J., Fowler, J., Vento, and J., Hopwood. 2016. 100 Plants to Feed the Bees. The Xerces Society. Storey Publishing. North Adams, MA. 329 pp.
- Pyle, R., M. 1981. National Audubon Society: Field Guide to Butterflies. Knopf, Borzoi Books, Random House. New York, NY. 23rd Printing, 2013. 924 pp.
- Wilson, J., S., and O., Messinger Carril. 2016. A guide to North America's Bees: The Bees in Your Backyard. Princeton University Press. Princeton NJ. 288 pp.

MAMMALS

- Eder, T., and G., Kennedy. 2011. Mammals of Canada. Lone Pine Publishing, Edmonton, AB. 446 pp.
- Murie, O., J. 1954. The Peterson Field Guide Series. A Field Guide to Animal Tracks. Eighth Printing, The University Press, Cambridge, MA. 8th Printing. 374 pp.
- Witaker, Jr., J. O. 1980. National Audubon Society: Field Guide to North American Mammals. Borzoi Books, Random House. New York, NY. 11th Printing, 1994. 745 pp.

MUSHROOMS

- Arora, D. 1990. All that the Rain Promises, and More ...: A Hip Pocket Guide to Western Mushrooms. Ten Speed Press, Random House. New York, NY. ip.
- Groves, J., W. 1972. Mushroom Collecting for Beginners. Canada Dept. Of Agriculture. Ottawa, ON. 1975 Reprint. 30 pp.
- MacKinnon, A., and K. Luther. 2021. Royal BC Museum Handbook: Mushrooms of British Columbia. Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria, BC. 498 pp.
- Marrone, T., and D., Parker. 2019. A simple Guide to Common Mushrooms of the Northwest. Adventure Publications, Cambridge MN. 296 pp.

PLANTS

- Budd A., C., and K., F., Best. 1969. Wild Plants of the Canadian Prairies. Research Branch, Canada Dept. Of Agriculture, Ottawa, ON. 1974 Reprint. 519 pp.
- Vance, F. R., J., R., Jowsey, and J., S., McLean. 1984. Wildflowers Across the Prairies, Revised and Expanded. Greystone Books, Douglas & McIntyre. 1984. 336 pp.
- Pojar, J., and A., MacKinnon. Eds. 1994. Plants of Coastal British Columbia: Including Washington, Oregon & Alaska. Lone Pine Publishing. Vancouver, BC. 2004 Edition. 528 pp.

Five Favourite Books for Nature Chilliwack Sharing list - Janne Perrin October 12, 2022

Canada Department of Forestry (1917). Native trees of Canada Bulletin 61 (6th edition 1961) Ottawa (ONT) Queen's Printer. 291 pp.

Comments: an oldie but a goodie with descriptions, range maps and clear photos of parts of the trees (leaves, cones, bark etc.)

Eder T and Pattie D 2(001) Mammals of British Columbia. Vancouver (BC) Lone Pine Publishing. 296 pp.

Comment: handy quick reference chart on the back of the book / introductory essay on each species, range , best sites to view, descriptions, habitat, food and "did you know" for interesting extra info

Ehrlich P, Dobkin D, and Wheye D. (1988). The birder's handbook: a field guide to the natural history of North American birds: the essential companion to your identification guide. New York (NY) Simon & Schuster Inc. 785 pp

Comment: everything you need to know about NA birds from nests, range, food, conservation status etc. plus many scholarly essays on behavior, distribution, habits, etc.

Marrone T and Parker D. (2019). Mushrooms of the northwest. Cambridge, (MN) Adventure publications. 296 pp.

Comment: fits in your pocket, covers hundreds of the common mushrooms in our area, good photos, and description include habitat, season, spore print, other names, comparison and notes on edibility.

Pojar J and McKinnon A. (compilers & editors) (1994). Plants of coastal British Columbia: including Washington Oregon and Alaska. Vancouver (BC) Lone Pine Publishing. 528 pp.

Comments: this guide describes the common vascular plants. mosses, liverworts and lichens in or area, listed as trees, shrubs and then by family followed by aquatics, oddballs, grasses, sedges, rushes, ferns horsetails, liverworts, mosses, lichens Includes information on traditional uses. Excellent glossary.

Five Favourite Books for Nature Chilliwack Sharing list - Denis Knopp October 13, 2022

Tom Brown as told by William Jon Watkins 1978. The Tracker: New York (NY) Berkley Publishing Corporation. 229 pp.

Comment: A true story of a New Jersey Boy's incredible apprenticeship under the guidance of an Apache elder. When someone moves something in your house you notice it. When someone moves something in the woods, Tom Brown notices it.

Crispen S. Guppy and Jon H. Shepard 2001. Butterflies of British Columbia: including Butterflies of Western Alberta, Southern Yukon, Alaska Panhandle, Washington, Northern Oregon, Northern Idaho, and Northwestern Montana. UBC Press-Vancouver BC. 414 pp.

Comment: A guide to Butterflies of the Pacific Northwest, with photos and range map and discussions on the species life cycle stages.

Michael J. Behe 1996 paperback edition 2003. Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution. The Free Press a Division of Simon & Schuster, New York, NY. 307 pp.

Comment: "Michael Behe has done a top-notch job of explaining and illuminating one of the most vexing problems in biology: the origin of the complexity that permeates all of life on this planet.... This book should be on the essential reading list of all those who are interested in the question of where we come from, as it presents the most thorough and clever presentation of the design argument that I have seen." -Robert Shapiro, author of Origins: A Skeptic's Guide to the Creation of Life on Earth

Paul Raffaele hardcover 2010. Among The Great Apes: Adventures on the Trail of Our Closest Relatives. Harper Collins Publishers, New York NY. 307 pp.

Comment: If you care about the great apes, this is one of the best. Paul Raffaele visits all of the great ape species, an incredible adventure filled with wisdom.

Charles Wilson's Diary Edited by George F.G. Stanley 1970. Mapping the Frontier: Charles Wilson's Diary of the Survey of the 49th Parallel, 1858-1862, While Secretary of the British Boundary Commission. The Macmillan Company of Canada ON. 182 pp.

Comment: A look at what the Chilliwack area and southern BC were like before the natural environment was altered by Europeans.

Five Favourite Books for Nature Chilliwack Sharing List – Scott Denkers, 25 October 2022

Sibley, D.A. (2016). *The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America* (2nd edition). Alfred A. Knopf, New York. 504 p.

*Comment: Chock full of accurately rendered illustrations and key information, but small enough to carry in the field while birding. Range maps and illustrations are accompanied by useful notes pointing out key characteristics used to distinguish one species from another. Even though I enjoy using various birding apps., this field guide rarely leaves my side for quick reference when in the field or at home. Note: If you're planning on a trip to the east half of the continent, consider picking up Sibley's companion field guide, *The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America*.*

Pyle, R.M. (2002). *The Butterflies of Cascadia* (1st edition). Seattle Audubon Society. 420 p.

Comment: Well organized with many beautiful photos and illustrations. Each butterfly listed has a key for recognition, variations, life history as well as habitat range and the time of year you are likely to see the butterfly on the wing. Lots of good information is included including the list of alternate names for each species. This field guide is out of print, but it's definitely worth seeking out a used copy.

Stephenson, T. and Whittle, S. (2015). *The Warbler Guide* (1st edition). Princeton University Press. 554 p.

Comment: Pick up a copy of this tome if you really want to get into the details of a lovely group of birds—the warblers. Not your typical field guide, this publication is more for poring over when you get home with your warbler photographs and recordings. An abundance of close-up photographs show variations in plumage within and across species groups. Bird song is also illustrated and analyzed for a deeper understanding of warbler vocalization.

Sibley, D.A., Dunning Jr, J.B., Elphick, C. (2001). *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior* (1st edition). Alfred A. Knopf, New York. 608 p.

Comment: Compiled essays from leading ornithologists on bird anatomy, ethology and behaviour to increase knowledge about birds. This publication details 80 families of birds found in North America, with hundreds of David Sibley's beautiful full-colour paintings, maps, charts and illustrations. Topics range from the migration, feeding, mating and nesting to more esoteric topics such as feather structure, eye configuration, DNA classification, evolution, hybridization and more.

James, D.G., and Nunnallee, D. (2011). *Life Histories of Cascadia Butterflies* (1st edition). Oregon State University Press, 448 p.

Comment: The authors have managed to capture most of the butterfly species occurring in southern British Columbia, Washington, northern Idaho and northern Oregon in this book. Each entry includes numerous colour photographs of the life stages--egg, larval instars, pupa, and adult. The text is well written and enlightening. Discussion of each species includes its food plant and habitat. Plant enthusiasts, butterfly lovers and ardent naturalists will find this book a great addition to the library.

Five Favourite Books for Nature Chilliwack Sharing List – Mercedes Bustamante, 5 October, 2022

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds by David Allen Sibley (2016)

Birdfinding in British Columbia by Russell Cannings & Richard Cannings (2013)

Animal Tracks of British Columbia by Ian sheldon & Tamara Hartson (2017)

Edible & Medicinal Plants of British Columbia by McKinnon/ Kershaw/ Arnason/ Owen/ Karst/ Hamersley/ Chambers (2014)

The Bird Way by Jennifer Ackerman (2020) (A new look at how birds talk, work, play, parent and think)

The Curve of Time by M. Wylie Blanchet (2011) (not related to birds but an amazing book!)

Janet Pollock
Books on my shelf

Riemer, Chad (2018) Before we lost the lake: a natural and human history of Sumas Valley.

Vancouver: Caitlin Press Inc. www.Caitlin-press.com

Canning, Richard and Canning, Sydney (2015) British Columbia: a natural history of its origins, ecology, and diversity with a new look at climate change. Vancouver: Greystone Book Ltd. www.greystonebooks.com

Sibley, David (2014) The Sibley Birds. Toronto: Alfred A. Knopf, Random House of Canada Ltd
www,sibleyguides.com

Burton, John A., illustrated by Channel, Jim (1991) Canadian Nature Guide, Mammals.

New York: Smithmark Publishers Inc

Field guide Apps on my phone

Merlin birds. Identification of birds by sound and photo. Powered by bird observation submitted to eBird, Cornell University

Inaturalist. Identification of plants and animals by a social network sharing biodiversity information.
Inaturalist.org