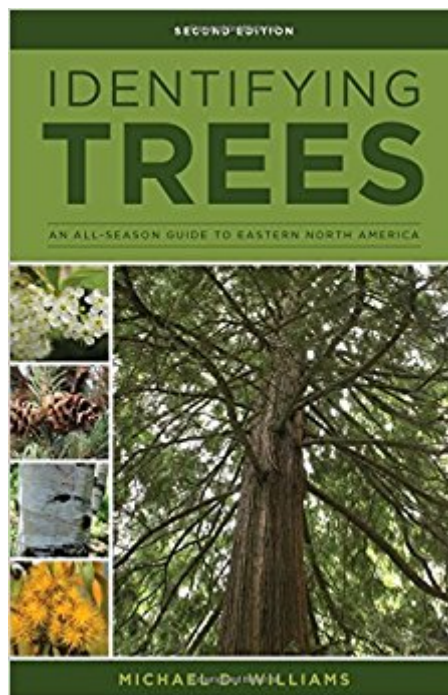




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Identifying Trees Of The East: An All-Season Guide To Eastern North America



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Michael D. Williams was widely known for his ability to explain complicated forestry concepts in terms that are fresh, simple, and practical. He worked as a forester with the Tennessee Division of Forestry.

Contains descriptions of 134 Eastern tree species. For each, there is one page with a detailed description and distribution map, and a facing page with photos of the leaf and the entire tree (each page with 5 or so separate pics). There is also a special chapter on identifying deciduous trees in winter and one devoted to leaf identification. So this is overall quite a nice book, with coverage of most trees one is likely to see, but not shrubs or cultivated trees in towns. Compare this to the Peterson field guide to Eastern trees, which includes 455 species is actually more compact, and has many more exotics. For instance, you will find a bunch of palm species there that have been

imported into Florida, though not included in Williams. The latter, however, has much shorter descriptions and no photos for many species, so accurate identification is harder, and you learn much less about each tree. The Williams book is copyright 2017, Peterson---much older, 1988. The same remarks apply to their respective two books on Western trees. What to do? Get both of them.

Great Book. I highly recommend it for anyone looking to identify foliage. It is well organized and illustrated. The material is presented in a format that helps the novice educate himself on how to proceed with the basics and work his way up to a more detailed analysis. A bit bulky for the avid enthusiast...not the back pocket manual, but a very valuable reference guide. Two thumbs up.

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