

## How to Use The Audubon Society Field Guide to N. American Birds East Region

The photographs in this book are organized on visual principles. The 584 photographs are arranged according to the bird's **shape** and, in most cases, it's **color**. The captions under each photo include the plate number, size of the bird and the number of the page on which the species is described.

As in Peterson's Field Guide, you need to make note of such points on the bird as size and shape of the bill, the tail and the wings etc.

The book's groups are arranged as follows:

1. Long-legged waders
2. Gull-like birds
3. Upright- perching waterbirds
4. Duck-like birds
5. Sandpiper-like birds
6. Chicken-like marsh birds
7. Upland ground birds
8. Owls
9. Hawk-like birds
10. Pigeon-like birds
11. Swallow-like birds
12. Tree-clinging birds
13. Perching birds

The silhouettes of each of the groups above are further broken down by silhouettes of the families. If the bird you saw looks like one of these silhouettes, you will find the bird in that group on the plate number indicated. Once you find the plate with your bird, the text page number is at the bottom.

The text includes physical characteristics and plumage, voice, habitat, nesting and range.