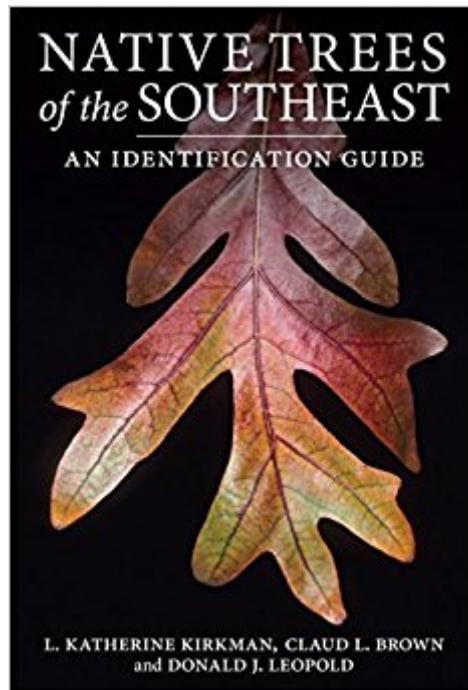




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Synopsis

The diversity of woody plants in the Southeast is unparalleled in North America. *Native Trees of the Southeast* is a practical, compact field guide for the identification of the more than 225 trees native to the region, from the Carolinas and eastern Tennessee south through Georgia into northern Florida and west through Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas into eastern Texas. For confident identification, nearly 600 photographs, close to 500 of them in color, illustrate leaves, flowers and fruits or cones, bark, and twigs with buds. Full descriptions are accompanied by keys for plants in both summer and winter condition, as well as over 200 range maps. Crucial differences between plants that may be mistaken for each other are discussed.

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Describes 229 trees native to the southeastern United States
591 photographs fully integrated into the text
Range maps show tree distributions in the Southeast and adjoining areas
Covers the Carolinas, eastern Tennessee, Georgia, northern Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and eastern Arkansas and Texas
Includes keys to trees in both summer and winter conditions
Compact, field-friendly reference for students, professionals, tree lovers and native plant enthusiasts

This is probably my favorite field guide for trees in my area. The one requirement for using it is that you know or learn how to work with botanical keys. It is not a "picture book" where you scan over images of trees to see which one matches the one you're trying to find. However, if you know how to use dichotomous keys, it is easy to use and I've been able to key out all trees I've tried to find so far. You may wish to use a hand lens to help with some of the identifying features. The book starts off with some introductory information, including how to use the keys, and line drawings of identification features to illustrate the botanical terms used in the book. This should make it accessible to a lay person without prior knowledge in botany. The introduction is followed by both summer and winter keys. The main section of the book goes into more detail for each tree family, including summer and winter keys down to species level, and a description of each species with distinguishing characteristics, habitat and range, and uses. Images include distribution maps and color photographs. The pictures are smallish and limited to leaves, twigs, fruits etc., but combined with the text it is possible to clearly identify each tree. The information provided is excellent. At the end of the book, a section on introduced and naturalized trees is included, followed by a glossary, conversion tables (inches to cm etc.), and an index with both common and scientific names. The cover feels quite sturdy and has a convenient ruler on the back (both inches and centimeters). In summary, this is a very nice all-seasons field guide to trees for botanists and those interested in learning more about trees and their identification.

This field guide has an excellent layout with professional photos covering many of the important characters for identifying trees. I agree with the review of Benjamin Hendersen in that it would be nice to have a picture of the entire tree, which would help amateur individuals that are not as familiar with the technical terms of identification. A nice feature is a key to the genera for the summer and winter. Then each genus has a summer and winter key to each species. The account of each species has identifying characters, distribution (nice maps too) and a uses section. Has a short but useful section in the back titled "Some Common Introduced and Naturalized Trees in the Southeast". This book is published by Timber Press and it has an excellent binding and cover to withstand fieldwork. This is a great book and if you are looking for THE guide to the native southeastern trees I would highly recommend it.

This book was a gift for my brother who has spent decades outdoors and knows a lot about nature. He wanted a book comparable to some of his textbooks when he studied wildlife management. He

was very pleased with the level of technicality and with the book's usefulness. I had previously bought the Sibley tree book for myself, but it is not as good as the Sibley bird book. This time I worked harder to seek out reviews on and elsewhere, and found them very helpful in making this selection.

This is a good book for anyone but a great book if you are new to the southeast.

This was for a friend ... and he loves it.

100% positive.

Nice glossy paged book. It's really a paperback with nicely slick-coated cover pages. My only complaint is the small pictures of the leaves and no pictures of the entire tree in a native setting. It smartly combines many individual species and varieties into a common family.

My husband enjoys this book a lot. Think he has planted about 6 or 8 trees since getting the book.

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