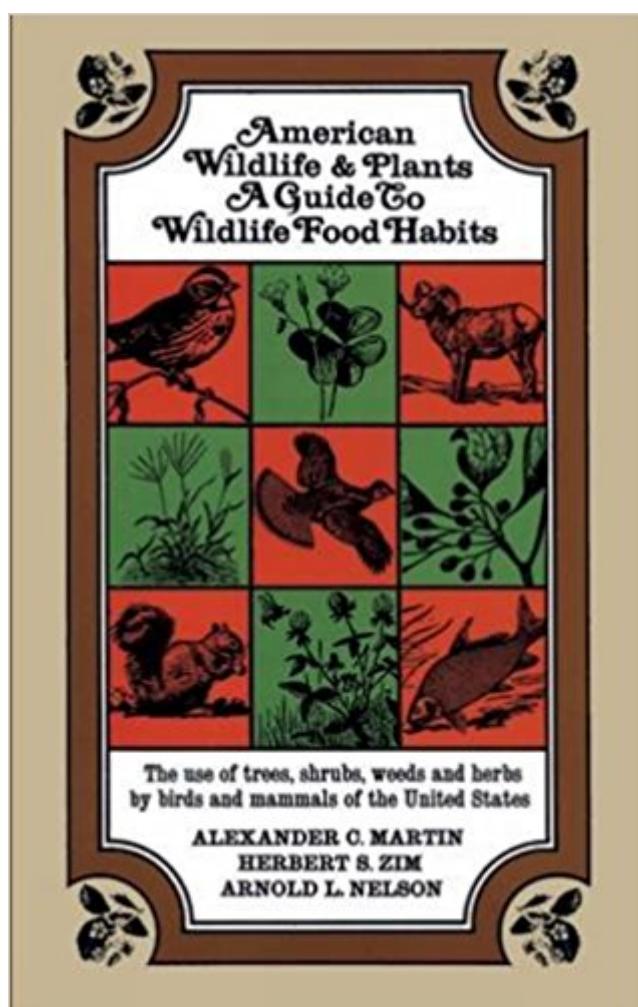


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American Wildlife And Plants: A Guide To Wildlife Food Habits



Synopsis

For the last three-quarters of a century, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has made concentrated researches into the food habits of American birds, mammals, and fish, collecting thousands of contributions from workers throughout the nation. This tremendous amount of material has been collected, correlated, and condensed into a 500-page volume which, as one reviewer has commented, "should prove a classic in its field and a must for every naturalist." (Harold E. Anthony, *Natural History*). Here you will learn of the food and feeding habits of more than 1,000 species of birds and mammals, together with their distribution in America, their migratory habits, and the most important plant-animal relationships. Not only naturalists but also sportsmen, farmers, botanists, birdwatchers, foresters, Boy Scouts, and anyone with a general interest in American wildlife will find it a useful reference book. After a general statement of purposes, definitions, and procedures, the authors cover the food habits and range of more than 300 common species of American birds, divided into five major units: waterbirds, marshbirds and shorebirds, upland gamebirds, songbirds, and birds of prey. They go on to cover fur and game animals, small mammals, hoofed browsers, and fish, amphibians, and reptiles. The third part of the book is devoted to all the genera of plants that furnish food to our wildlife — woody plants, upland weeds and herbs, marsh and aquatic plants, and cultivated plants. The authors give the distribution of each of the more than 300 species listed together with all the different species of birds and animals that use the plant for nourishment. The final chapter ranks wildlife plants according to their value. "Supplies a long-felt need for a comprehensive reference on wildlife food habits." — *Journal of Forestry*. "Wealth of knowledge . . . of immense value." — *Nature Magazine*. "Will undoubtedly be an essential handbook for wildlife specialists." — *Scientific Monthly*.

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This book was a required by my professor in my Wildlife Techniques class in college. This book is old, as all Dover Press books are but the information in this book is extremely detailed. This book works two ways. You can look up the animal you are interested in to find out what it eats or you can look up plants and see what animals eat them. This book is must if you are curious to see what wildlife is interested in eating especially if you are interested in attracting wildlife to your property or maybe getting rid of the plants that are causing too much wildlife to be on your property.

There is SO MUCH info in this book. I think its terrific. Here are the chapters:Part I: Introductory Chapters- The Plant roots of wildlifeFarm crops and wildlifeWildlife food habitas studiesPart II: Animals and their foodWaterbirdsMarsh & ShorebirdsUpland game birdsSongbirdsBirds of preyFur and game mammalsSmall mammalsHoofed browsersFish, amphibians & reptilesPart III: Plants useful to WildlifeWoody plantsUpland weeds and herbsMarsh & Aquatic plantsCultivated plantsWildlife plants ranked according to their valueFor each of the birds there is a map of their range, a brief paragraph on where they live/where they migrate to, animal food they eat, plant food they eat (with specific plants listed)For the animal sections it the same sort of info - a map of their range, a tidbit of info on the animal, and then animal and plant foods they eat with the plants listed out.In the plant sections, similar to the others there is a map of the range, some quite interesting tidbits about the plants, and then a listing of who eats them.References are given for each entry so you can look up additional info if you wanted to.I really love this book. I was hoping to attract flying squirrels when I discovered using this book that we already have the habitat they love....one day last summer something jumped onto our screen window and scurried about.....it was a flying squirrel. Pretty cool! I keep planting plants for wildlife and its been a lot of fun to see who comes to visit. I do cross reference the plants in here with other books so I can be sure that what I'm planting is native rather than an exotic and so I can get a feel for what the plant needs/will do. Highly recommended!!

If you are into planting for wildlife at your house or managing your property for wildlife. This book can't be beat. Yes it's outdated, many of the scientific names are wrong, and some common names are rather uncommon. But this is a great reference. Most animal species or family groups are inside this book. What this book does is explain the different plants that are beneficial to animals and

exactly how the animals use these plants (cover, nesting, summer food, winter food). I graduated in Wildlife Biology from Purdue University and this was a book one of our older professors actually required us to get. The class we used it in was a class about managing areas for animals. It was an indispensable tool in my arsenal in the class because this professor would sometimes slip questions on quizzes from this book if we were talking about a particular animal. Even after graduated from college I have kept a hold of this book because of what it is. I have never seen another book with this type of information inside of it before.

If you have ever wondered what an animal ate, than wonder no more, just buy this book. It covers mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians and tells you what each animal eats and also all the plants that are useful to animals and what animals they are used by. Fabulous book.

This book is very helpful to gain insight on the feeding habits of our wildlife. However, this book was first printed in 1951 and is somewhat out of date. With all the studies that have taken place since then, it would be a great idea if a second, updated version were to be released. I say buy the book, but look deeper into the pros and cons of any "great wildlife plant" before you go and place it on your farm.

awesome great book, I do not agree with how they obtained the data, but this book should be kept in print, one of the few resources publicly available on what animals eat and what plants are eaten by animals

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