

THE MASSACHUSETTS NATURALIST'S LIBRARY

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*Come, and take choice of all my library.*

Shakespeare

*Bird Observer* asked a number of experienced Massachusetts naturalists to submit their ideas on which ten or fifteen books should make up the core of a well-rounded naturalist's library. The list of respondents includes writers, teachers, tour leaders, and lecturers, and their choices covered the spectrum of natural history publications, from expensive out-of-print classics to modern paperbacks. Some of the book lists are historical in nature; some are based on "most used" books. All are fascinating and insightful.

Almost without exception, our contributors found it difficult to limit themselves to fifteen books. (One, seemingly dismayed at the thought of leaving off a favorite title, listed forty-four! That took some editing.) In the listing that follows, entire and unabridged except for the limit of fifteen per person, the initials of the contributors appear with their choices; if a quote is given, it is from the first person so listed.

My grateful thanks to all of the respondents (even the over-zealous ones). If you find this article an inspiration to expand your library, it is due in full measure to the devotion of these naturalists: Kathleen Anderson, Dorothy Arvidson, Nancy Clayton, Betty Anderson Falxa, Richard Forster, Wayne Hanley, John Kricher, Wayne Petersen, Bob Prescott, Bruce Sorrie, Don and Lillian Stokes, Tom Tynning, Richard Walton, and the writer.

Books on Birds.

Allen, Francis H. (editor). 1910. *THOREAU'S BIRD LORE: NOTES ON NEW ENGLAND BIRDS*. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. "A primary source book; representative of the roots of natural history." - R.W.

Austin, Jr., Oliver L. 1971. *FAMILIES OF BIRDS*. Western Publishing, New York. - D.A., R.F.

Bagg, Aaron C. and Samuel A. Eliot, Jr. 1937. *BIRDS OF THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY IN MASSACHUSETTS*. Hampshire Bookshop, Northampton. - N.C.

Bent, Arthur Cleveland, et al. 1919-1968. *LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*. U.S.G.P.O., Washington, D.C. "[It] properly belongs in any naturalist's library." - W.P.; D.A. B.F., D. & L.S.

Forbush, Edward Howe. 1925-1929. *BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES*. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston. "Aside from its historic value as the greatest state bird book of its era (and perhaps, even ours), Forbush's *BIRDS*

- reflects many qualities, including the author's enthusiasm for the subject. It arrived in a period in which ornithology was in transition from the old style of firing a shotgun into a bush and counting what fell out to the modern school of optical observation. As a result, the book contains not only the color illustrations which modern birders can use but also the detailed description necessary for identifying a bird in hand, information not available in many modern works." - W.H.; K.A., D.A., B.C., N.C., B.F., R.F., J.K., W.P.
- Grant, Peter J. 1982. *GULLS, A GUIDE TO IDENTIFICATION*. T. and A. D. Poyser. Carlton, England. - B.P.
- Griscom, Ludlow. 1949. *THE BIRDS OF CONCORD*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge. "Excellent historical account of ornithological changes and population trends in Massachusetts bird populations, in addition to a fine summary of the work of William Brewster, who certainly was one of the state's greatest pioneer ornithologists. A must for all local birders." - W.P., K.A.
- Griscom, Ludlow and Dorothy Snyder. 1955. *THE BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS; AN ANNOTATED AND REVISED CHECK LIST*. Peabody Museum, Salem. "This and Richard Veit's update, once published, are the sequels to Forbush, less lyric but factual analyses of the current status of the Commonwealth's avifauna." - K.A.; B.C.
- Harrison, Colin. 1978. *A FIELD GUIDE TO THE NESTS, EGGS, AND NESTLINGS OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*. Collins, Edinburgh. "Essential for anyone interested in atlasing, breeding bird surveys, finding and identifying nests." - K.A.; D.A.
- Hickey, Joseph J. 1943. *A GUIDE TO BIRD WATCHING*. Oxford University Press, New York. "A classic by a distinguished birdwatching scientist and teacher who was a pioneer in the field of wildlife ecology, this book is still, after 42 years, being reprinted as a popular paperback. A comprehensive and readable how-to book that encompasses all aspects of bird watching and shows how scientific principles can be applied by the amateur naturalist 'to explore the mysteries of bird life.'" - D.A.
- Hill, Norman P. 1965. *THE BIRDS OF CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS*. William Morrow, New York. "A fine local study based largely on the work of Ludlow Griscom and earlier field observers. While out of date in some ways, the historical accounts of the change in species status, as well as the general descriptions of the Cape's avifauna, are among the best to be found anywhere." - W.P.
- Leahy, Christopher. 1982. *THE BIRDWATCHER'S COMPANION, AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDLIFE*. Hill and Wang, New York. "A basic, readable reference to all aspects of ornithology for anyone with more than a casual interest in birds." - K.A.; D.A., B.C., N.C., R.F., J.K., W.P.
- Mead, Chris. 1983. *BIRD MIGRATION*. Facts on File, New York. - N.C.



- National Geographic Society. 1983. *FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*. N.G.S., Washington. "This is an excellent back-up to Peterson with superb illustrations, good range maps, national coverage, and alternate plumages." - D.& L.S.; K.A., B.P.
- Pasquier, Roger F. 1977. *WATCHING BIRDS, AN INTRODUCTION TO ORNITHOLOGY*. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. "I suggest this as an alternative to Welty's book for those who might be discouraged at the prospect of a textbook on their library shelf. It certainly has enough information for the average birder." - D.A.; B.C., R.F.
- Pettingill, Jr., Olin Sewall. 1977. *A GUIDE TO BIRD-FINDING EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI*. Houghton Mifflin, Boston - B.F.
- Pough, Richard H. 1949, 1951. *AUDUBON LAND BIRD GUIDE, AUDUBON WATER BIRD GUIDE*. Doubleday, Garden City. "Still the most concise and informative guides to habits and habitats of eastern birds." - K.A.; D.A., B.C.
- Stokes, Donald W. 1979, 1983. *A GUIDE TO THE BEHAVIOR OF COMMON BIRDS, A GUIDE TO BIRD BEHAVIOR, VOLUME II*. Little, Brown, Boston. "The lives of fifty widely distributed, frequently encountered birds. . . in field guide format." - D.& L.S.; K.A.
- Stout, G. D. (editor). 1967. *THE SHOREBIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*. Viking Press, New York. "A treasure of a book with Robert Verity Clem's exquisite shorebird plates, Peter Matthiessen's scholarly and poetic text (originally ran in *The New Yorker*), and Ralph S. Palmer's species accounts. If this magnificent volume is beyond your means, *THE WIND BIRDS* by Matthiessen, Viking Press, 1973, is a reprint of the above text with drawings by Robert Gillmor." - D.A.; N.C.
- Terres, John K. 1980. *THE AUDUBON SOCIETY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*. Knopf, New York. "One of those rare books that lives up to its title: it is, indeed, the encyclopedia of North American birds. Almost any question regarding birds has been answered, and the species accounts of all North American birds have been brought up to date. The 875 color photographs, which include every bird nesting in North America, may be worth the rather substantial cost of the volume." - W.H.; D.A., B.C., R.F.
- Walton, Richard. 1984. *BIRDS OF THE SUDBURY RIVER VALLEY: AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE*. Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln. "A fine updating of Griscom's earlier book, with some original material on the observations of Thoreau, plus the writings of more recent workers. Includes a carefully screened annotated list of birds of the region under discussion." - W.P.; K.A., N.C.
- Welty, Joel Carl. 1982. *THE LIFE OF BIRDS*. Saunders, Philadelphia. "A superb text on ornithology. Absolutely required as a reference book for anyone interested in the biology of birds." - D.A.; N.C.

White, T. H. *THE GOSHAWK*. 1951. Jonathan Cape, Great Britain.  
Reprint 1979. Penguin, New York - N.C.

#### Books on Mammals.

Chapman, Joseph A. and George A. Feldhamer (editors). 1982.  
*WILD MAMMALS OF NORTH AMERICA: BIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMICS*. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore.

"This is the best and most complete review of the most recent research on mammals. Leaves out one or two common species such as deer mouse and eastern chipmunk but otherwise is superb." - D. & L.S.

Godin, Alfred J. 1977. *WILD MAMMALS OF NEW ENGLAND*. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore. "The most complete mammal report ever done for New England. Godin bases distribution upon known specimens collected in towns and counties rather than upon conjecture. Mammalogy is a field in which there usually are a few disputes over scientific names, etc., but Godin's opinions are as reliable as any and more so than most." - W.H.; K.A., B.C., N.C., R.F., J.K., W.P., B.P.

Katona, Steve and David Richardson. 1983. *A FIELD GUIDE TO THE WHALES, PORPOISES, AND SEALS OF THE GULF OF MAINE AND EASTERN CANADA*. Scribner's, New York. "A useful guide for anyone going to sea to observe mammals and birds." - W.P.; N.C., B.F., W.H.

Leatherwood, Stephen, David K. Caldwell, and Howard E. Winn. 1976. *WHALES, DOLPHINS, AND PORPOISES OF THE WESTERN NORTH ATLANTIC, A GUIDE TO THEIR IDENTIFICATION*. NOAA, Seattle - B.P.

Wright, Bruce S. 1972. *THE EASTERN PANTHER*. Clark Irwin, Toronto. "Not a basic reference, but an intriguing book for those of us whose spines tingle when we hear reports of 'cougars' as close as Quabbin." - K.A.

#### Books on Fishes.

Bigelow, Henry B. and William C. Schroeder. 1953. *FISHES OF THE GULF OF MAINE*. U. S. Department of Interior, Washington. "The thoroughness and reliability of this work on description, distribution, and life histories of the saltwater species between Nantucket Shoals and Cape Sable are incredible." - W.H.; B.F., W.P., B.P.

#### Books on Reptiles and Amphibians.

Lazell, Jr., Jame D. 1976. *THIS BROKEN ARCHIPELAGO: CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS, AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES*. Quadrangle, New York. "An outstanding and entertaining accounting of the 'herps' of the cape and the islands. Contains much excellent biogeography not readily available for the Massachusetts region. Should be read by anyone with an interest in local natural history, not just in herptiles." - W.P.; W.H., B.P., T.T.

## Books on Invertebrates.

- Abbott, Robert Tucker. 1974. *AMERICAN SEASHELLS*. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York. "An important reference for malacologist and amateur alike." B.C.; B.P.
- Comstock, J. H. 1924. *INTRODUCTION TO ENTOMOLOGY*. Comstock Publishing Company, Ithaca, New York. "This is an older book that is still a goldmine of information about the lives and behavior of all kinds of insects. It is the best single source for information on a wide spectrum of insects." - D. & L.S.; "a revered textbook from the distant past." - D.A.
- Gould, Augustus A. 1870. *REPORT ON THE INVERTEBRATA OF MASSACHUSETTS, Second Edition*, edited by W. G. Binney. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston. "This volume deals almost exclusively with molluscs; land, freshwater, and marine. It is one of the very few books ever published on Massachusetts shells, and, although difficult to obtain, it is well worth the effort." - B.C.
- Milne, Lorus and Margery Milne. 1980. *THE AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN INSECTS AND SPIDERS*. Knopf, New York. "No one book is enough to identify even a small number of insects. But this has the most color pictures and along with Comstock's book will lead you, with work, to at least the right family." - D. & L.S.
- Opler, Paul A. and George O. Krizek. 1984. *BUTTERFLIES EAST OF THE GREAT PLAINS; AN ILLUSTRATED NATURAL HISTORY*. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore. "Up-to-date nomenclature and range maps, as well as good species accounts, make this a valuable reference." - B.C.; R.F.
- Scudder, Samuel Hubbard. 1899. *EVERY-DAY BUTTERFLIES, A GROUP OF BIOGRAPHIES*. "Scudder wrote a number of works on insects, especially butterflies, and this is an excellent example of his ability to combine scholarship with popular writing. For life history details, nothing else comes close." - B.C.
- Stokes, Donald W. 1984. *A GUIDE TO OBSERVING INSECT LIVES*. Little, Brown, Boston. "Complete, year-round life histories of sixty of our most common insects. . . . includes the most recent scientific research." - D. & L.S.

## Books on Plants.

- Collingwood, G. H. 1946. *KNOWING YOUR TREES*. American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C. "This is a marvelous book that shows details of branching structure, flowers, fruit, bark, summer silhouette of all the major trees in North America. It also contains great text on the natural history of each tree." - D. & L.S.
- Eaton, R. J. 1974. *A FLORA OF CONCORD; FROM THOREAU'S TIME TO THE PRESENT DAY*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge. - R.F.

- Elias, T. S. 1980. *THE COMPLETE TREES OF NORTH AMERICA: A FIELD GUIDE AND NATURAL HISTORY*. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York. "Descriptions, drawings (many in color), range maps of all species." - B.S. [Note: Bruce Sorrie developed a list of "essential botanical works for someone wanting to know the flora of Massachusetts." All of the following titles accompanied by his initials are "essential" in his opinion.]
- Fernald, Merritt Lyndon. 1970. *GRAY'S MANUAL OF BOTANY, EIGHTH (CENTENNIAL) EDITION*. D. Van Nostrand Company, New York. "Obviously the most complete classification of plants in the East." - D. & L.S.; B.S.
- Gleason, H. A. 1952. *THE NEW BRITTON AND BROWN ILLUSTRATED FLORA OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES AND ADJACENT CANADA*. New York Botanical Garden, New York. "Beware of the Dover publication (1970), a reprint of the 1913 edition, now badly out of date." - B.S.; R.F.
- Hellquist, C. B. and G. E. Crow. 1980-. *AQUATIC VASCULAR PLANTS OF NEW ENGLAND*. University of New Hampshire, Durham. "Continuing series of booklets." - B.S.
- Kingsbury, John M. 1969. *SEAWEEDS OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS*. Chatham Press, Old Greenwich. - B.P.
- Luer, C. A. 1975. *THE NATIVE ORCHIDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA EXCLUDING FLORIDA*. New York Botanical Garden, New York. "The definitive work." - B.S.
- Miller, Jr., Orson K. 1981. *MUSHROOMS OF NORTH AMERICA*. E. P. Dutton, New York. "Beautiful photographs and clear text describing this very confusing area of natural history." - D. & L.S.; B.P.
- Mitchell, R. S., (editor). 1978-. *CONTRIBUTIONS TO A FLORA OF NEW YORK STATE*. New York State Museum, Albany. "Continuing series of booklets, each covering specific families or genera. Extremely useful for New England." - B.S.
- Newcomb, Lawrence. 1977. *NEWCOMB'S WILDFLOWER GUIDE*. Little, Brown, Boston. "Complete, including shrubs, and focuses on the Northeast." - J.K.; K.A., D.A., R.F., B.P., B.S.
- Seymour, Frank Conkling. 1982. *THE FLORA OF NEW ENGLAND, SECOND EDITION*. H. N. Moldenke, Plainfield. "Fine keys, distributional lists by county, and includes the whole state



under one cover. Other good floras are too local in coverage."  
- W.P.; K.A., B.F., W.H., B.S.

Stokes, Donald and Lillian Stokes. 1985. *A GUIDE TO ENJOYING WILDFLOWERS*. Little, Brown, Boston. ". . . favorite wild-flowers; their lore, history, herbal uses, garden relatives, ecology, pollination strategies, and life cycles." - D. & L.S.

Symonds, George W. D. 1963. *THE SHRUB IDENTIFICATION BOOK*. William Morrow, New York. "The use of photos, keys, and key descriptions makes this a useful volume for the identification of what can otherwise be a difficult group of plants."  
- W.P.; D. & L.S.

Underhill, Miriam. 1964. *MOUNTAIN FLOWERS OF NEW ENGLAND*. Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston. - B.F.

USDA YEARBOOK. 1965. *SILVICS OF FOREST TREES OF THE UNITED STATES*. U.S.G.P.O., Washington, D.C. - B.F.

Voss, E. G. 1972. *MICHIGAN FLORA, PART I. GYMNOSPERMS AND MONOCOTS*. Cranbrook Institute and University of Michigan Herbarium, Bloomfield Hills. "Up-to-date, very useful over northeastern United States." - B.S.

Wherry, E. T. 1961. *THE FERN GUIDE*. Doubleday, New York. - B.S.

#### General Natural History.

Abbey, Edward. 1983. *THE MONKEY WRENCH GANG*. Avon, New York. - T. T.

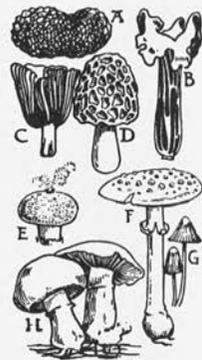
Bartram, William. 1974. *TRAVELS*. Dover, New York. - R.W.

Berrill, Michael and Deborah Berrill. 1981. *A SIERRA CLUB NATURALIST'S GUIDE TO THE ATLANTIC COAST*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. "Habitat and ecological orientation with good natural history information on major species." - J.K.; W.H., W.P.

Beston, Henry. 1928. *THE OUTERMOST HOUSE*. Doubleday, Doran, Garden City. "Beston was one of America's finest writers; this is his masterpiece." - B.C.; T.T.

Brewster, William. 1936. *OCTOBER FARM*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge. - R.W.

Brooks, Paul. 1980. *SPEAKING FOR NATURE*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. - R.W.





## A Massachusetts Naturalist's

### Master List

The list of titles given below are the books that appeared on three or more contributors' lists. For those who like the notion of a master list - this is it!

- BENT: *LIFE HISTORIES OF AMERICAN BIRDS*
- BERRILL AND BERRILL: *A SIERRA CLUB NATURALIST'S GUIDE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COAST*
- BIGELOW AND SCHROEDER: *FISHES OF THE GULF OF MAINE*
- FORBUSH: *BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES*
- GODIN: *WILD MAMMALS OF NEW ENGLAND*
- HANLEY: *NATURAL HISTORY IN AMERICA*
- JORGENSEN: *A GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND'S LANDSCAPE*
- JORGENSEN: *A SIERRA CLUB NATURALIST'S GUIDE TO SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND.*
- KATONA AND RICHARDSON: *A FIELD GUIDE TO THE WHALES, PORPOISES, AND SEALS OF THE GULF OF MAINE AND EASTERN CANADA*
- LAZELL: *THIS BROKEN ARCHIPELAGO*
- LEMY: *THE BIRDWATCHER'S COMPANION*
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: *FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*
- NEWCOMB: *NEWCOMB'S WILDFLOWER GUIDE*
- PASQUIER: *WATCHING BIRDS*
- PETERSON: *A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS*
- PETERSON AND McKENNY: *A FIELD GUIDE TO WILDFLOWERS*
- POUGH: *AUDUBON LAND and WATER BIRD GUIDES*
- SEYMOUR: *THE FLORA OF NEW ENGLAND*
- TERRIS: *AUDUBON SOCIETY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*
- THOMPSON: *THE CHANGING FACE OF NEW ENGLAND*
- WALTON: *BIRDS OF THE SUDBURY RIVER VALLEY*



- Carson, Rachel. 1951. *THE SEA AROUND US*. Oxford University Press, New York. - D.A., T.T.
- Carson, Rachel. 1962. *SILENT SPRING*. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. - T.T.
- Chamberlain, B. B. 1964. *THESE FRAGILE OUTPOSTS*. Doubleday, Garden City. - R.W.
- Chambers, Kenneth A. 1979. *A COUNTRY LOVER'S GUIDE TO WILDLIFE*. American Mirror Library, New York. "Excellent life history information with good color illustrations of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians." - J.K.
- Cronon, William. 1983. *CHANGES IN THE LAND: INDIANS, COLONISTS, AND THE ECOLOGY OF NEW ENGLAND*. "This book focuses on the contrasting views of the environment held by native Americans and colonists. Very informative." - J.K.; R.W.
- Darwin, Charles. 1890. *THE VOYAGE OF THE H.M.S. BEAGLE*. D. Appleton, New York. - R.W.
- Darwin, Charles. 1975. *ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge. - T.T.
- Eckert, Allan. 1981. *WILD SEASON*. Landfall Press, Dayton. - T.T.
- Gould, Stephen Jay. 1980. *THE PANDA'S THUMB, MORE REFLECTIONS IN NATURAL HISTORY*. W. W. Norton, New York. "Whether explaining the thumb of the Panda, the smile of the flamingo or 'south-paws among snails,' Gould leads the reader lightheartedly through the complexities of evolution, speciation, taxonomy, and Darwinian theory toward a real appreciation of how the natural world became what it is. Read anything he writes!" - D.A.
- Hanley, Wayne. 1977. *NATURAL HISTORY IN AMERICA*. Quadrangle, New York. "This book deals with the most important personalities to influence American natural history; it is a series of short biographies. Well-written, with good illustrations." - J.K.; T.T., R.W.
- Hay, John. 1979. *THE RUN*. W. W. Norton, New York. - B.F.
- Jorgensen, Neil. 1971. *A GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND'S LANDSCAPE*. Barre Publishers, Barre. "An excellent reference to the geology and plant geography of New England. Includes lots of nice photos and lists outstanding spots to visit." - W.P.; K.A., J.K., R.W.
- Jorgensen, Neil. 1978. *A SIERRA CLUB NATURALIST'S GUIDE TO SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. "A sophisticated treatment of the landscape, land, biological communities, and history of land use. The environmental perspectives are based upon field work and modern knowledge that earlier authors did not have available." - W.H.; B.C., J.K., W.P.
- Klots, Elsie B. 1966. *THE NEW FIELD BOOK OF FRESHWATER LIFE*. G. P. Putnam Sons, New York. "Not so 'new' today but contains

good text and profuse illustrations not readily attainable." - W.H.

- Matthiessen, Peter. 1959. *WILDLIFE IN AMERICA*. Viking Press, New York. "Excellent written account of early American wildlife and the effect of colonization on it. Covers the entire country. Excellent pen and ink drawings." - J.K.
- McFarland, David (editor). 1982. *THE OXFORD COMPANION TO ANIMAL BEHAVIOR*. "The phrase 'Oxford Companion' is synonymous with excellence - no disappointments here." - B.C.
- Palmer, E. L. 1949. *FIELDBOOK OF NATURAL HISTORY*. McGraw-Hill, New York. - R.F.
- Richardson, Wyman. 1980. *THE HOUSE ON NAUSET MARSH*. Chatham Press, Old Greenwich. - R.W.
- Seton, Ernest Thompson. 1898. *WILD ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN*. Scribner & Son, New York. - B.F.
- Stokes, Donald W. 1976. *A GUIDE TO NATURE IN WINTER*. Little, Brown, Boston. "Natural history of areas not normally covered: winter weeds, snow crystals, wintering trees, evidence of insects, mushrooms in winter and woodland evergreen plants." - D. & L.S.
- Tanner, Ogden. 1974. *NEW ENGLAND WILDS*. Time-Life Books, New York. "Integrates New England ecology with history. Superb color photographs." - J.K.
- Teale, Edwin Way. 1981. *NORTH WITH THE SPRING*. Dodd, Mead, New York. - B.F.
- Teal, John and Mildred Teal. 1969. *LIFE AND DEATH OF THE SALT MARSH*. Little, Brown, New York. - D.A., B.F.
- Thompson, Betty Flanders. 1958. *THE CHANGING FACE OF NEW ENGLAND*. Macmillan, New York. "Fascinating guide to understanding our landscape, what it is, and how it came to be this way." - K.A.; W.P., R.W.
- Thoreau, Henry David. 1966. *WALDEN*. Peter Pauper Press, White Plains. - T.T.
- Torrey, Bradford and Francis H. Allen. 1962. *THE JOURNAL OF HENRY DAVID THOREAU*. Dover, New York. - B.F.
- White, Gilbert. 1977. *THE NATURAL HISTORY OF SELBORNE*. Penguin, New York. R.W.

#### Books in Series.

"PETERSON" FIELD GUIDES. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. A number of contributors recommended this series as a whole. Those titles singled out for excellence were *ATLANTIC SEASHORE*, *BIRDS*, *BIRDS' NESTS*, *FERNS*, *TREES AND SHRUBS*, and *WILDFLOWERS*.

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