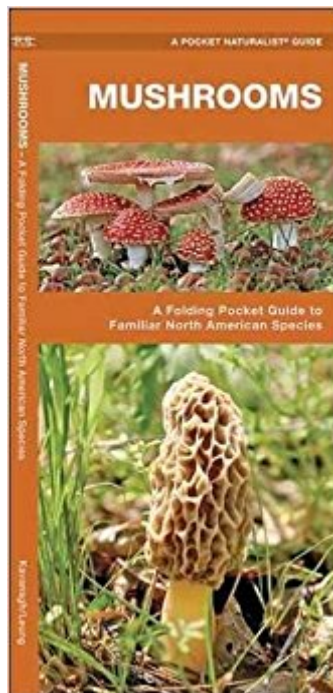




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# Mushrooms: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar North American Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## Synopsis

When foraging for wild mushrooms, it is critical to be able to positively identify edible and poisonous species. *Mushrooms* is your guide to familiar, widespread North American species. This beautifully illustrated pocket guide highlights over 60 familiar edible species and 14 poisonous species and includes tips on identifying and harvesting wild mushrooms. Laminated for durability, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information and ideal for field use by visitors and residents alike. Made in the USA.

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## Customer Reviews

*Mushrooms, An Introduction to Familiar North American Species*, is a must-have reference guide for beginners and experts alike. Whether you're on a nature hike or exploring in your neighborhood, you'll want to take along a copy of this indispensable guide. The Pocket Naturalist series is an introduction to common plants and animals and natural phenomena. Each pocket-sized, folding guide highlights up to 150 species and most feature a map identifying prominent sanctuaries and outstanding natural attractions. Each is laminated for durability. (31/2 X 8 1/4 folded, opens to 22 X 8 1/4, color illustrations, map)

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also

authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

I would not call this a pocket guide because it is too long and being laminated, which is a good thing, it is not foldable. It is however a useful and portable field guide that will fit in a daypack or backpack when you are out on a hike or backpacking or camping. It contains 77 lifelike illustrations of both edible and poisonous mushrooms and a general information and tip page. The illustrations are of good quality and if you lookup the photographs of each mushroom on Google or Bing you will be able to recognize the illustration as the specific mushroom in the photo. Overall it is 4 out of 5 stars because it is not foldable down to the level of fitting in a pant or shirt pocket, but I would feel confident having studied the mushrooms on the pamphlet thoroughly using the pamphlet as a basis for my research to use this as a field guide in identifying the edible mushrooms on the pamphlet in the wild. Worth the price in my opinion.

every pack needs one of these, for everyday carry pack in your car for emergencies, or Full disaster Bug-Out-Bags, or regular hikers. could save your life! Seriously! could provide food sources you would otherwise pass-up for fear of poison or keep you from getting poisoned from mis-recognition.

This has been helpful with our nature studies. (We homeschool, ala Charlotte Mason). My 5yo son loves it! I didn't realize he was reading it on his own until we were walking in the woods recently and spotted some mushrooms. I asked our friend to take a pic of the mushrooms with her phone so we could identify them at home, since we didn't have the guide with us. My son piped up and said "I already know what they are! They're turkey tails!" She took the pic and we looked them up at home. Sure enough, that's what they were! I'm sure the guide is not comprehensive, since it has limited space. But the pictures seem great and the concise descriptions are helpful. It's perfect for kids: colorful pics, good variety of species, not too overwhelmingly long (like a guide book), good size for small hands. It's really added to our homeschool nature studies.

Good reference guide to help identify what you've found, but mushrooms can be toxic so be sure you get some second opinions before consumption Note that the pictures in the guide are

illustrations and not actual photographs, but I've had no problem with this

Love it! I have one and have purchased two more as gifts. I live in Michigan.

Pretty handy

what I was looking for

Perfect to stuff in any backpack.

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