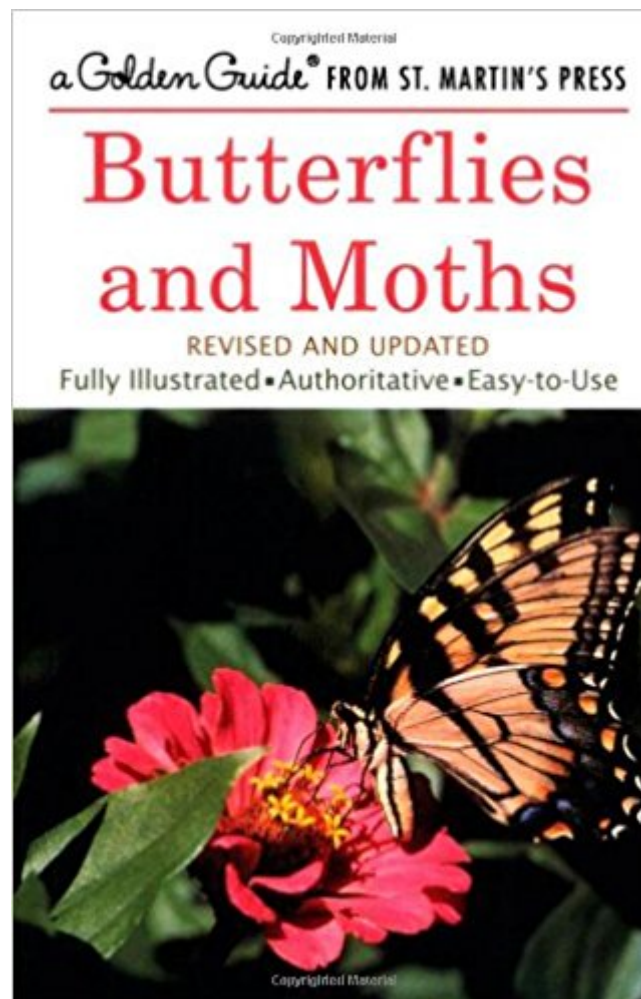




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# Butterflies And Moths (A Golden Guide From St. Martin's Press)



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This Golden Guide from St. Martin's Press illustrates in full color 423 of the most common, widespread, important, or unusual North American species of Lepidoptera. Information includes: How to identify butterflies and moths How to attract, rear and preserve them for study How to assist these fascinating insects in their struggle for survival Plus range maps, a special emphasis on immature forms, and an index of scientific names.

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Golden Guides first appeared in 1949 and quickly established themselves as authorities on subjects from Natural History to Science. Relunched in 2000, Golden Guides from St. Martin's Press feature modern, new covers as part of a multi-year, million-dollar program to revise, update, and expand the complete line of guides for a new generation of students.

The little field guide came today and, although I've not looked at every page, it looks in excellent condition. With this, we can now replace our old 1964 edition that's been held together with a rubber band and has been very frustrating to use. This is still the handiest of the many butterfly/moth guides we have and resides on the screened-in porch spring through fall. (Oh, and it doesn't look like the illustration but rather like the first one, with butterfly pictures on the front.) Thanks to the dealer for having this and selling it at such an affordable price!

This guide contains pertinent and enough information of each species, including their locale and migration to make you want to go out and start looking for them. Beautiful illustrations are on every page, which you can enlarge in an eBook. I've been studying nature illustration and appreciate the drawings as opposed to photographs. Highly recommend adding the Golden Rule collection to your library, especially the digital editions.

It's an overload of information, so while you'll learn something from a straight "read through" if you're a novice, it's clearly meant to be taken into the field with you; as such, don't expect to retain much if you're using it as a bed-side encyclopedia. If you're looking for an introduction to the subject, it's not bad, but it's not great. However, I knew that wasn't the point or purpose of this book's design and will not dock it for that.

This is a nice pocket-sized handbook for identifying, collecting and raising butterflies, skippers and moths. The introductory chapter describes the order Lepidoptera and details the equipment needed for capture and care of these lovely creatures, and includes a short bibliography. Subsequently, color and b&w drawings of adults, pupae and caterpillars along with distribution maps of North America help with identification, and short paragraphs give information about feeding and regional variations. This handy guide ends with a list of scientific names and an index. This would be a fine introduction for the older child or beginning adult lepidopterist.

All Golden Guides are worth getting. I got this to supplement my Insects book that has just about fallen apart. Insects in general are interesting, the butterflies and moths especially so. Until you have seen a Luna moth, in that lovely pale lime green, or any of the swallowtails, you are missing something. Even the little white and yellow ones, their caterpillars being garden pests, are still familiar and pretty even in their plain colors.

The revised edition is the best yet. I bought three copies as prizes for our Gralnd Fair childrens art contest at a local wildlife refuge.

I used to work in an extension office where I identified insects. This was one of the most useful guides I used, so much so that my copy fell apart after 20 years! The drawings are very useful - I have always found it very helpful to be able to show (and teach) people the different stages of these fascinating creatures. Always loved it when a hickory horned devil would be brought in!

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