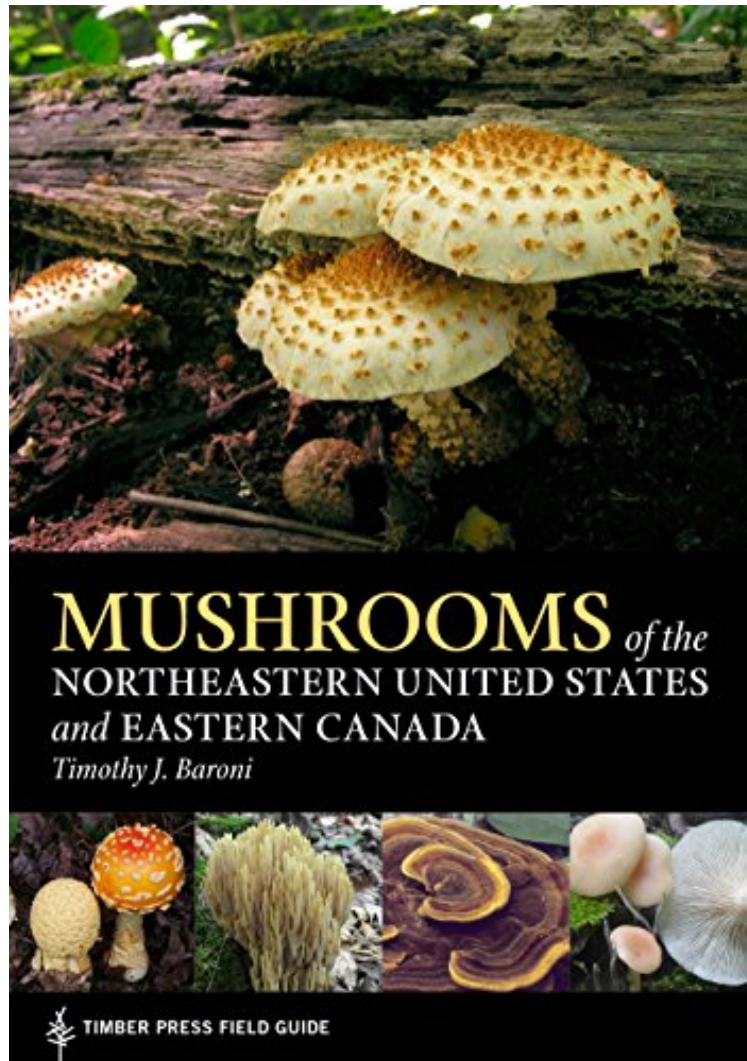


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Timothy J. Baroni : Mushrooms of the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada (A Timber Press Field Guide) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mushrooms of the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada (A Timber Press Field Guide):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A good reference, but not so great as a beginner's field guide. By M. 9 Fingers This is a pretty comprehensive book about the mushrooms found in the Northeast. I find the information to be arranged in a manner that is not terribly convenient for use as a field guide. Once you identify the basic morphology

of the mushroom the largest section of the book (mushrooms with caps and gills) is further divided by the color of the spore print. This is somewhat logical, as the spore color is much more consistent than the color of the actual mushroom (which is affected by humidity, age, etc.). However, if you intend to use this book for field identification, it will be difficult because creating spore print takes 24 hours or longer. I also found the information to be a little dry. This is not necessarily bad, but the book uses more scientific terminology to describe and classify the species, and it only makes occasional reference to a common name for a species. I have found that this is really helpful when I have good specimens to examine back home, where I can collect the type of information needed to identify the mushroom through the types of language used in the book, but as a relative amateur I am having difficulty identifying unusual finds without resorting to reviewing large numbers of entries in this book. I am having the most success using a more basic field guide to get a general type of mushroom (collybia, bolete, amanita) and then reviewing those entries in this larger guide. IT really is an unwinnable dilemma: ease of use for beginners necessarily sacrifices the scientific precision of a reliable guide, and a very precise and scientific presentation leads to reliability at the cost of ease. I am glad that this guide is in my mushroom library, and I am sure it will come in really handy when I find mushrooms beyond the most common ones that are found in my basic field guide, which I put in my pocket when I go looking for mushrooms. Some of the reviewers have commented that this guide doesn't have a lot of information about what mushrooms are edible. That is true, but this guide is much more academically inclined and it is not really intended as a guide for those looking to identify edibles as part of their foraging. I generally don't eat anything I find, and my interest is to study different types of mushrooms to satisfy my own academic curiosity. This book is an excellent resource for that purpose. To sum up: I am giving a four star rating because the information and photos are excellent. This book provides additional technical and scientific information on the widest collection of species I have seen in any book dealing with the Northeast of the US and regions of Canada to the north. The deduction of one star comes from the book's organization by spore color, which isn't entirely useful in the field) and the relatively dry presentation of the material. I will update this assessment as needed after using the book more (I have had it for a couple of weeks). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By scott vanwhy Nice book very good information about mushrooms 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A letdown By Nancy L. Hardly what I would call comprehensive. Shows relatively few species and has little info on edibility. Pics are lovely tho.

A must-have for mushroom hunters in the northeast The Northeast is one of the best places to find mushrooms; they are both abundant and spectacularly diverse. Mushrooms of the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada is a compact, beautifully illustrated guide packed with descriptions and photographs of more than 400 of the region's most conspicuous, distinctive, and ecologically important mushrooms. The geographic range covered by the book includes Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Ontario, and most of Quebec. In addition to profiles on individual species, Mushrooms of the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada also includes a general discussion and definition of fungi; information on where to find mushrooms and guidelines on collecting them; an overview of fungus ecology; and a discussion on mushroom poisoning and how to avoid it.

The book is beautiful. I know its practical, and its got a lot of information, but just to flip through it and look at the diversity of the mushrooms I find it really interesting. The Weekend Gardener Comprehensively definitive and thoroughly user friendly. Midwest Book Concise and informative field guide that surely will become a standard reference for mushroom hunters in the Northeast! The New Jersey Mycological Association This volume is a clear and impressive standout which can be recommended without reservation. . . . It deserves to become a standard reference and will doubtless soon be seen as a faithful companion volume on forays throughout its target area. Long Island Mycological Club