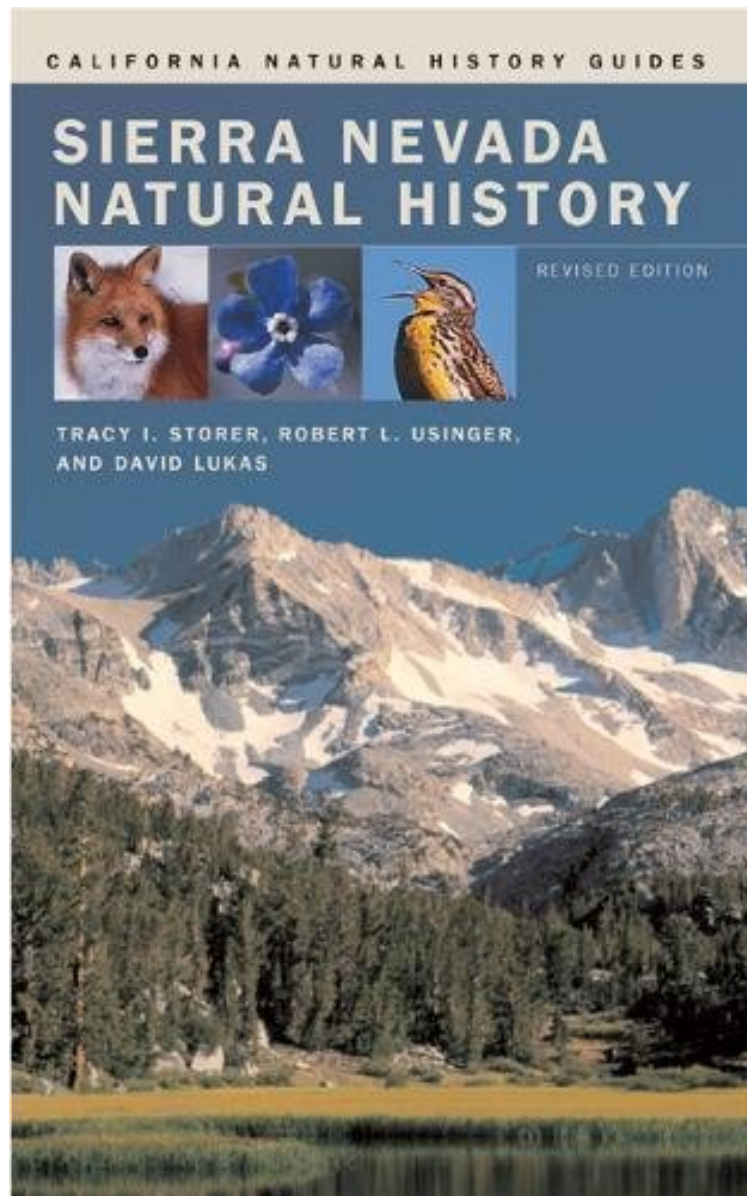


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Hugely DisappointedBy J. S. RadfordI used the original version of

this book back 40 years ago when the co-author was Usinger ("Sierra Nevada Natural History" (1963) by Storer and Usinger). I loved that thing and annotated it variously and color coded the page edges for quick reference to groups of species. So I found that my cherished tome had been updated and "improved" and it was a no-brainer to buy. What a disappointment! Admittedly, I have not used this new book yet (just came today) but I am greatly put off by its layout and poor graphics, compared to the old version. The old version was SO much more accessible with full page comparisons of species drawings for quick assessment and ID. It had weak color photos but they are better than the new ones. THAT is inexcusable considering how far (light years) photography and printing have advanced in the 41 years between editions. The new version has information scattered about and comparisons not so nearly ready-to-hand as the 1963 book. Anybody use BOTH versions? I'd be interested in comments by people who knew and used the 1963 book and have used this one. REVIEWS: I find it revealing that after 11 years (!!!) there are only 7 reviews of this book. Millions go to the Sierra every year and hundreds of thousands look for guide books such as this. SEVEN reviews??? That in itself is very telling. I have John Muir Laws' guide book, which is beautifully illustrated and intensely and very usefully organized for quick ID of all manner of Sierra biota. My reason for buying the new Storer and Usinger update (w/o Usinger but deliberate revision of the old book) was that I missed the commentary that Laws lacks. The Laws book is crammed full of illustration, beautifully rendered; but it has almost no info beyond the line or two or phrase or two immediately next to a drawing. I yearned for the coherently organized text of Storer and Usinger (1963) with careful species descriptions including life form, habitat, range, etc., etc. I'm stuck with Laws. It is a wonderful though lacking book. I won't take both books on backpacking treks (both are very heavy). So I will just donate the new Storer book to the book sale. I don't think I will ever use it in the field. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... field guide from the 1960s and one of the best available general guides for the Sierra Nevada. By L. Angier. A revision of the classic field guide from the 1960s and one of the best available general guides for the Sierra Nevada! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great reference guide with a history of its own. By gregger. This book, on its own, has quite a bit of history. The short entries have a lot of character and information. They definitely align better with the localities of the Sierra Nevada better than more general books of flora and fauna. There are more detailed books about wildflowers in the area. However, the range of coverage is pretty amazing. It definitely has answered quite a few questions that, even after 20+ years of visiting the same area, weren't exactly clear. A nice resource for anyone written in an entertaining and engaging way.

The magnificent and much-loved Sierra Nevada, called the "Range of Light" by John Muir, is the dominant feature on the California landscape. First published forty years ago, this handbook has become an enduring natural history classic, used by thousands to learn more about virtually every aspect of this spectacular mountain range—from its superb flora and fauna to its rugged topography. Comprehensive yet concise and portable, the book describes hundreds of species: trees and shrubs, flowering plants and ferns, fungi and lichens, insects and fish, amphibians and reptiles, and birds and mammals. Now completely updated and revised, it will continue to be the essential guide to the Sierra Nevada for a new generation of hikers, campers, tourists, naturalists, students, and teachers—everyone who wants to know more about this unique and beautiful mountain range. * Describes more than 750 of the species most likely to be encountered with more than 500 new color photographs and 218 detailed black-and-white drawings* Includes engaging and accessible introductory sections on Sierra Nevada topography, climate, geological history, and human history* The compact, updated species accounts make identification easy, provide informative remarks on ecology and life history, and note which species are threatened or endangered

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