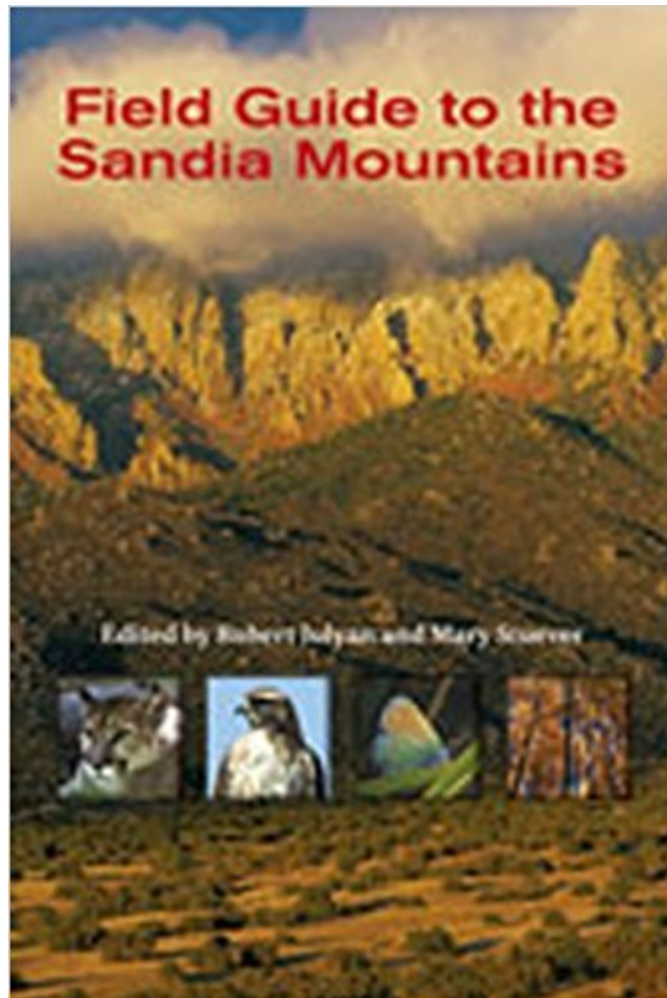




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Each year over 2 million visitors to New Mexico's Sandia Mountains enjoy more than 100 miles of trails, hiking, climbing, running, biking, skiing, and birding, as well as viewing the mountains from hang gliders and hot air balloons. This guide will assist visitors in discovering the diverse natural features of the Sandias. Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains includes sections on ecology, including weather and fire, geology, flora (grasses, flowers, trees) and fauna (arthropods, reptiles and amphibians, birds, mammals), and recreational opportunities. Plant keys and fauna checklists add to the book's features. Rather than a comprehensive field guide, the selections offer the most commonly encountered species in each category, presenting information on just over 100 species of flowers, for example, among almost 500 species that can be found in the mountains. A labor of love conceived by the Sandia Ranger District and the New Mexico Friends of the Forest (now known as Friends of the Sandia Mountains), this book is a resource no visitor to the Sandias should be without.

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"For anyone hankering to spend serious time in this wilderness, these books are valuable resources." "Field Guide" will introduce you to the sights and sounds you may have previously noticed around you. "This handsome "labor of love" is a great resource, whether you keep it at home to plan expeditions or in the car as a field guide." "An impressive book. . . The two million visitors to the Sandia Mountains each year will have their experience enhanced with this book." "Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains" is a book which includes everything that you

want to know about the Sandia Mountains but don't know who to ask." "Field Guide" allows readers to experience the flora, fauna, geology, and history--in full color and vast detail--in one affordable, transportable package." . a labor of love by a variety of folks passionate about the Sandia Mountains. It's not designed as an exhaustive reference but to introduce newcomers to what they might see in the Sandias." "The Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains" has plenty of facts, figures, and technical images. . . Carrying the book with you is like having a knowledgeable, nonintrusive friend along to explain, as you want it, the background of the area's plants, animals, trails, geology, and amusements." [An] impressive book. . . The two million visitors to the Sandia Mountains each year will have their experience enhanced with this book." "Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains" [is] a book which includes everything that you want to know about the Sandia Mountains but don't know who to ask." "If you look up a hiking trail, a skiing route, a tree, a flower, a rock or an animal in the Sandias, there are lots of sources. But now for the first time, there is one source for all this and more, titled: "Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains"."

A presentation of the most commonly encountered species of flora and fauna and ecological features found in New Mexico's Sandia Mountains.

I bought this for a class and I use it whenever I head up to the mountains now. If you already have a general knowledge about the flora or wildlife or geology, don't bother with it but this book is a great start if you don't know much about it at all. There are many brief descriptions of what you will encounter on the sandias and even on other similar mountains or areas near them. It's definitely a nice guide to have especially since all the sections are labeled and the information is varied to give a sense of what you can find, just don't expect to learn everything with it.

Purchased as a companion book for a master naturalist program, excellent condition.

This book has all the information needed to visit the most popular places in the Sandia Mountains. I take it with me on my hikes to identify plants, and trees or as a quick trail map.

This title introduces the flora, fauna, geology and opportunities for recreation in this area just east of Albuquerque. This is a nice overview to what this area (much of it a Wilderness Area) has to offer outdoor enthusiasts. Bibliographies at the end of each section direct those interested in further armchair preparation, to expanded references in preparation for venturing out into this portion of

The Land of Enchantment.

Wow, what an informative and detailed book about the Sandia Mountains. I learned a ton of stuff I didn't know about the area. The only thing I wish was different was the way the fauna section was organized. I would have liked more division so that it was easier to locate things.

Excellent book, chock full of information and spiral bound so it lays open. It covers just about everything you'd like to know about the Sandia Mountains and then some. If you can find better, buy it. If not, get this one. Highly recommended.

This is a wonderful collection of articles on the history, trails, wildlife, geography, plants, etc. of the Sandia Mountains. The chapters are long enough to be satisfyingly thorough (but are by no means exhaustive in a given area - I'd recommend buying a separate Sandia hiking guide, for instance, but this gives perfectly decent fundamentals) while remaining brief enough to allow the book to be read in pleasant bursts of one topic at a time. If you live in the area and you are an outdoorsy sort, you'll not regret owning this one - I re-read mine about once a year, and leave it in the guest room so that visitors can have some locally interesting reading material. While I think long and hard before bringing a physical book into the house these days (storage issues), I'm going to buy a second copy of this one to use as a "loaner".

... is how the editors described their work. And indeed it is. Fortunately there was significant community support for this project, in the Albuquerque area, to underwrite the cost of this superlative production, so that the book would be affordable for the many recreational users of these "signature mountains" that form a dramatic backdrop to the city. The editors assembled a true field of experts from across a spectrum of disciplines to write the various chapters. There are chapters on the ecology, weather, fire issues, geology, flora, fauna and human presence in the mountains. Flora and fauna are subdivided into different chapters, each with its own expert. The editing is superb, rendering a consistent style among the various writers. The book's layout is also superlative, with numerous sharp color pictures of the birds, flowers, insects and trees of the mountain. Particularly thoughtful and useful was grouping the flowers by color that minimizes the search when one is trying to identify a particular flower in the field. The page edges are also color-coded, for faster reference. There are excellent charts, maps, and pictures which explain the geology. The cover picture was selected via a contest. There is a brief chapter at the end on the

hiking trails, but this book is not really a hiking guide (that is a separate volume.) There is also a section at the end for personal notes, as it will be assumed that this guide will be used on numerous occasions, which is certainly one of the "bennies" of living in Albuquerque. The quality paper and spiral binding means that the guide should last as long as the user. This is the essential Sandia mountain guide, and I cannot envision improvements. The aspens will again be turning, high on La Luz trail, in around a month, and I'll be seeing them, guide in hand. Thanks to all involved in this wonderful "labor of love." It has enriched the lives of the many repeat visitors as well as those who see it only once in a lifetime.

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