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**n/a : The Encyclopedia of North American Birds** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Encyclopedia of North American Birds:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Awesome bookBy KNI've had this book for years and found this one for my mom. It had excellent photographs, provides details about the habitat and location of different birds, and describes the markings for males and females to help you identify similar types of birds. It's an amazing collection. I've lived in 5 different states since I bought it and I love discovering the birds in each location.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. a good book for the casual birdwatcherBy Alejandra VernonWith over 500 species listed, this is an excellent book to identify birds with, as most of the birds listed also have a photograph to go with the description, as well as a colored map with summer/winter/all year round range. It starts with the large aquatic species, moves on to the larger land birds, and ends with the Sparrows.There is a highlighted area with basic information: Scientific name, Length, Habitat, Identification, and Similar species, and a larger text, with descriptions of its nesting habits, origins, diet, differences between young and adult, male and female, etc.There are either one or two photographs/descriptions per page, and occasionally one photograph with two descriptions, if the secondary bird is of a similar kind (on page 207 for instance, the Broad-tailed Hummingbird is pictured, with descriptions of it, as well as Allen's Hummingbird). The photographs are usually in profile (except for the owls), with good color reproduction, for ease of identification.Published in the U.K., the paper quality is a nice semi-gloss heavy stock, and there is one index in the back of common names, and another for Latin names.Written by Michael Vanner, whose mini bio says is "an enthusiastic birder who has spent many years studying the wild life of Northern America", the text is concise and clear, and the only thing I find missing is any description of the bird's song, but for the casual birdwatcher, who enjoys

identifying our feathered friends by sight, this is a good book to have in one's library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Unexpectedly wonderful for kids By L. Sheldrake Most people wouldn't immediately think to buy a book like this for a very young child, but I've discovered it is great entertainment. We happened to own it already and discovered that our granddaughter, now 15 months, absolutely adores this book. The photographs are so vivid and compelling, and the glossy pages are nice and sturdy, so she just loves endlessly flipping the pages and pointing at all the interesting birds. I recommend this as a coffee table book for a house with kids because it is so nicely illustrated and it stands up to endless use.

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