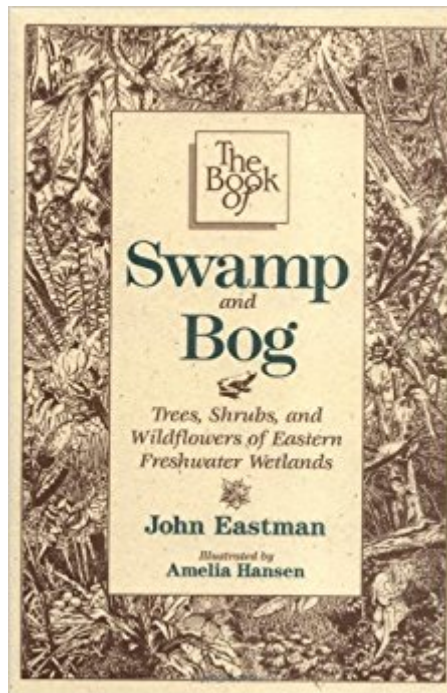




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Customer Reviews

John Eastman is the author of *Wildflowers of the Eastern United States* (978-0-8117-1367-2), as well as numerous other books and articles about the natural world.

The authors' love of nature and years of experience clearly show in this unique field guide. Most books have an encyclopedic and repetitive approach. In contrast, this book looks at the individual plants and how they fit into the entire ecosystem ranging from companion plants, and dependent bird, mammal, and insect species. I have not seen another book that describes eastern wetlands in as much detail and yet still be highly readable.

I find this book very informative. I only wish the diagrams were in color. At times I find the book hard to use. I first found the book in the library at Quency Bogs Library. I started reading the book and decided that I needed my own copy. I like the little stories about Indian use of certain plants found in the bog area. It is loaded with great facts and information. I have used the book's information when talking to the public when I am the Host at the bogs nature center.

Great help when I made a small bog.

This is a really great book. It explains way more than you would expect for a field guide. It goes in depth about each plant, animals that depend on them and other interesting tidbits that you won't find in any other guide. The awesome illustrations are done so beautifully and true to life no one should have any problems identifying plants on the trail. They also truly give this book a nice touch. It's like a book of old documenting new discoveries!

Love this series of books. Highly recommend them for any beginner or more advanced naturalist or just anyone interested in the outdoors. I refer to them often.

John Eastman has a series of books one of which is Swamp and Bog, I own three including this one, Forest and Thicket and Field and Roadside and all of them are excellent. These books take you several steps past a field guide and explain a lot about the green plants of the given area. You'll learn what other plants are associated with a plant, what creatures use it and how humans make use of it. Trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers are included and each has a descriptive section. Swamp and Bog describes seventy nine different plants found in freshwater wetlands in great detail. All books have to limit their subject matter, these books mention parasitic fungi but fungi are not included as specific topics in these three books.

This is a must have book if you live in areas with swamps/bogs. It's so accurate I'm just amazed. It is also very easy to use. It has drawings and it talks not only about ID of the plants but also their "lifestyle" (e.g. how they reproduce, various idiosyncrasies of the plants, insects that are associated etc.) Each plant also has a short section on lore which adds a nice bit of history. I really like the book

For those people who already kind of know their way around the forest, and are more interested in what they are going to see ASSOCIATED with the plants they see than what an Audubon book says, this is a naturalist's dream come true! Great b/w illustrations of not only leaves and fruits, but insects, diseases, toothmarks, clawmarks and nests that can be found on and around the trees and plants listed in the book...Also highly recommended is the Forest and Thicket book by the same authors...

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