

# Inside the World of Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson

Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson were two of the most influential ornithologists and naturalists of the 20th century. Their work, particularly the Peterson Field Guide series, revolutionized the way people identify and appreciate birds. In this article, we'll take a closer look at the lives and work of these two remarkable individuals.



## Where Bluebirds Fly: Inside the World of Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson by Linda Marie Westervelt

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## Roger Tory Peterson



Roger Tory Peterson was born in Jamestown, New York, on August 28, 1906. He developed a passion for birds at a young age, and by the time he was in high school, he was an accomplished birdwatcher. Peterson attended the National Audubon Society's Summer School of Ornithology in 1926, and it was there that he met Virginia Marie Peterson, who would become his wife and lifelong collaborator.

Peterson's big break came in 1934, when he published the first edition of his Peterson Field Guide to the Birds. This guide was revolutionary in its use of simple illustrations and concise text to help people identify birds in the field. The guide was an instant success, and it has since been translated into more than 20 languages and sold millions of copies.

Peterson continued to write and illustrate field guides throughout his life. He also wrote several books on ornithology and conservation, and he was a

vocal advocate for the protection of birds and their habitats. Peterson died in Old Lyme, Connecticut, on July 28, 1996.

### **Virginia Marie Peterson**



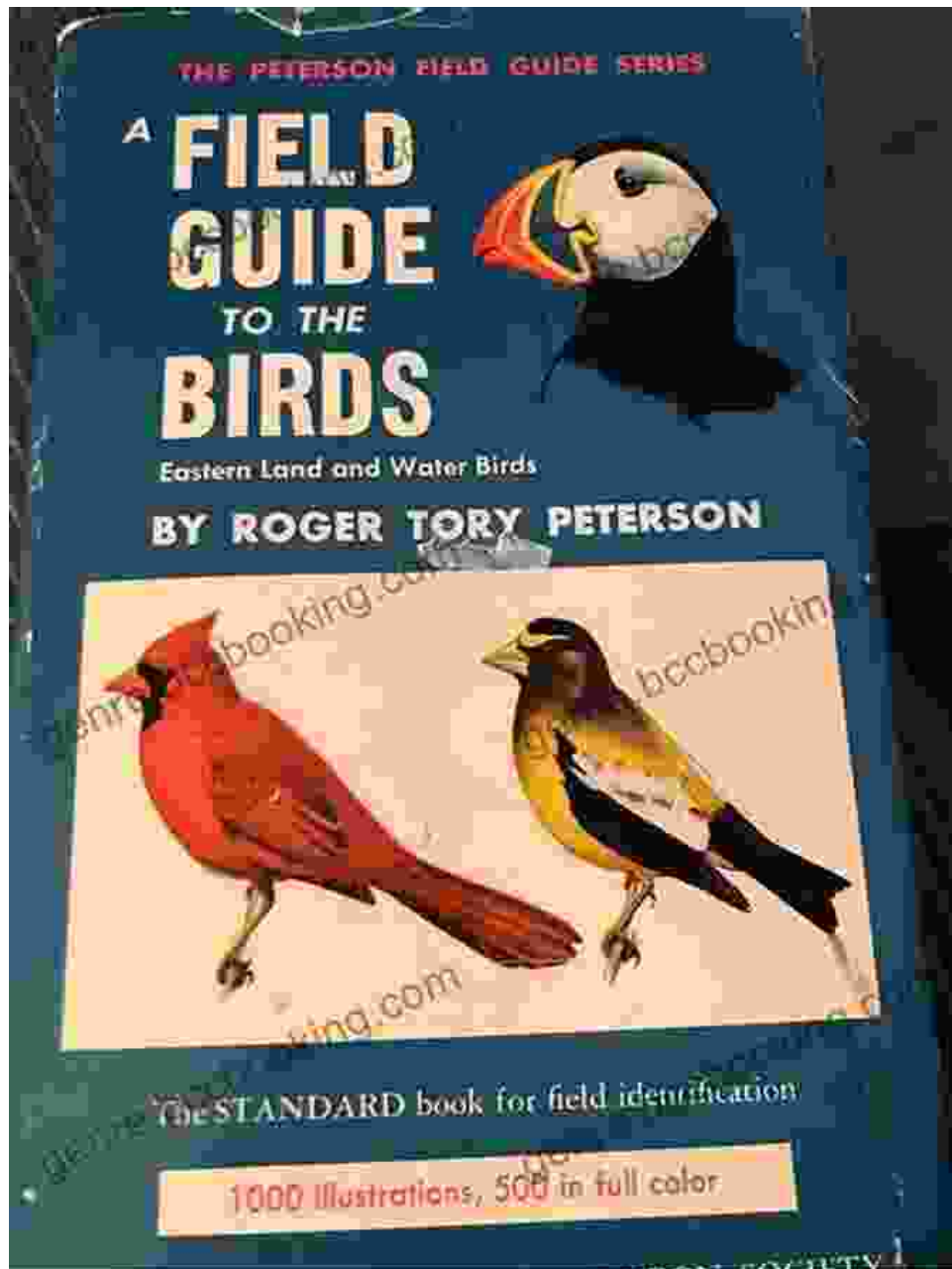
Virginia Marie Peterson

Virginia Marie Peterson was born in Washington, D.C., on November 17, 1906. She developed a passion for birds at a young age, and she was an

accomplished birdwatcher by the time she met Roger Tory Peterson in 1926. Virginia and Roger married in 1934, and they collaborated on many projects throughout their lives.

Virginia was a talented artist and illustrator, and she played a major role in the development of the Peterson Field Guide series. She also wrote several books on ornithology and conservation, and she was a vocal advocate for the protection of birds and their habitats. Virginia died in Old Lyme, Connecticut, on January 21, 2003.

### **The Peterson Field Guide Series**

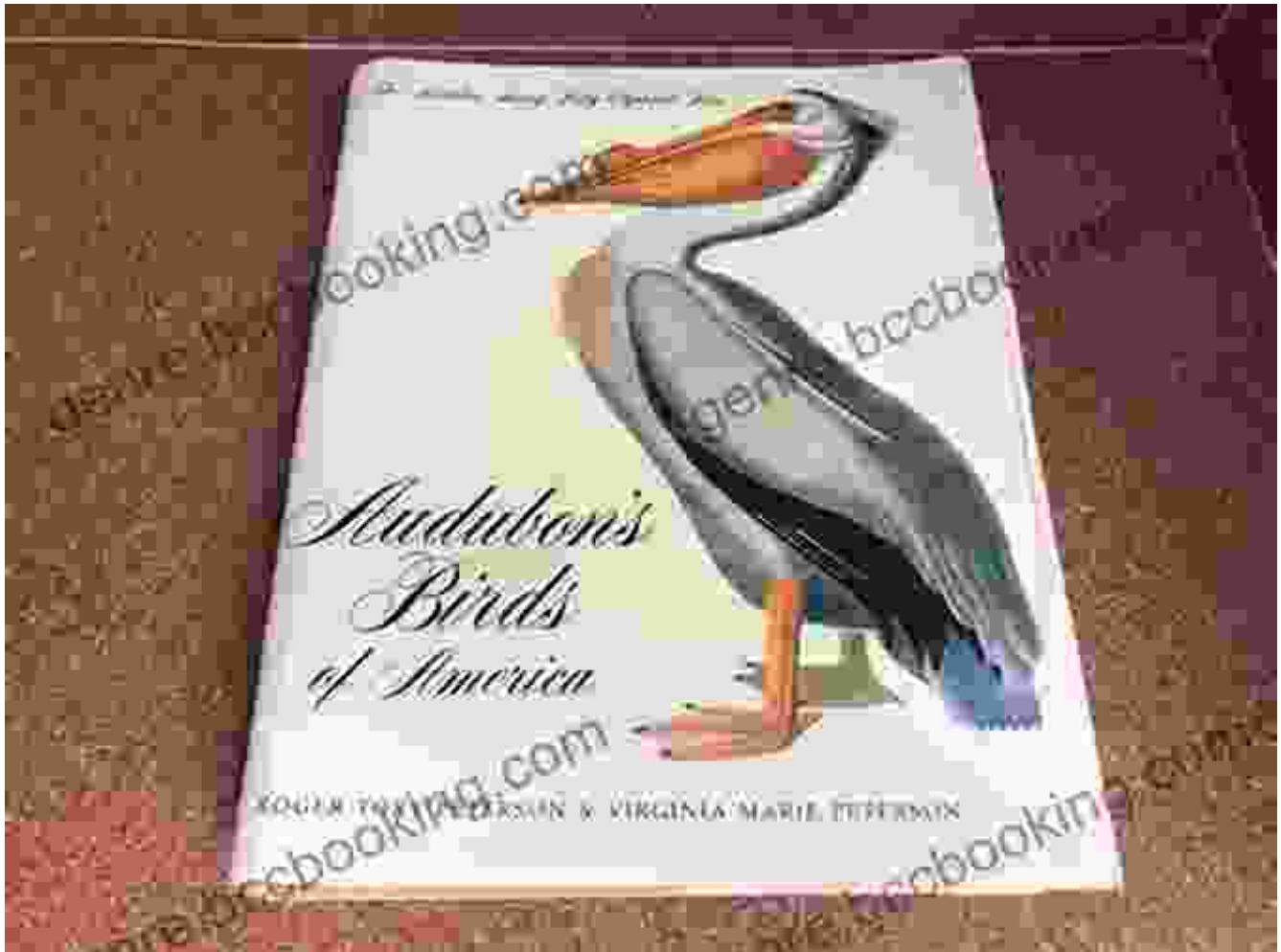


The Peterson Field Guide series is a collection of field guides to birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and other animals. The guides are written and illustrated by experts in their field, and they are designed to help people identify and appreciate wildlife in the field.

The first Peterson Field Guide was published in 1934, and the series has since grown to include more than 50 titles. The guides have been

translated into more than 20 languages and sold millions of copies. The Peterson Field Guide series is considered to be one of the most important and influential field guide series ever published.

## Legacy



Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson with children

Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson were two of the most influential ornithologists and naturalists of the 20th century. Their work, particularly the Peterson Field Guide series, revolutionized the way people identify and appreciate birds. Peterson and Virginia were also passionate

conservationists, and they worked tirelessly to protect birds and their habitats.

The legacy of Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson lives on today through their books, their artwork, and their conservation work. They inspired countless people to learn about birds and nature, and they helped to create a greater appreciation for the importance of conservation.



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