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### Common Mosses of the Northeast and Appalachians

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All of us with an interest in bryophytes should be grateful to the four authors of this book and to Princeton University Press. We finally have a moss book for the Northeast and the mountains to the south that can be used by naturalists. This book provides at least two excellent photographs plus a page of description and brief habitat description for 200 mosses to be found in this region. In addition, the authors were able to get permission from Columbia University Press to use the drawings in *Mosses of Eastern North America* by Crum and Anderson (1981), which enhance the usefulness of this book. Moreover, all this is available for a very reasonable price.

The book contains an innovative “Path to the Keys.” To arrive at the keys one has to decide whether the moss is an acrocarp, a pleurocarp, or a peat...

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This is the first book to help general readers recognize 200 common mosses of the Northeast and the Appalachian Mountains. With just this field guide, a hand lens, and a spray bottle--no microscopes necessary--readers will be able to identify and name many of the common species of mosses growing in the region's backyards, parks, forests, wetlands, and mountains. At the heart of this guide is an innovative, color-tabbed system that helps readers pick out small groups of similar species. Illustrated identification keys, colorful habitat and leaf photos, more than 600 detailed line drawings, Common Mosses fills a long-standing void in moss field guides for the region, and, as such, this guide will make the identification of these small plants more accessible to a wider botanical audience."---J. M. Budke, Plant Science Bulletin. "This guide is an excellent field manual that should enhance the appreciation of a group that has been largely overlooked by many naturalists. Covering 200 species common to the Northeast, Appalachians, and Upper Midwest this breakthrough work provides a systematic means for differentiating between a bewildering array

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