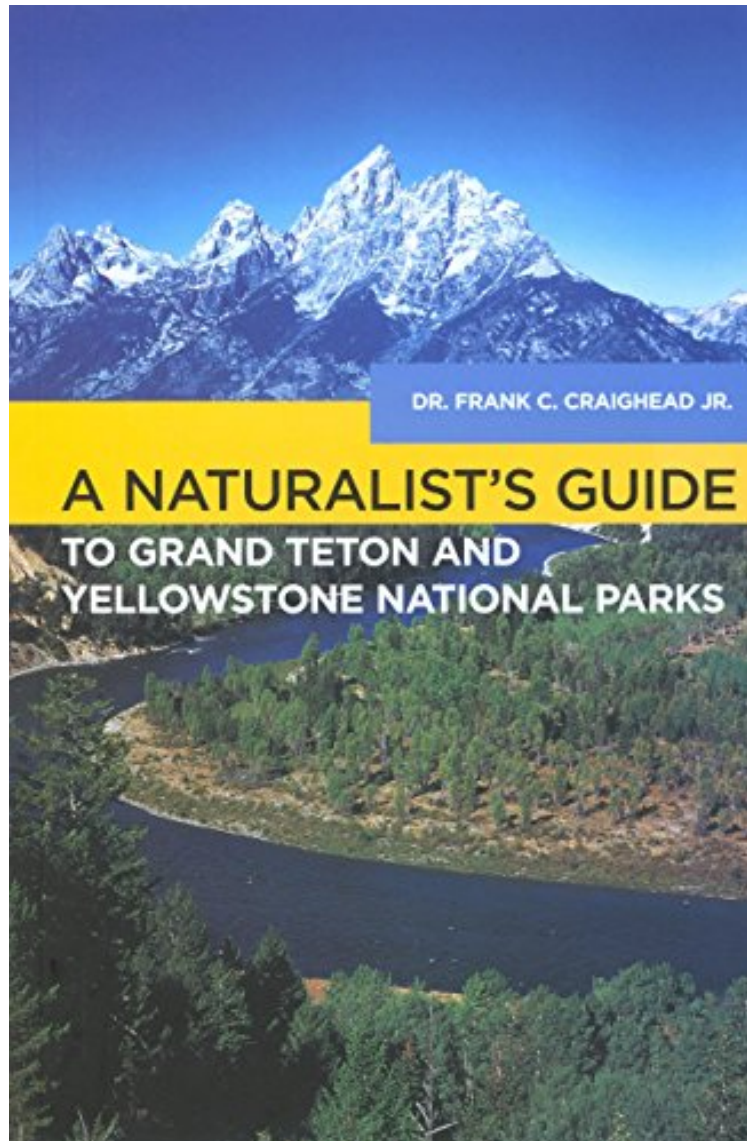


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Frank C. Craighead Jr. : A Naturalist's Guide to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks (Naturalist's Guide Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Naturalist's Guide to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks (Naturalist's Guide Series):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Better for locals than for visitorsBy Arthur DigbeeFrank Craighead

was a leading biologist of grizzly bears who came from a remarkable family of naturalists and writers. He was also a long-time resident of Jackson Hole who took extensive notes of what he observed. This book is the result, tying observations of the natural world together. When one species of bird arrives or departs from the area, what flowers will be in bloom? What berries might be available for picking? What insects are active, and what does that mean for the angler's choice of fly? The result is remarkable, if only because it makes clear how few people have the knowledge to present such information for their own home base. Farmers once did, but now worry more about soil moisture and futures markets than whether the red-tailed hawks are fledging. Unfortunately, the book reads all too often like a list. Many sentences read like this one: "Golden eagles are fledging, as summer flowers like houndstongue and monkshood are appearing, and as golden aster, woolly yellow daisy, ballhead sandwort, and sego (or mariposa) lily peak." With a good field guide, this would be useful information to help me learn plant identifications, but it's hard to think what else one might do with it. For a visitor who will only see one week of the year, only a few pages of the book will be useful, though a year-round resident of the area can use the entire book. Craighead doesn't bring his biological knowledge to such observations and try to explain why these things might go together. Of course the links between golden asters and golden eagles must be indirect, through many other links in the web of the ecosystem, but it would make for a more interesting book if he had thought in terms of ecosystems instead of species.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hitching things together, by season
By maccFrank Craighead links natural events together in time and space. Using his Moose, WY home area as a base he reviews natural history for each month in the year. We become used to reading or being told "this flower blooms in early April" or "the first week of January is good for seeing this" - information based on our constructed, fixed calendar. As we all know, plants, migratory birds, or fungi, may turn up early or late, according to seasonal cues such as temperature, weather and lots more. This book links together natural events that one will see happening at the same time. All at the same time the book is a poetic essay, specific information on the natural world, and a guide through the year. We can each apply this form of observation to our own local environment. It reminded me of my favorite "A Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers" (Peterson Field Guide Series; by John Frank Craighead and Ray Davis) which for each species lists for "flowering season" what other species can be observed in specific behaviors or what other flowers are in bloom. Finally, this is not a dense, technical book, but is easily readable and reminds us of the riches of nature when we slow down to observe and appreciate.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for the first time visitor
By K. O. Singer For the casual visitor to Grand Teton, this book goes in sequence from 1 January to 31 December, and each chapter will tell you what plant and animals you may see in that period. good choice rather than buying a big flower book that you may never look at again. (I am a seasonal Park Ranger here)

This book is a remarkable chronicle of the interrelationships between all living things in one of America's most mythical wild places, the Teton-Yellowstone area. Based on the detailed daily journals that Dr. Frank Craighead kept during his years living in Grand Teton National Park, this book reveals the patterns of life that revolve around the changing seasons, with beautiful narration and hundreds of color photographs.

From the Back Cover
Discover hidden patterns of the natural world. Did you know that grizzly bears are just leaving their dens when the first dandelions appear? That salmon flies are hatching as wild strawberries begin to ripen? That bull elk are bugling when aspen leaves turn to gold? A Naturalist's Guide to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks is a book unique in the literature of natural history. Dr. Frank C. Craighead, Jr., one of America's most distinguished field biologists, studied the plants and animals of the Greater Yellowstone Area for more than forty-five years, keeping detailed daily journals. In this fascinating book he shares his discoveries about the patterns of life that revolve around the changing seasons. For naturalists, this book is a remarkable chronicle of the interrelationships between all living things. For anyone interested in the Teton-Yellowstone area and the entire Northern Rocky Mountain region, this book opens the door to greater understanding-and appreciation-of the natural cycles in one of America's last wild places.