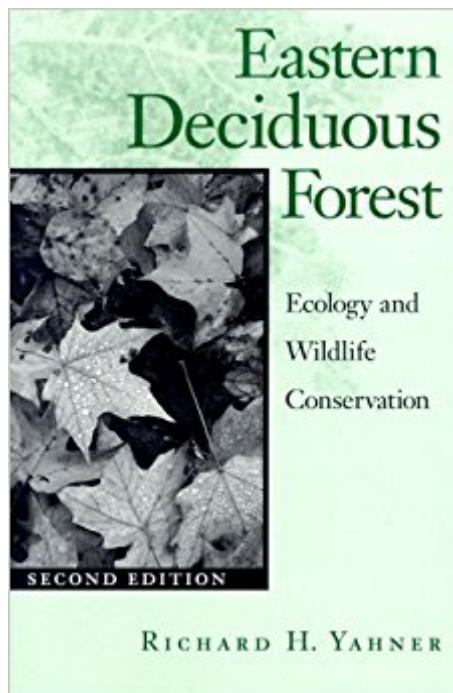




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From the East Coast to the Mississippi River, from southern Canada to northern Florida, the eastern deciduous forest of North America is home to a wonderfully diverse range of wildlife and ecosystems. Richard H. Yahner integrates basic biological principles into an account of the ecological consequences of society's actions. As Yahner traces the history of conservation of the forest, he discusses relevant issues such as the loss of biodiversity, acid deposition, ozone depletion, and global climatic change. This new edition includes the most up-to-date information on the forest and its wildlife, with special attention given to contemporary conservation issues. The result is a timely and useful tool for anyone who wants to know or hopes to help one of North America's great natural resources.

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The book does well at showing the complexities of understanding and managing the Eastern Deciduous forest. Perhaps starting with a premise of the "Forest as a resource" by the end we are presented a more multi-species and balanced approach. The values are still human centered, such as "recreation" so perhaps a broader presentation of intrinsic or ecosystem values would have been good. The section on biodiversity does seem to explore other value systems, is one species more valuable than another? The breadth of the book is its strong point. The chapter on "Early History of the Forest" describing the origins and maps of vegetation at 10,000 years ago were really relevant, particularly in later chapters of global climate

change and migrating tree species (just 10 – 40 km per century!). Understanding soil, and solar radiation (as in facing slope) important. The forest plants and animal interaction well done .. and shows some of the impacts of single species management (Annual timber loss to browsing deer in NW Pennsylvania estimated at \$56 per hectare). The trade offs of management forest for mature versus early succession is well done. This 2nd edition published in 2000 has some dated items. For example, Acid Rain, (sulfur dioxide pollution) has been greatly reduced partly from 1990 Clean Air Act. Additionally there are further exotics, such as Emerald Ash Borer and the Woolly Agedid mentioned for Hemlock has devastated many stands beyond Shenandoah.

Useful info

Very informative. A good addition to your forestry library.

The book arrived on 6/12/10 in "good condition" with clean pages, no writing, underlining, highlighting, or other marks, as advertised. They indicated "almost no shelf wear

This book is a must for anyone who is considering natural resource management as a career, as I am. It deals with the basic ecological terms and poses some very difficult problems that forest management will occur in the recent future. If you are interested in conservation, and not preservation, this book will be a wise investment.

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