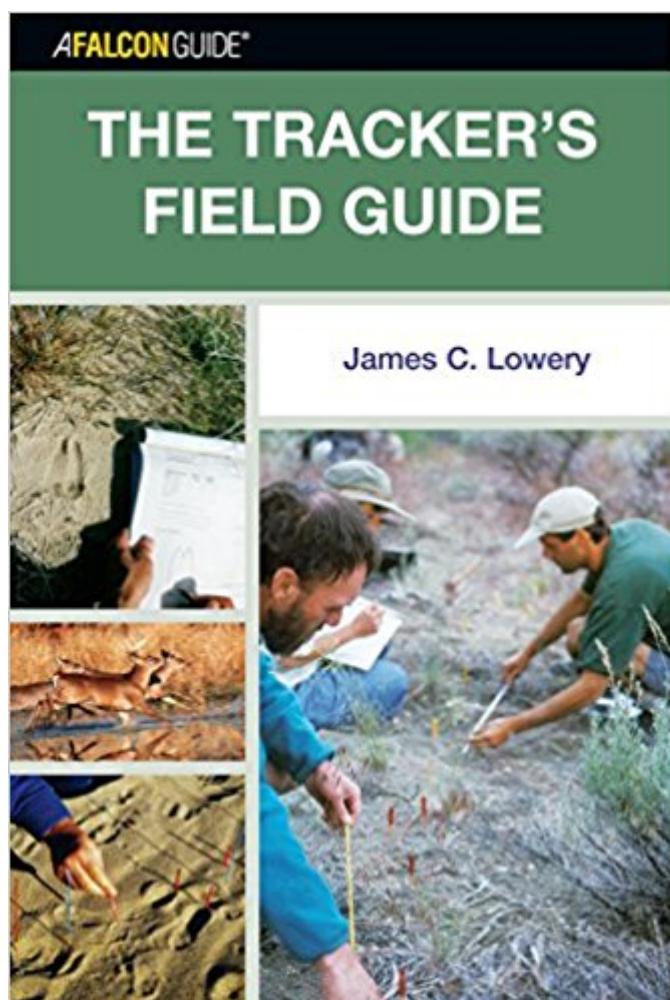


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The Tracker's Field Guide: A Comprehensive Handbook For Animal Tracking In The United States



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Synopsis

Jim Lowery is among North America's leading tracking experts. In this book he distills his remarkable expertise, gained over decades of intensive research and practical field experience, into a comprehensive field guide to tracking North American mammals. Fully illustrated with hundreds of drawings and high-resolution photographs, "The Tracker's Field Guide sets a new standard for tracking books.

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studies in the West. Though even if you do track in the East, I would absolutely get this book on account of its ease of use.2) No color prints.3) Though it IS comprehensive, it is only so in a general way... Voles are all bunched together, and most small rodents are not given the attention they deserve.4) Not much attention to sign tracking / landscape tracking. Not many other weaknesses. A fine book and great contribution to the field.

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