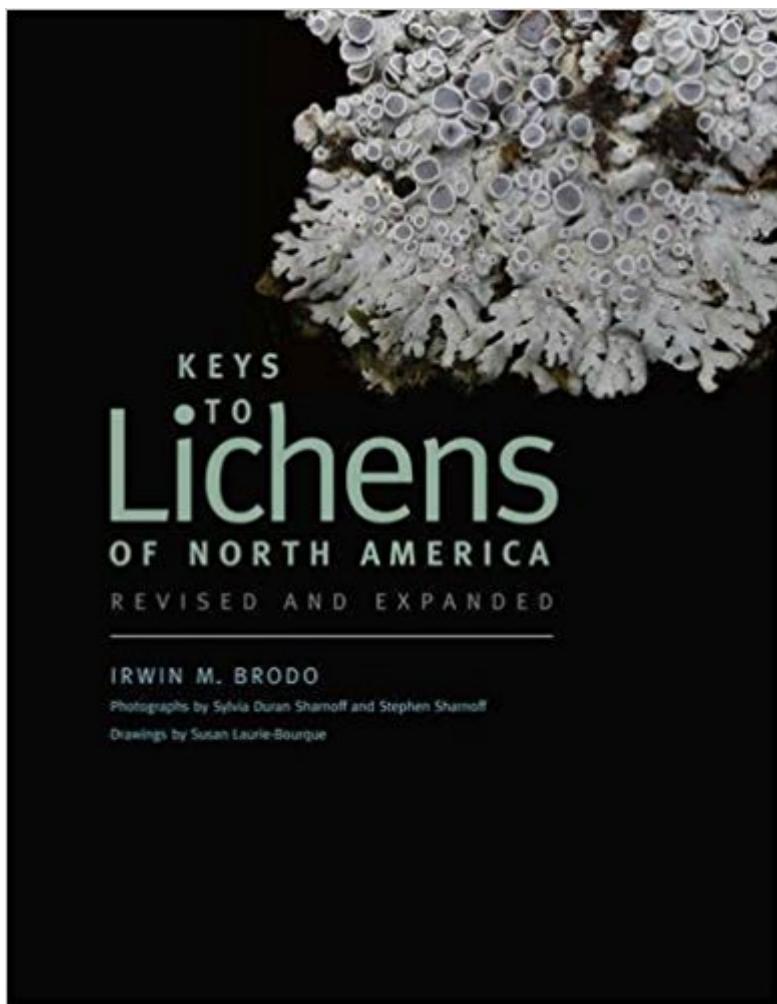


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Synopsis

Created in response to requests from longtime users, this addition to the acclaimed reference to North American lichens compiles updated and expanded keys for the identification of these fascinating organisms. An ideal laboratory resource, it covers over 2,000 species of lichens indigenous to the continent. There is no comparable volume available for classroom, workshop, or private use. A glossary is illustrated with photographs by Sylvia Duran Sharnoff and Stephen Sharnoff and drawings by Susan Laurie-Bourque, all from the original book. The revised keys are an indispensable identification tool for botanists, students, scientists, and enthusiasts alike.

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Customer Reviews

Considered a world authority on lichens and their biology, Irwin M. Brodo is emeritus research scientist at the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario.

Perhaps this review can add to the existing reviews "Excellent" & "Wonderful book"?. This publication contains expanded keys included in the five star, color Brodo et al. *Lichens of North America* publication. Pretty much, keys and that is it. There are no photos in this publication. The book has a couple of pages of illustrations, also included in Brodo et al. color publication and a glossary and references. The duplication of the illustrations are fair at best. Upon initial review, I almost returned these keys and still question the purchase. Why? The keys are incomplete, not inclusive of North American flora. When the book arrived, I drove to a couple of common genera

pages (keys), common species and noted they were missing in the keys. Here is the deal, if you use the keys in the Brodo et al. color Lichens of North America publication, then this publication, Keys to Lichens of North America: Revisedwould be a good purchase, because of the expanded keys and may be 4 or 5 stars. If you do not use the keys in the Brodo et al. color book, then this publication may not be worth the purchase and 2 or 3 stars. Especially if you already have keys for your location of study. For the Pacific Northwest, these Macrolichen keys are probably not warranted for purchase because there are some pretty good keys/books available (McCune & Geiser). However the Microlichen (crustose) keys included may be of value (few pin lichen keys though)! The publication is spiral bound, wire and good for lab settings because it can lay flat, unlike the nice, beautiful big Brodo et a. publication. But then it is spiral bound, so it does not behave on the shelf like a hardbound. I'll keep this as a reference and perhaps it may be useful in my travels. I do not consider the glossary, illustrated. There are ~10 pages of illustrations following the glossary. Reproduction of these pages are not ideal, fuzzy, faint line drawings in some cases, but useful. There are about 5 pages with 3 photos each following the 10 pages of illustrations.

The Lichen of NA Key in terms of content is wonderful. However, I'm disappointed in Yale with the publishing quality. I totally understand the need to make affordable keys, but because of the 'cheapness' of this publication, this is not something that is safe to take to the field. The pages at first blush look and seem water resistant, but they absorb water very easily causing almost immediate wrinkling. Likewise, the cover is made of a non-water-resistant paper and is very likely to rip. I wish Yale had chosen a better format to publish such a wonderful resource that I'm sure Brodo worked so hard on.

keys easy to use and a very good addition to the keys and pictures in the original book.

great addition to the text

Essential for ones who are serious about learning lichens. Beautifully done. Well worth the money!

Thanks!

Excellent

Wonderful book

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