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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Trees of the American SouthwestBy Brian H. NordstromAt first glance, the format of this book seems anitquated. It's a very small book--only 4-1/2" by 7-1/4". Therefore, I was

surprised to discover a copyright date of 2005, so it's actually fairly recent. There are no photographs or color in it, but there are 42 black and white plates of leaves, twigs, and seedpods. Many of these illustrations are reproductions of earlier tree guides dating back to the 1960s. It's a fairly dry read, but also extremely comprehensive. The trees are keyed according to how their leaves are arranged. If your interest in tree identification is only casual, this may not be the book for you. But, if you're a serious student of tree identification, then I recommend it.

Ideal for backpackers and field naturalists, this guide discusses and illustrates native and naturalized trees that grow wild in the American Southwest. Regions covered include Arizona, New Mexico, western Texas, the southern regions of California and Nevada, and adjacent areas of Mexico. The 174 species of trees of the region are divided into six major groups according to easily recognized characteristics. The illustrations emphasize visual details that may not be clearly visible in a photograph, and a key is provided for recognizing trees in leafless seasons.

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