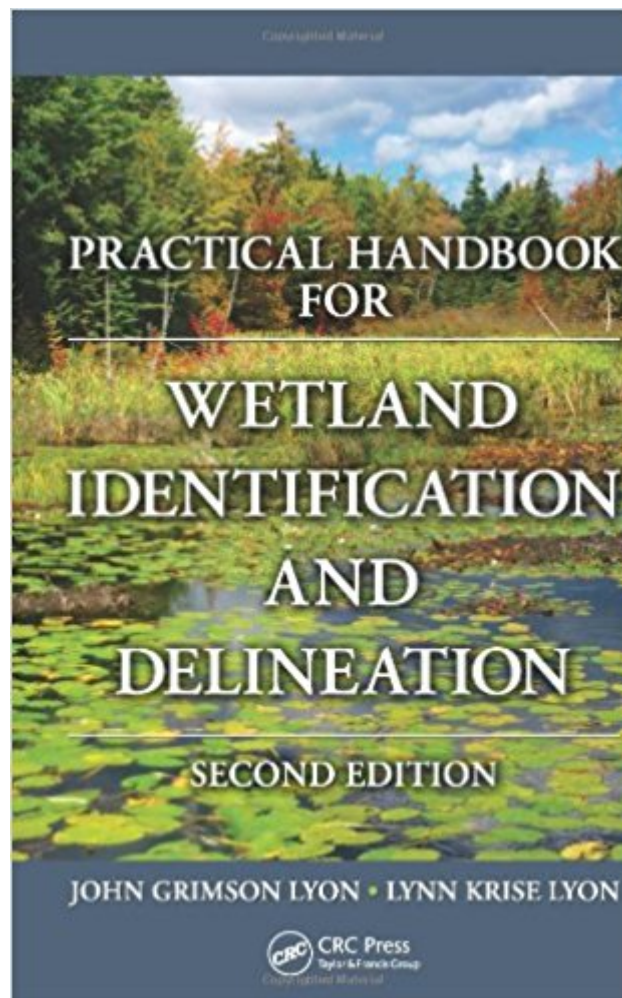




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I didn't find anything new or useful in this book; though admittedly it didn't take me long to ditch it. Wetland delineation is all about the details, and that's exactly what this book leaves out. Presumably its written for students being introduced to wetland delineation or maybe government employees that perform delineations only occasionally. I purchased it hoping to get some insight into the things I didn't quite understand in the Corps Manual and was disappointed to find that the author just left the difficult parts out rather than explain them.

The first edition of this book described how aerial photos and ground work could be used to characterize wetlands. This edition is a simple update adding a few modern remote sensing techniques. Wetlands are regional and there are many sources of information on regional wetlands that provide a detailed account. This book tries a broad brush approach to a topic that should be treated with a regional book. It certainly would not be useful, for example, in determining the legal status of a wetland since that definition changes everywhere. According to the jacket, one of the author's only experience with wetlands is playing in them as a child. That hardly qualifies someone to be a co- author and lowers the credibility of the book. Everything in the book is superficial and so it might serve as a suitable source book in a primary school (K- grade 6).

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