

Illustrated Guide to Soil Taxonomy

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The “Illustrated Guide to Soil Taxonomy” is intended for use by:

- college students who have some background in soil science,
- professionals who use soil survey,
- soil scientists beginning a career in soil survey.

The narrative descriptions for the soil orders, suborders, and great groups can help them to understand the broad concepts of soil classification.

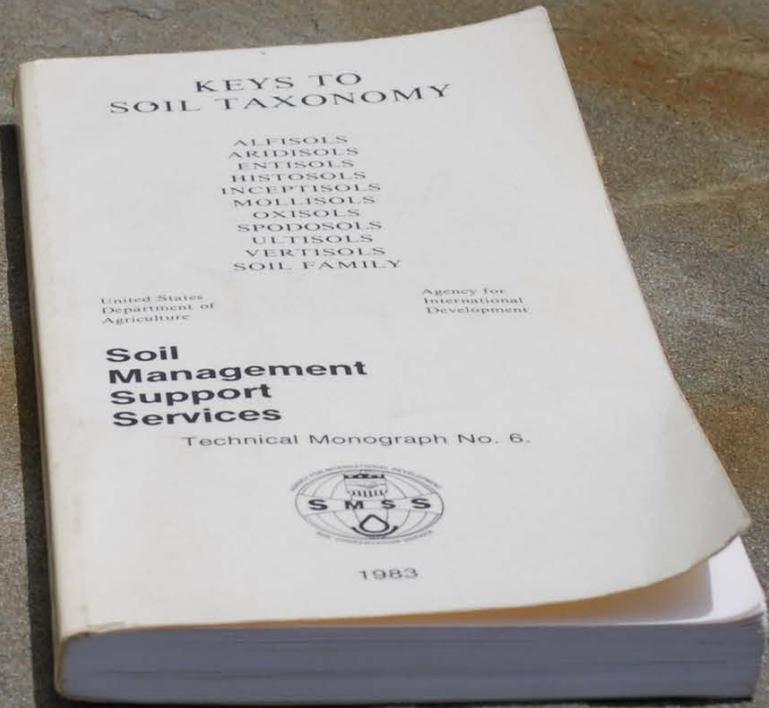
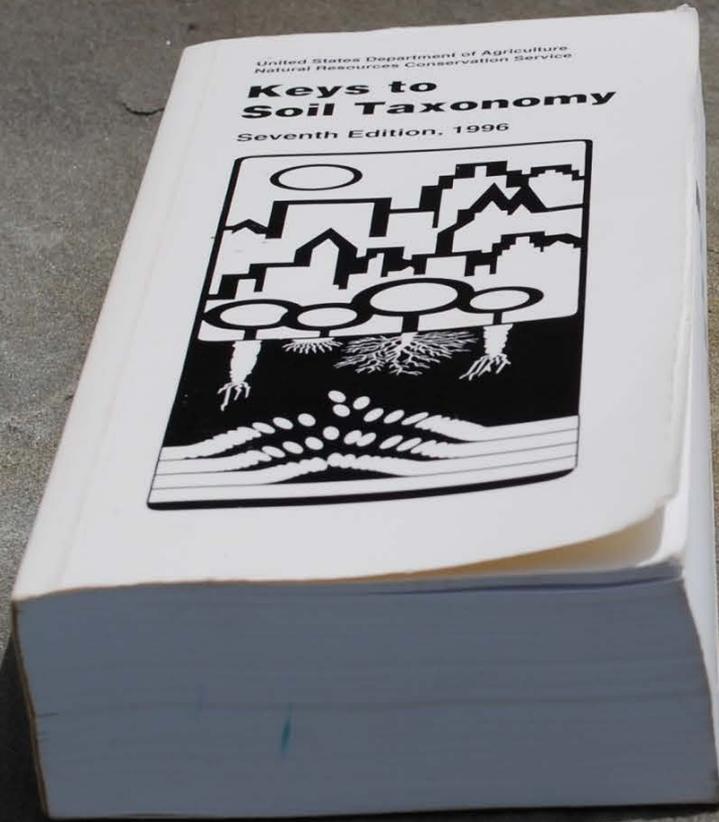
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- This document is not intended to replace the full version of the “Keys to Soil Taxonomy” for the professional soil classifier.
- The authors estimate that the use of this version will result in the proper great group classification in approximately 90 percent of the cases in which it is used.
- To ensure proper application of the criteria for classifying soils, the latest version of the “Keys to Soil Taxonomy” is needed.
- In addition, this guide omits all information needed to classify soils to the subgroup and family levels.



Fundamental Changes in Soil Taxonomy