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## **Alpen Optics Wings ED 8X20 Binoculars**

December 30, 2011

By Joseph Z.

I received a pair of these binoculars as a combination Christmas/Birthday Present, and have been so impressed with them that I felt compelled to post a review. I have been an amateur astronomer for over 30 years and a birdwatcher for 15 years, and have considerable experience with evaluating optics. The view through my pair of Alpen Optics 8X20 binoculars is nothing short of outstanding. Images are tack sharp, the field is wide and flat, and colors are true to life. Chromatic aberration is essentially non-existent, even when viewing high contrast images such as tree branches against a clear blue sky. In addition to the above, the binoculars come with a high quality, wide neckstrap that is comfortable on the neck. My only minor complaint is that this neckstrap is too large to fit into the case that is provided. Other than this small issue, I cannot recommend these binoculars enough, as their optical performance is on par with other compact models costing 3 to 4 times as much. Highly recommended.

### **A great compact binocular!**

July 17, 2012

By Dave

I will echo Joseph Z.'s enthusiasm for the Alpen Wings 8x20 ED binocular! It is a very nicely made, waterproof, compact binocular, with excellent optics... absolutely fantastic for its low price!

Compared to larger binoculars (for example, 8x32 or 8x36 models), a side-by-side comparison will show that the view through the Alpen Wings 8x20s is not as bright, as you would expect of its smaller lenses. But, compare it to other binoculars of the same size, and it really shines! If you want a small, waterproof binocular that really performs, you can't do better at this price!

**Link to the review on the web:**

[http://www.amazon.com/Alpen-Wings-Compact-Binocular-Choose/product-reviews/B007HNPY54/ref=dp\\_top\\_cm\\_cr\\_acr\\_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1](http://www.amazon.com/Alpen-Wings-Compact-Binocular-Choose/product-reviews/B007HNPY54/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1)