

Top of the Line (\$2,000–\$2,775; 10 reviewed)

MAY CHANGE



NEED PHOTO

Zeiss Victory T*HT 8x42

Superb image. Birds pop out from the background. Great feel in the hand and good eye relief.

Overall Feel: **4.7**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.9**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.7**

Close Focus: **6.2** ft
Field of View: **408** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,444**

Quality Index:

4.8
OUT OF 5



Zeiss Victory T*FL 8x32

Gorgeous image and eye relief; possibly too small for large hands

Overall Feel: **4.6**
Clarity/Crispness: **5.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.9**

Close Focus: **6.5** ft
Field of View: **420** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,055**

Quality Index:

4.8
OUT OF 5



Swarovski Swarovision 10x42

Great image; "Swarovision" can make it hard to scan.

Overall Feel: **4.6**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.7**

Close Focus: **4.9** ft
Field of View: **336** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,777**

Quality Index:

4.7
OUT OF 5



173%
NEED HI-RES

Swarovski Swarovision 8x32

Superb image.

Overall Feel: **4.8**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.7**

Close Focus: **6.2** ft
Field of View: **423** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,399**

Quality Index:

4.7
OUT OF 5



264%
NEED HI-RES

Leica Ultravid HD 8x42

Excellent image. Fantastic feel in the hand.

Overall Feel: **4.4**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.6**

Close Focus: **9.8** ft
Field of View: **389** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,500**

Quality Index:

4.6
OUT OF 5



Leica Ultravid HD 8x32

A thing of beauty.

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.3**

Close Focus: **6.9** ft
Field of View: **404** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$2,000**

Quality Index:

4.5
OUT OF 5

The New Midrange (\$750–\$1,700; 16 reviewed)

MAY CHANGE



NEED PHOTO

Zeiss Conquest HD 8x32

Testers loved these binoculars! Compact size, makes them ideal for carrying with you with lots of other gear.

"Fantastic. Compact. Super sharp and bright."

Overall Feel: **4.8**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.9**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.6**

Close Focus: **4.9** ft
Field of View: **420** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$999**

Quality Index:

4.8
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO;
DAMAGED FILE

Zeiss Conquest HD 8x42

Superb!

Overall Feel: **4.7**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.6**

Close Focus: **6.5** ft
Field of View: **384** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$1,077**

Quality Index:

4.7
OUT OF 5



Leica Trinovid HD 8x42

Excellent image.

Overall Feel: **4.2**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.7**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.8**

Close Focus: **11.4** ft
Field of View: **378** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$1,449**

Quality Index:

4.5
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Vortex Razor HD 8x42

Nice, crisp image, but slightly blurry on edges

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.2**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.6**

Close Focus: **6** ft
Field of View: **362** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$1,279**

Quality Index:

4.3
OUT OF 5



140%
NEED HI-RES

Swarovski CL 8x30

Perhaps a bit too small for some people, but small size was favored by others. Very nice image. Not as sharp as Swarovision 8x32.

Overall Feel: **4.1**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.3**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.0**

Close Focus: **9.8** ft
Field of View: **372** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$1,054**

Quality Index:

4.2
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Meopta Meostar 8x32

Good feel, good close focus; not quite enough eye relief

Overall Feel: **3.9**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.3**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.3**

Close Focus: **5.7** ft
Field of View: **420** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$959**

Quality Index:

4.2
OUT OF 5

The 400 to 600 Club (\$425–\$680; 25 reviewed)

700?

MAY CHANGE



Nikon Monarch 7 8x42

Sharp with three-dimension feel to the image.

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.5**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.7**

Close Focus: **8.3** m
Field of View: **420** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$530**

Quality Index:

4.5
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Opticron Verano BGA HD 8x42

[MISSING; insert stark raving mad review]

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.5**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.7**

Close Focus: **6.6** ft
Field of View: **366** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$641**

Quality Index:

4.5
OUT OF 5



Celestron Granite HD 8x42

Sharp and crisp, nice close focus; colors seem warmer than real life

Overall Feel: **4.0**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.3**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.5**

Close Focus: **6.5** ft
Field of View: **426** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$440**

Quality Index:

4.3
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Eagle Optics Golden Eagle HD 8x42

Comfortable; quick focus; bright

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **3.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **5.0**

Close Focus: **5.1** ft
Field of View: **347** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$600**

Quality Index:

4.3
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Vortex Viper HD 8x42

Compact comfortable and comfortable feel. Firm focus wheel that is easy to dial in.

Overall Feel: **4.1**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.3**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.2**

Close Focus: **5.1** ft
Field of View: **347** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$655**

Quality Index:

4.2
OUT OF 5

The 200 to 300 Club (\$219–\$399; 21 reviewed)

MAY CHANGE



Nikon Monarch 5 8x42

Light weight and well-balanced. Years of design tweaks made them comfortable in the hand. Strongly preferred over Nikon Monarch 3, which does not contain ED glass. Worth the extra money for Monarch 5's.

Overall Feel: **4.5**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.2**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.5**

Close Focus: **8.3** ft
Field of View: **330** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$309**

Quality Index:

4.3
OUT OF 5



Zeiss Terra ED 8x42

Light weight. ED glass.

Overall Feel: **4.4**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.8**

Close Focus: **5.3** ft
Field of View: **375** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$385**

Quality Index:

4.3
OUT OF 5



Opticron Trailfinder 3 WP 8x42

Fairly crisp image. Nice feel in the hand. Sensitive focus wheel, but quick to focus.

Overall Feel: **3.8**
Clarity/Crispness: **3.7**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.3**

Close Focus: **16.4** ft
Field of View: **357** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$219**

Quality Index:

4.0
OUT OF 5



Eagle Optics Ranger 8x42

Very sharp center image, but sharpness drops toward edges

Overall Feel: **3.7**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.1**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.3**

Close Focus: **5.2** ft
Field of View: **341** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$333**

Quality Index:

4.0
OUT OF 5



Vixen New Foresta HR WP 8x42

Not quite as crisp or bright as Best in Class, but very close. Open bridge design is a plus. Smooth focus wheel. Easy to dial into focus.

Overall Feel: **3.9**
Clarity/Crispness: **3.7**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.3**

Close Focus: **9.8** ft
Field of View: **423** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$399**

Quality Index:

3.9
OUT OF 5

Budget Bins (\$99–\$216; 16 reviewed)

MAY CHANGE



139%
NEED HI-RES

Celestron Nature DX 8x42

Nice feel in the hand. Light weight. Excellent image for the price.

Overall Feel: **4.6**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.5**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.6**

Close Focus: **6.5** ft
Field of View: **388** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$185**

Quality Index:

4.5
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Atlas Optics Sky King 8x42

Nice crisp image for the price. Feel a bit heavy and stiff in the hand.

Overall Feel: **3.7**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.5**

Close Focus: **6.0** ft
Field of View: **365** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$199**

Quality Index:

4.0
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Opticron Oregon LE WP 8 x32

Excellent value. Small size, ideal for smaller hands. Best of the "small-sized" binoculars. Great for kids!

Overall Feel: **3.8**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.2**

Close Focus: **5.9** ft
Field of View: **423** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$155**

Quality Index:

4.0
OUT OF 5



Optics Planet OPMOD 8x42

On the heavy side of the class. Good choice for the price.

Overall Feel: **3.8**
Clarity/Crispness: **4.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.5**

Close Focus: **6.6** ft
Field of View: **366** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$195**

Quality Index:

4.0
OUT OF 5



NEED PHOTO

Eagle Optics Denali PC 8x42

Testers scored the 8's higher than the 10's. Light weight. Smooth focus wheel. Nice image.

Overall Feel: **4.3**
Clarity/Crispness: **3.8**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **3.7**

Close Focus: **7** ft
Field of View: **408** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$200**

Quality Index:

3.9
OUT OF 5

8?



NEED PHOTO;
WRONG MODEL

Leupold BLK Yosemite 6x30

Nice image and feel for the money. Come in several fun colors.

Overall Feel: **3.7**
Clarity/Crispness: **3.0**
Eyeglass Friendliness: **4.0**

Close Focus: **11** ft
Field of View: **389** ft at 1,000 yd
Price (MSRP): **\$129**

Quality Index:

3.5
OUT OF 5