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Kiata Drift Sneaker

REVIEW
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Comfortable footwear is crucial for long days on a boat, hiking to a stream, or in the water. The importance of caring for our feet cannot be overstated. Over the years, I have tried many brands and styles; some were good, but others were worn only a few times before being abandoned on a dusty shelf in my garage or given away.

A good pair of technical shoes or boots can make the difference between a long, comfortable day focused on your activity and a day cut short by tired, aching feet. Not that I'm more vain than others, but it's a plus if the shoe also has some style.

The XTRATUFF Kiata Drift Sneaker has become my go-to footwear both for casual knocking around town and light wading on beaches and in gravelly streams. They transition well from city to creek to sand and back. They wouldn't be the wading shoes I'd choose for a slippery freestone stream, but they're ideal for the magazine's skiff.

The Kiata Drift features a quick-drying, breathable, unlined upper with a full lace-up system. The design allows for a snug fit that is not constricting. Kiata's TUFGRP outsole is non-marking and offers slip resistance; both are important for wet skiff decks and slippery rocks. I also appreciate the

pull loops at the heels for easy on and off. For those with wide feet who have difficulty finding the correct fit, the Kiata Sneaker comes in half-sizes to meet your needs. I wear them with socks and without, depending on the day.

We are all familiar with that aroma shoes acquire if they cannot be adequately cleaned. Fortunately, that isn't an issue with this sneaker; the insole is removable for cleaning, and the shoe stands up well to detergent and drying in the sun. After two years of heavy use, the Kiata Drifts have retained their color and comfort. *On The Fly Magazine* recommends adding this sneaker to your outdoor gear collection.

MSRP US\$79.99

The Men's Kiata Drift Sneaker comes in three colors: River Rock (dark grey), Sand (light grey), and Dark Forest (green). I especially like the River Rock with its orange accents. Sizes range from 7 to 14 and are available in both Medium and Wide widths.

The Women's Kiata Drift Sneaker also comes in three colors: Seafoam (light blue), Sand (light grey), and Coral Sand (tan with blue accents). Sizes range from 5 to 11 in Medium widths.

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