

FLOWERING PLANT FAMILIES OF THE WORLD

This fully updated and revised edition of a classic, in print for more than 25 years, comprises detailed accounts of more than 500 flowering plant families. Each entry describes distribution, diagnostic features, classification and economic uses, and is augmented by a distribution map and quick-reference panel. In addition, an introduction

to the classification, structures, uses and ecology of flowering plants and a comprehensive, illustrated glossary ensure that this volume is the complete reference resource.

- Clear, concise text is supported by detailed illustrations, many in full colour.
- Expert authors include several affiliated to the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew.

Consultant editor

Professor Vernon H. Heywood

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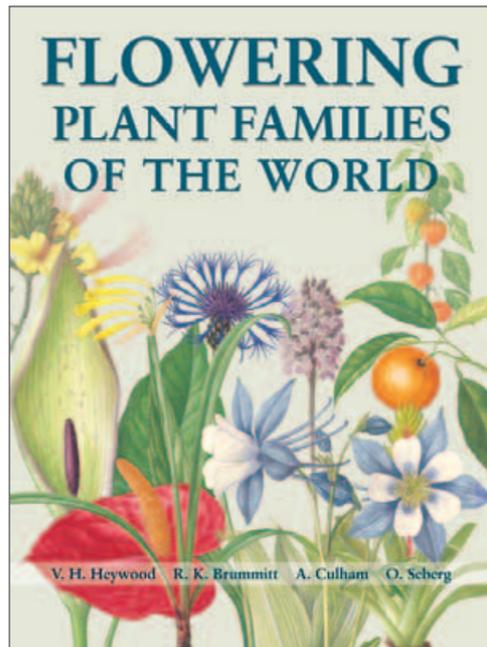
424 pp., 230,000 words

Over 1000 colour artworks and maps

Classification table and factfile panels

Glossary, further reading and useful

websites, index



THE NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TREES

This major new botanical reference work presents the huge variety of tree species found worldwide in a single volume. An introductory chapter on tree biology, is followed by a wide-ranging series of profiles of the world's principal trees, grouped by major type: conifers and allies, broadleaves and tropical trees.

Entries, arranged by genus, detail the trees' structure, distribution, ecology, cultivation and economic uses.

- Information-packed text is illustrated by full colour photographs and annotated artwork plates.
- Distribution maps, species lists and fact boxes given for the various tree groups.

Edited by Steve Cafferty

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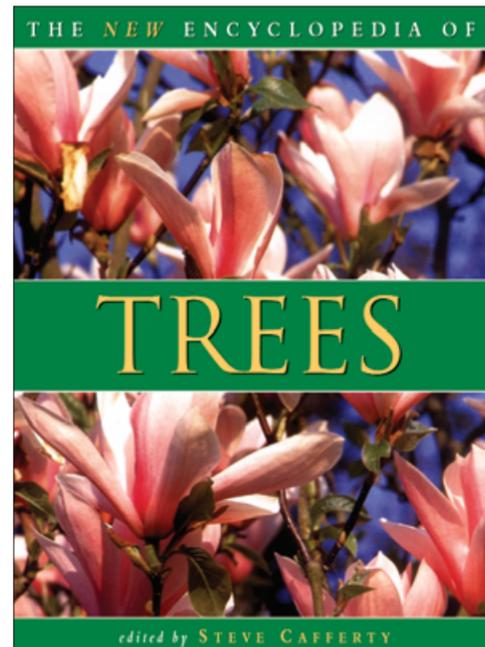
288 pp., 135,000 words

Over 450 illustrations, including

300 photographs and 150 artworks

Glossary, further reading and useful

websites, index



THE NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AQUATIC LIFE

Authoritative in scope and content, *The New Encyclopedia of Aquatic Life* details in a completely up-to-date text, supported by hundreds of stunning full-colour photographs and lavish illustrations, all the animal groups whose members spend most of their lives in watery environments, whether seas, rivers, lakes or oceans. Divided into three main

sections: fish, aquatic invertebrates and marine mammals, the key features of the encyclopedia include fact boxes with distribution maps for all the species mentioned in the text and feature articles on topics of special interest and relevance.

- *Clear cross-reference system makes it easy to move between chapters.*
- *Listing included of the scientific names of all featured species.*

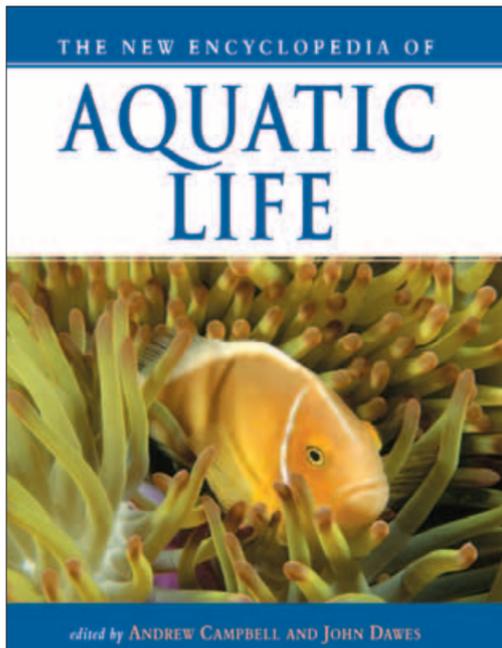
Edited by Andrew Campbell and John Dawes

290 x 230 mm (11½ x 9 in)

384 pp., 190,000 words

Over 600 illustrations, including photographs, artworks, maps

Glossary, bibliography, and indexes



THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MAMMALS

Combining unsurpassed scholarship with appeal to the general reader, this major encyclopedia explains the intricacies of mammalian behaviour, ecology and evolution. Written by expert contributors under the guidance of an internationally renowned zoologist, the book presents the latest findings on new mammal

discoveries and the status of endangered species.

- *Illustrated throughout with spectacular photographs of wildlife, supplemented by full-colour artwork.*
- *Factfile boxes present key data on individual species*

Edited by Professor David W. Macdonald

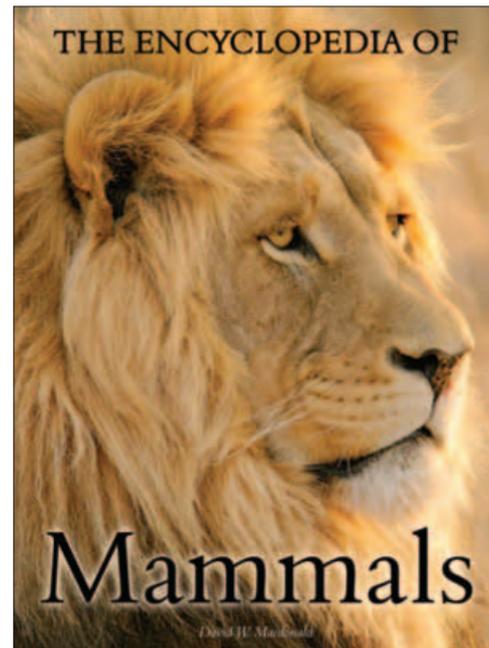
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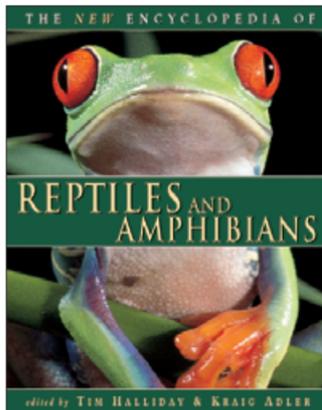
976 pp., 400,000 words

Over 2000 illustrations, including photographs, artworks, maps

Species tables and factfile reference panels

Glossary, further reading and useful websites, index





THE NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

This is the authoritative reference work on reptiles and amphibians, from miniature tree frogs and salamanders to huge constrictors such as the rock pythons and anacondas.

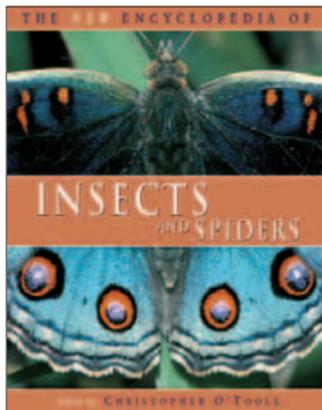
Edited by Tim Halliday and Kraig Adler

290 x 230 mm (11½ x 9 in), 240 pp., 100,000 words

Over 300 illustrations, including photographs, artworks, maps

Species tables and factfile reference panels

Glossary, further reading and useful websites, index



THE NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INSECTS AND SPIDERS

This guide to the most successful, varied and bizarre group of creatures on the planet features full coverage of all the world's insects and their land-dwelling relatives. It is beautifully illustrated with images from an acclaimed team of photographers and includes full-colour artworks.

Edited by Christopher O'Toole

290 x 230 mm (11½ x 9 in), 240 pp., 100,000 words

Over 300 illustrations, including photographs and artworks

Glossary, further reading and useful websites, index



THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIRDS

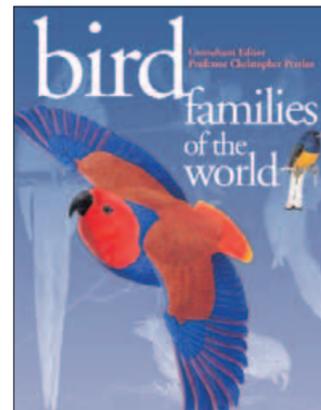
This major reference title presents a wealth of information on all aspects of the world's bird life. Written in accessible everyday language, topics covered include species distribution, habitat, size, colour, calls, and migratory and nesting behaviour.

Edited by Professor Christopher Perrins

261 x 207 mm (10¼ x 8¼ in), 656 pp., 300,000 words

Over 1000 photographs, artworks, maps

Glossary, bibliography, index



BIRD FAMILIES OF THE WORLD

Written by an expert team of ornithologists, the structure of this title ensures that the relationships between the many varied bird families are brought into focus. Superb colour illustrations highlight the distinctive features and beauty of over 900 species.

Consultant editor Professor Christopher Perrins

310 x 235 mm (12½ x 9¼ in), 264 pp., 130,000 words

Over 900 colour artworks, maps

Species tables and factfile reference panels

Glossary, further reading and useful websites, index

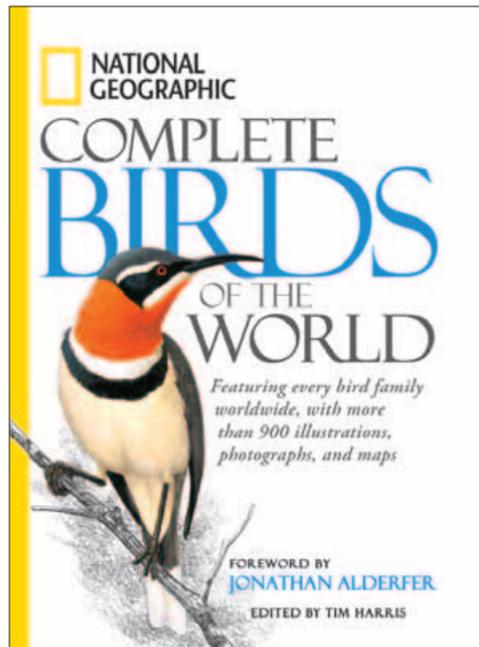
COMPLETE BIRDS OF THE WORLD

Our fascination with the identification and ecology of birds is seemingly perennial, and this gloriously illustrated and up-to-date book brings together every one of the world's bird families. Leading experts have put together our current knowledge of the identification, diet, breeding behaviour, migration patterns and habitat preferences of

every bird group. Stunning photographs and artworks illustrate each family entry, from hummingbirds to hoatzins, and from sandpipers to sparrows. Each entry has a world distribution map and a summary of current conservation status.

- Each bird family has its own section, with an up-to-date distribution map and a quick-read fact panel.
- Superb photographs, taken by some of the world's top bird photographers.

Edited by Tim Harris
(foreword by Jonathan Alderfer)
 248 x 174 mm (9¾ x 6¾ in)
 384 pp., 155,000 words
 More than 900 photographs, maps and illustrations
 Additional reading, glossary, index



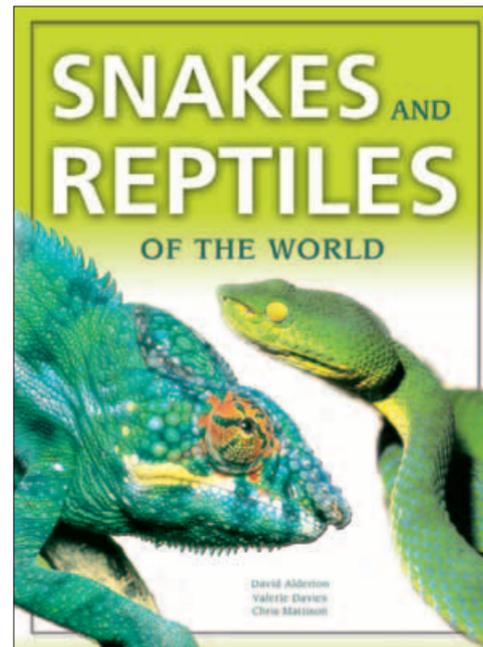
SNAKES AND REPTILES OF THE WORLD

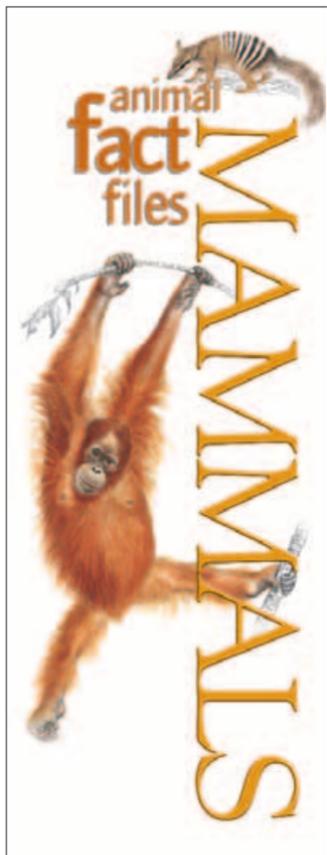
This information-packed book describes nearly every type of living reptile in detail, from the well-known alligators and cobras to the lesser-known but equally fascinating whiptails. Each species profile begins with an illustrated data panel that provides a handy reference to key facts, showing at a glance the common

and scientific names, size, key features, habits, breeding, diet, conservation status and range.

- More than 100 profiles cover all of the key species and groups.
- Dramatic wildlife photography, backed up by high-quality, detailed artwork, reveals reptiles in action on every page.

280 x 215 mm (11 x 8½ in)
 448 pp., 125,000 words
 Over 450 photographs, artworks, maps
 Classification table, data panels, index





ANIMAL FACT FILES

An exciting reference set that covers all the major animal groups. Each volume contains up to 240 succinct animal profiles or animal group profiles covering animals from all corners of the world. Each profile is illustrated with original artwork by renowned wildlife artists, while introductory essays give the key characteristics and natural history of the major groups featured in each volume. Profile texts follow a standard format for easy comparison. Written by experts, and presented in an innovative format, these fact files are an ideal reference for anyone interested in global natural history.

- *Comprehensive descriptions of taxonomy, size, appearance, habits and breeding behaviour.*
- *Distribution of each animal shown on a world map.*
- *Includes the latest information on conservation status.*
- *Glossary explains important technical terms.*

ALL BOOKS:

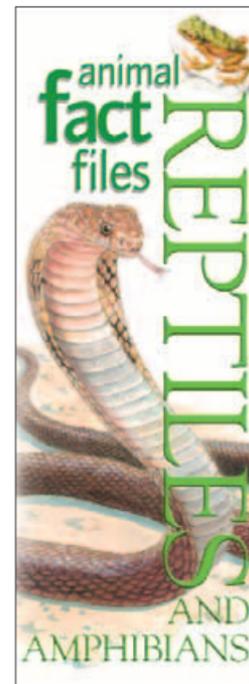
240 x 95 mm (9½ x 3¼ in), **wire-bound hardback**

256 pp., 30,000 words; *Insects and*

Other Invertebrates, 224 pp.

Over 240 colour artworks

Glossary, index



Books in the series:

Mammals

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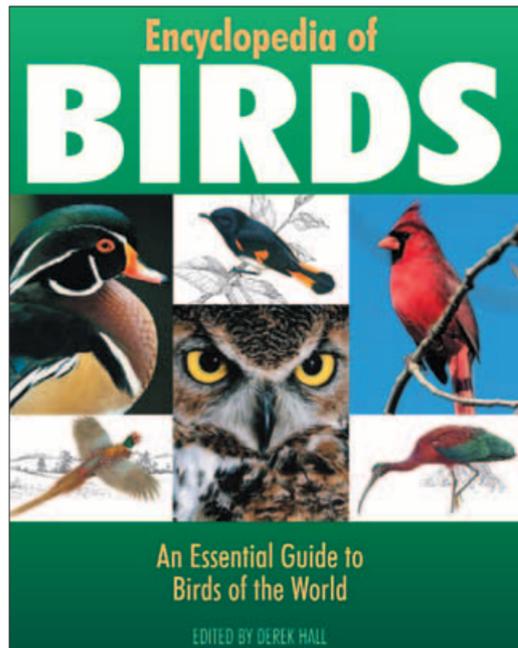
Reptiles and Amphibians

Birds

Fish

CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIAS

This informative and accessible series of concise encyclopedias introduces the great variety of animals to be found specifically in North America, as well as many that are equally common throughout the rest of the world. Each volume features detailed descriptions of over 70 species, chosen to give the broadest range of types from all key habitats. For each animal there is a detailed summary panel that gives the basic facts and figures.



- All the essential information presented in a clear, concise and highly readable format.
- Superb wildlife photography includes fascinating detailed close-ups of featured animals.

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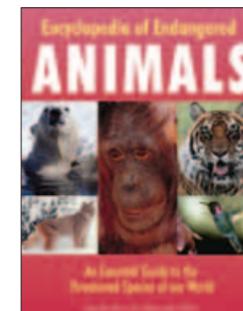
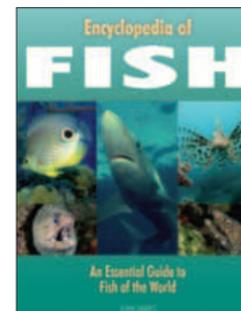
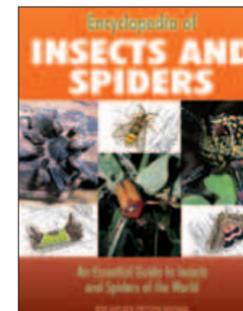
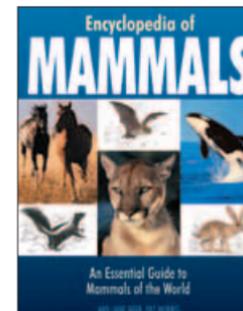
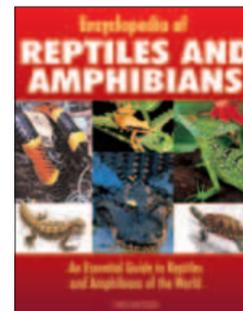
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Factfile reference panels

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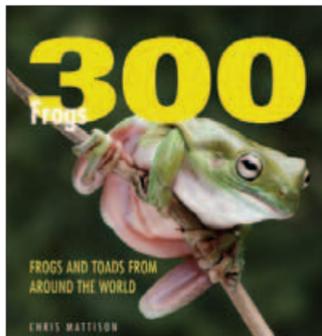
Encyclopedia of Fish

Encyclopedia of Mammals

Encyclopedia of Insects and Spiders

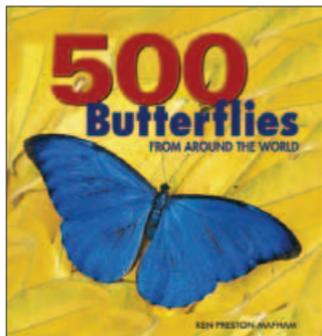
Encyclopedia of Reptiles and Amphibians

Encyclopedia of Endangered Animals



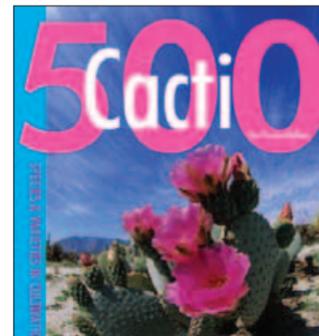
300 FROGS

Covering some 300 species and subspecies of frogs and toads, this book is an invaluable reference to a remarkable group of amphibians. Each species profile describes key aspects of form, natural history and distribution, and is illustrated with stunning photographs. With many frog and toad populations in decline, *300 Frogs* is a timely reminder of the hidden world of these unique animals.



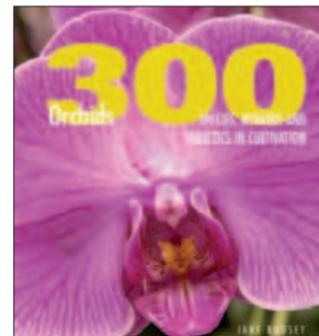
500 BUTTERFLIES

Illustrated throughout with colour photographs of butterflies in their natural habitat, *500 Butterflies* brings to the reader a unique collection of this beautiful group of insects. Species are arranged alphabetically by genus and species within family groups for ease of reference. Each entry includes a detailed data panel, covering facts such as wingspan, flight period, larval food plant and distribution.



500 CACTI

A one-per-page selection of the most popular and most beautiful cacti, presented alphabetically by genus and species. The text includes advice on cacti keeping, as well as all the key information on size, feeding, spination, temperature, flower and flowering time, and details of the distribution for each species.



300 ORCHIDS

300 Orchids provides the non-expert with the perfect introduction to orchids in all their amazing diversity. The book describes species, hybrids and varieties of orchids from all corners of the globe, including hints on cultivation. It is illustrated throughout with stunning photographs revealing the full beauty of this fascinating group of plants.

ALL BOOKS: 160 x 150 mm (6¼ x 5¾ in), 528 pp., 150,000 words

Over 500 colour photographs. Glossary, index