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Synopsis

Twenty thousand copies of the first edition of GalÃƒÂ¡pagos were sold. An attractive and comprehensive guidebook, this work has been completely revised and updated by the author. The reader will find an easy-to-use text which details the natural history of the plants and animals found in the GalÃƒÂ¡pagos Islands. Management and conservation of the GalÃƒÂ¡pagos National Park is discussed, and visitor information and notes about the various tourist sites are given. An index and checklist of plants and animals with page references and a glossary of technical terms are provided. New photographs have been added.

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Customer Reviews

All trips to the Galapagos are with trained guides, and if you are lucky you'll go with one of the really experienced ones. No matter who you are with, this is a great book to look through before going and to take with you. The text reinforces the amazing stories you'll hear about the landscapes, plants and animals you'll see and the photos and other illustrations are good. The checklist in the back of the book is fun to use as well.The other books I enjoyed were Terrestrial Life of Galapagos and Marine Life of Galapagos (available in Ecuador/at the National Park store in Puerto Ayora) and The

Beak of the Finch. The wildlife of the Galapagos book wasn't used.

Used it on a 9 day trip to the Galapagos and loved being able to read about the animals and plants we were seeing. Well written and very readable for the lay audience. It's older, so some information is out of date.

interesting..helpfuli read this before and after i went to the galapagos

This is the best single vade mecum for a trip to the Galapagos. It provides a geographic, historical, scientific overview, along with chapter-by-chapter descriptions of plant and animal life. It includes some excellent illustrations, though it is not a substitute for a field guide. On the other hand, a field guide does not provide the clear, concise ethological descriptions found in this book. The book also includes some helpful charts on species origins, adaptive radiations, and species distributions, among other things, and has some lovely photos (though for Galapagos photography, the work of Tui de Roy is the gold standard and a must).Jackson was my first book on the Galapagos (aside from the chapter in Voyage of the Beagle) and it led me into a sense of wonder, gratitude, and responsibility for a unique place that our species must work hard to deserve and preserve, given how we have treated it in the past.

Overall, it's quite complete with land formation and history of the island, good descriptions of wild life and some suggestions for what to see where. It was disappointing to not have better maps to concretely illustrate where wild life is found.

Gracious! What I hadn't known about the Galapagos was certainly expanded in this book. By detailing all the islands in a manner of exploration will certainly add to my enjoyment of the trip.

Book is written with a lot of technical scientific detail, which I expected and liked. Big complaint though is very few of the pictures were in color, which is kind of important when identifying flora and fauna.

This book arrived just a few days after the order! Very good condition as per description. I am ver happy eith the book . Thanks

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