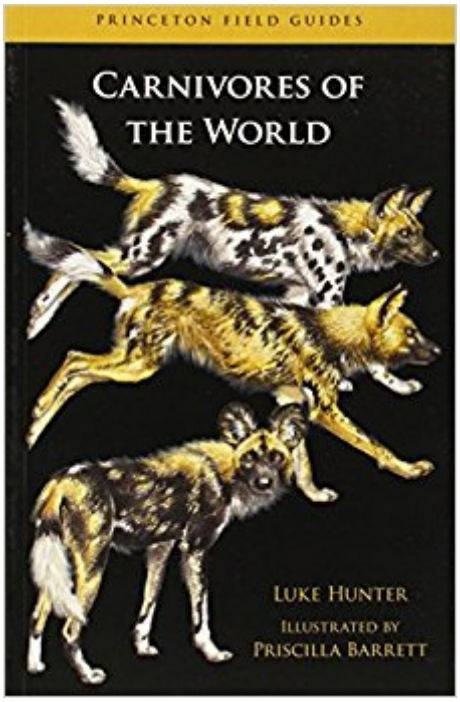
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Carnivores Of The World (Princeton Field Guides)



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Carnivores are among the most spectacular creatures in the natural world, and also the most feared. Carnivores of the World is the first comprehensive field guide to all 245 terrestrial species of true carnivores, from the majestic polar bear and predatory wild cats to the tiny least weasel. This user-friendly illustrated guide features 86 color plates by acclaimed wildlife artist Priscilla Barrett that depict every species and numerous subspecies, as well as about 400 line drawings of skulls and footprints. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features, distribution and habitat, feeding ecology, behavior, social patterns, reproduction and demography, status, threats, lifespan, and mortality. Carnivores of the World includes an introduction that provides a concise overview of taxonomy, conservation, and the distinct families within the order Carnivora.Covers all 245 terrestrial species of true carnivores Includes 86 color plates by acclaimed wildlife artist Priscilla Barrett Features detailed species accounts and hundreds of line drawings The first field guide of its kind

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"I was consistently impressed with the style, editing, content, quality and up-to-dateness of the book. It is a world first and a truly impressive, comprehensive and highly attractive volume. Everybody interested in carnivorans will want to obtain a copy and I cannot recommend it highly enough. Outstanding."--Darren Naish, Tetrapod Zoology blog at Scientific American"Carnivores of

the World is a comprehensive field guide to all 245 species of terrestrial carnivores--everything from tiny least weasels to gigantic polar bears. Though few will use this book as an actual field guide, it is packed with the natural history of each species. You'll learn of carnivores you've never heard of (servals, caracals and genets) as well as those that are more familiar (lions, tigers and bears). And each species account is filled with details including information on diet, behavior and reproduction."--Scott Shalaway, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette"The thing that makes this book a 'must' is . . . its two-page/subject organization. Choose your carnivore and then turn to that page--the data is on your left and the image is on the right. It's just that simple. So, who would want a book like this? Well, certainly sportsman. . . . Kids would love it too. (What youngster wouldn't get a kick out of looking up the Palawan Stink Badger or studying a Grizzly skull?) It would make for an ideal field guide for birders, lepidopterists, guides, campers, backyard birders ('What on earth was that thing?') fresh water fishermen, farmers."--Alan Speakman, Ebirdseed.com"One of the coolest books I've ever seen."--Greg Laden's Science Blog"A huge undertaking designed to present the current state of knowledge about each of these species, including some exceedingly rare ones."--Library Journal"Spectacular full-color illustrations by Barrett (Mammals of Europe), sometimes showing customary behaviors or including depictions of cubs, accompany each entry and beautifully clarify textual descriptions. . . . Currently the most up-to-date subject guide available."--Library Journal"This title could easily be used as a standalone reference for specialists and academics in the fields of biology and conservation. General audiences and students will also enjoy it for its beautiful illustrations and accessible species accounts."--Charles Leck, American Reference Books Annual"Biologist Hunter has produced a beautifully illustrated, concise guide to all 245 terrestrial carnivores."--Choice"The book is packed with information about carnivores and is a worthy addition to anyone's bookshelf. Highly recommended!"--Timothy McDougald, Afarensis blog"Whether its user is a scientist doing field research, a traveler studying wildlife in various lands, a biology teacher preparing a lesson, a student doing a project, or just a person interested in carnivores, this book is an outstanding resource. Going well beyond what most would expect in a field guide, it has a depth of information that one might expect to find only after examining numerous sources. Having it all in one concise, one-stop volume gives it a broad appeal."--Richard Lord, American Biology Teacher"Most people know what a cheetah, wild dog, or puma looks like, but what about a Malay weasel, lesser grison, cacomistle, or Owston's civet? Look here for carefully drawn plates, drawings of skulls and tracks, and succinct, helpful species accounts."--Conservation Biology"This is a book that belongs on the shelves of scientists, students, and naturalists as well as being something anyone interested in nature would enjoy paging through to learn about these highly adapted

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"I don't know of a concise global summary of carnivores like this. The illustrations cover a wide range of forms from all over the world, including many that are rarely photographed or preserved in museums."--Roland W. Kays, coauthor of Mammals of North America

All and all this is a very nice book, beautifully illustrated, including sections in the back with line drawings of skulls and foot prints of most species (but not all). However, there are a couple of real shortcomings in my opinion. First is the lack of any maps. The introduction says ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“newly produced maps for every species are availableÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• online at the Panthera website. Checking the address given online, six years after the publication date (2011) the maps are no longer available (2017). Even if the maps were available online, it is just not practical to put down the book and look up a map online (assuming you have internet access, or are not in the field), especially if you are just browsing through the accounts and want to know where a species is found. Second, it is understandable that whales and dolphins are not included in the volume, however it is unfortunate that Pinnipeds are not covered: Walruses (Odobenidae), Seals and Sea Lions (Otariidae and Phocidae). Also not included are the carnivorous marsupials of Australia, New Guinea, and Tasmania like Quolls (Dasyurus) and Tasmanian devils (Sarcophilus harrisii). Still it is a pretty nice book in spite of these limitations.

If you like carnivores and the field guide format you'll love this book. Illustrations are larger than usual for books of this type and very well done. Appendix of fine line drawings of skulls is also a nice

touch.

It is a good book with information on all carnivore species you find today, what I really don't like is the information it has about the maximun size of African Lions, Tigers and Jaguars, it says that the maximun head and body length of African Lions is 250 cm when the truth is that they grow up to 210 cm long the only felines that were so huge were the largest of all cats the extints males of Panthera Atrox, it says that the largest Tigers have a head and body length of 300 cm that size is larger than the largest Bears (Polar Bears and kodiak bears) when the truth is that the largest ones grow up to 220 cm long and it says that the largest Jaguars have a head and body length up to 219 cm when the truth is that the largest of them all measured 182 cm long. Dr. Luke Hunter is the President of Panthera he has contact with many Biologist working with him all over the world that could give him better information of this cats, that is what I was expecting in this book.

I was so excited when I saw this book had come out that I just had to buy it right away! The plates are beautiful and many species have multiple illustrations showing different subspecies and variant forms. I really appreciated the coverage of poorly-known species, and I liked the inclusion of the skull and track illustrations in the back on the book (I think the tracks may come in handy for field identification in the future).Overall I found this book just delightful. A must-have for anyone who appreciates the beauty and diversity of little-known terrestrial mammals!I sincerely hope that there are more books like this one in the works covering the other groups of mammals!

This book is well worth the money & a wonderful addition to any wildlife lover's library! This book focuses on major land carnivores including many smaller animals like civets & weasels in addition to Canids, Felids & Ursids. Each animal is accompanied by beautiful full color illustration that portrays them realistically; some species even had small extra black and white illustrations as well as other color phase variations like melanistic animals - much to my delight! Also a surprising plus was skull & footprint illustrations for each animal in the back of the book. The book is also small and compact enough for those trips to the zoo , museum or wildlife/nature park for quick easy reference. =]

An informative, multi-purpose coffee-table book X field guide. As you can see from the photo I've uploaded, it has lovely illustrations. The text presents a host of interesting facts and introduces you to fascinating and little-known species. It could have been improved, however, by the addition of range maps, although distribution is given in general terms.This book will appeal to a variety of

readers.

Incredible book, as you can expect from Princeton Field Guides

This is a great field guide for anyone interested in carnivores! I was impressed by the color pictures, information, format and the species covered. Information includes size, color (and color variations), distribution and habitat, feeding ecology, social and spatial behavior, reproduction and demography, lifespan and mortality, status and threats and skull and track diagrams. Even includes rare species such as the Bay Cat and Dhole and subspecies and types of certain species. I am very happy with this book.

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