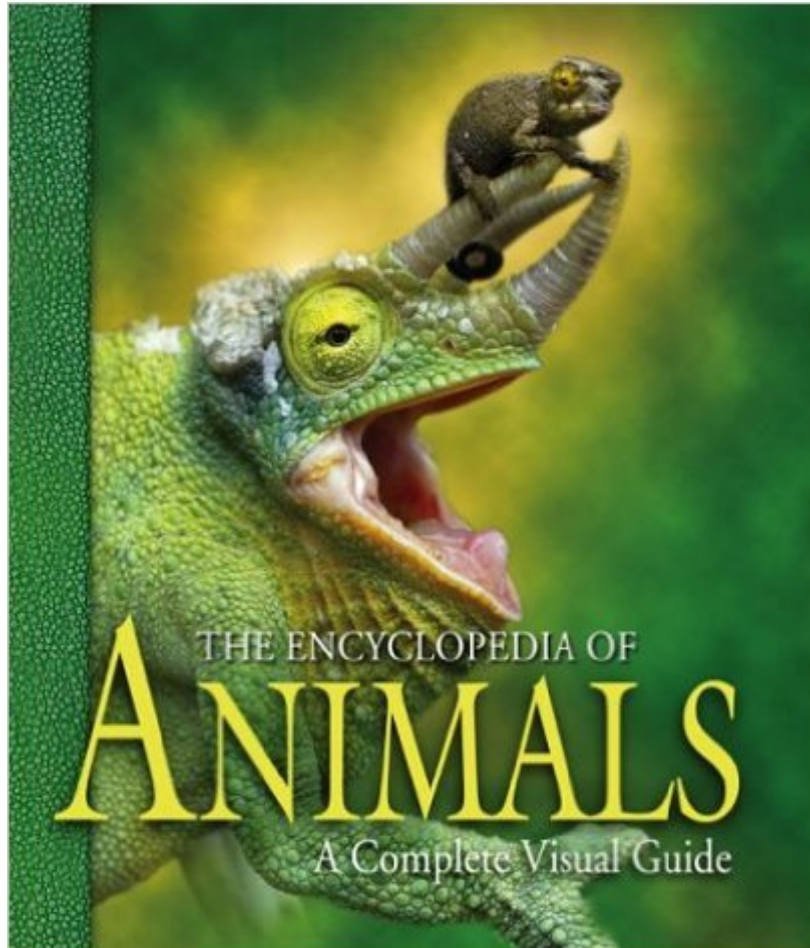


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# The Encyclopedia Of Animals: A Complete Visual Guide



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The Encyclopedia of Animals is a lavishly illustrated, authoritative, and comprehensive exploration of the rich and intriguing world of animals. Written by an international team of specialists, spectacularly adorned with a gallery of more than 2,000 color illustrations, and supplemented with distribution maps, detailed and beautifully rendered diagrams, and some of the world's finest wildlife photographs, this volume will become the standard by which all others are measured. Each page is expertly laid out to enhance either browsing or in-depth study. Readers will find detailed coverage of all sorts of animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates. The Encyclopedia includes an introductory overview of animal evolution, biology, behavior, classification, habitats, and current conservation issues. An extensive encyclopedic survey of the animals follows, with special attention given to endangered and vulnerable species. All information is completely up-to-date, with the most recent scientific and conservation data. Elegant graphics put a broad selection of information at readers' fingertips, including classification information, scientific and common names, distribution maps for all animal groups, conservation panels that focus on threatened species, accurate and detailed anatomical drawings, and illustrations of multiple species. Each section is color coded for easy identification of animal groups. Feature pages explore topics of particular interest and provide insights into animal behavior. With its expansive scope, richly detailed information, and inviting design, this will be the ideal reference for a broad range of uses.\*

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## Customer Reviews

Animals, birds, insects, fishes and reptiles have always fascinated people. This book provides as comprehensive a guide as it is reasonably possible to do on such a broad subject in a single book. There are plenty of photographs and drawings to support the text. All of it is well laid out and easy to read. The overview at the beginning of the book makes clear that the co-authors believe in Darwin's theory of evolution, acknowledging the alternative theory of creation but being somewhat dismissive of it. This overview also covers biology, habitat and endangered species as well as evolution. Anybody wishing to read it from cover to cover faces a daunting (albeit very enjoyable) prospect - however, the book is structured in such a way that you can dip into the book for the information you want and usually find it easily (though I wonder how many people would know to look for rabbits under their group name lagomorphs), with separate sections for each main category of creature and each section sub-divided appropriately. Understandably, the biggest main section is devoted to mammals. Here you will find six pages devoted to the dog family, ten to the cat family and three to horses and related species. Obviously, a book like this can never offer much more than an appreciation of the diversity of life on our planet, but in this it does an excellent job. The pictures should appeal to people of all ages including even small children, thus helping to interest them in the subject. The text is not too technical so all readers can expand their knowledge via this book. Of course, you can explore the natural world in greater detail by collecting books devoted to birds, butterflies, cats, dogs, horses, fishes or whatever appeals to you, but for such a wide-ranging book about animal life, this is as good as any I've seen.

This is a detailed book on every kind of animal (small lizards to elephants, lots of birds.) With a lot of pictures and selective paraphrasing from a few captions, it would entertain a four-year-old, yet there's enough detail a high school kid could use it for term papers. Great bargain. Big, beautiful, dense book.

We got this book when my daughter was between 2 and 2.5, and it quickly became one of her favorites. It is loaded with full color photos that kids love (although most pictures are color illustrations), and encourages them to learn their animals. She knows animals my 13 year old sister

never even heard of. This isn't even a children's book. It is a real encyclopedia with real facts about the animals. I have a couple of complaints, though: 1) it is not as complete as I would like (I've noticed it's missing quite a few animals) and 2) it does not give all of the same info for all of the animals. Some are much more complete than others, and it doesn't much allow for comparisons. However, this seems to be the best animal encyclopedia out there, and we definitely enjoy it.

The editorial collaboration of George McKay, Fred Cooke, Stephen Hutchinson, Richard Vogt, and Hug Dingle, *The Encyclopedia Of Animals: A Complete Visual Guide* is an amazing scientific reference and "user friendly" resource for zoology students and non-specialist general readers. Full-color photographs and illustrations on every single page add a compelling touch to this amazing survey of virtually of the animal kingdom, featuring geographic distribution, habitat and feeding, distinctive traits, life cycle and more of all the myriad types of beasts known to man. The text is scientific and matter-of-fact in presenting information, yet written to be accessible to lay readers. Of especial note are the realistic artist's depictions of myriad species variations for different birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, etc. in order to render their different appearances crystal clear. An absolute "must-have" for private or library zoology reference shelves.

What a fantastic tome, all five pounds of it. Pages are packed with illustrated information in full color. The kids beg to look over the book, and ask for more information from the highlights. In addition, they're learning geography, as each page shows a world map with the habitat range. Thirty years ago, a book of this caliber would have cost hundreds of dollars. Thank goodness that the world economy supports lower prices now.

I purchased this encyclopedia along with two different ones. This one is for my oldest daughter. She was disappointed that the majority of this book is drawings rather than photographs. The other two we purchased are 99% photographs. I do like that this book is hard back, extremely thorough and gives the scientific/Latin names for each of the animals. For elementary and middle grader learners I would recommend "Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia" by DK...I like the format a lot better and the photographs are crisp and stunning!

8 lbs of Book Here. Great dust jacket and construction. This attractive large book is filled with gorgeous pictures of every animal, bird, bug, fish and... in their various habitats and also shows us their location on the globe. An encyclopedia lists as many entries as possible in the most organized

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This is an absolutely beautiful book with great close up drawings and mostly photos. There are many facts in this book also. Big coffee table book. If you love animals this will be of interest to you.

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