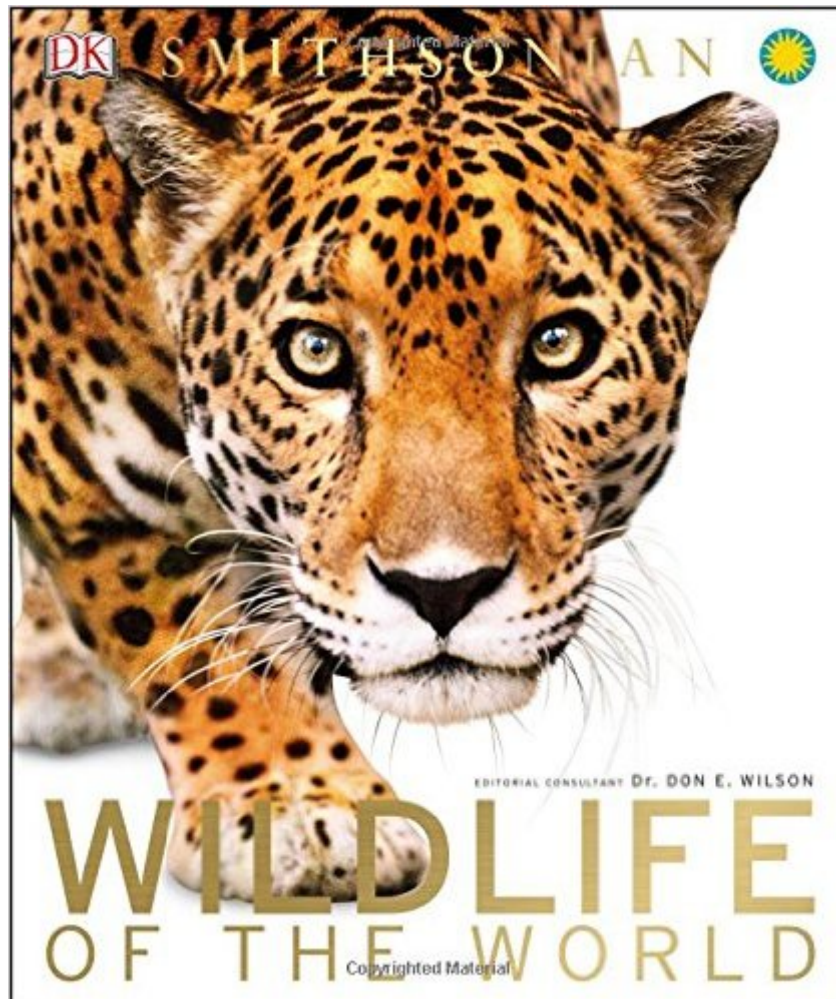


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# Wildlife Of The World (Dk Smithsonian)



## Synopsis

Wildlife of the World takes you on a journey through some of the most scenic and rich animal habitats — from the rain forests to the Himalayas, the Sahara to the South Pole — meeting the most important animals in each ecosystem along the way. In Wildlife of the World truly spectacular portrait-style photography brings you "face-to-face" with individual animals in up-close and engrossing profiles on how the animals interact with their environments, mate, survive, and even play. From the shaggy musk ox foraging in the Canadian high arctic to the angered Scottish wildcat prowling the Highlands to the rock-climbing gelada monkey of Ethiopia, each animal featured in Wildlife of the World plays a key role in its environment. An additional eighty-page illustrated reference section on the animal kingdom explains the animal groups and profiles additional species. Produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution.

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I'm an ecologist and I love this book. It was worth every penny and that is coming from a cheapskate!  The book has: 1. 480 pages 2. Large vivid pictures 3. Intriguing writing 4. amazing colorful maps 5. Cool ecology facts 5. Hundreds of amazing animal species and descriptions Conclusion : best animal book I've ever read!

The book is one of the best wildlife books i have browsed lately. Great photos, good graphics and

an easy organization. I have been so attracted to the book, that I have begin a project to read it from cover to cover. My children and grand children will enjoy it for years to come.

This book is impressive by the quantity and quality of the information within the pages. The information in this book is divided into eight sections: Animal habitats: forest, grasslands, extreme environments, aquatic environments. North America: peaks and prairies, Canadian arctic, Yellowstone, central great plains, Sierra Nevada, Mojave desert, Florida Everglades. Central and South America: land of the jaguar, Costa Rican rainforest, Andean Yungas, rainforests, the Pantanal, Andean altiplano, Argentine pampas, Galapagos islands. Europe: plains and peninsulas, Norwegian fjords, Scottish highlands, the Camargue, Tagus valley, the Alps, Bavarian forest. Africa: a sunbaked land, Ethiopian highlands, great rift valley lakes, Serengeti savannas, Congo basin, Okavango delta, Kalahari desert, Madagascan dry forest. Asia: land of extremes, Arabian highlands, Terai-Duar savannas, Eastern Himalayas, upper Yangtze forests, Gobi desert, Nihonkai Montane forests, Bornean rainforests, Sulu-Sulawesi seas. Australasia: the red continent, New Guinea Montane forest, North Australia savannas, great Sandy-Tanami desert, East Australian forests, great barrier reef, New Zealand mixed forests. Antarctica: land of ice and snow, southern ocean islands, Antarctic peninsula. Already I have plenty of use for this book. The Olympics being in Rio this summer I will discover the animals of the rainforest with the kids. I also plan to use this book next year for our Oceania unit with our homeschool coop. I will also direct our readings toward the China habitats since we covered this region as part of our coop last year. The pages are packed with stunning photos and informative data on the animals found throughout the world. The fact that it is divided into regions of the world is interesting because you can tie the reading of the pages with your study in geography. It is always nice to have a book that is a bit different than other ones you might have and this book is definitively unique by the fact that the information is classified based on a specific habitat found somewhere on a specific continent. I really think this is a great book to own in your personal library.

Lovely reference guide but more like an encyclopedia than a picture book. I was hoping for some gorgeous full-page animal photos, but most photos were small vignettes with lots of writing next to them.

In a time of increasing environmental issues that threaten to plague and destroy the natural world around us, books about biodiversity are more important now than ever before. While the age of the

Internet has radically changed the face of education, I still find reference books such as these to be vital resources as well as enjoyable treasures that can outlast any power-outage or computer virus. Dorling Kindersley has made a name for themselves in producing quality reference books with gorgeous HD photography and easy-to-comprehend text, and 'Wildlife of the World' is no exception. This book is almost filled to the brim with expert wildlife photography and vital data regarding the species it covers. And there is a good coverage of wildlife here: the book organizes over 400 species into several distinct wildlife realms, scattered across all the continents (and even a few seas). Mammals feature very prominently, but other forms of animal life fair well. Some photographs are just so incredibly detailed that you feel as though you're watching the animal in front of you. Notable favorites of mine are the turkey vulture (pg. 57), silky anteater (86), gharial (265), and European bee-eaters (150-151), to name a few. The text itself is very good and manages to do each species justice by providing fascinating information regarding behavior, anatomy, and conservation issues. A few cons though. There is an extensive 80-page section at the end called 'The Animal Kingdom' that, while providing the reader with a decent overview of animal classification and diversity, feels more like an afterthought - where several species that could have featured in the continental chapters were just left out for space reasons and there is nothing to help readers understand what differentiates the various biological orders from each other. Some of the pages reek of white-space and while this may have been an aesthetic choice on the part of the designers, some of that space could've been filled with more (or larger) photos or perhaps more information. And lastly, while this may seem like nitpicking, as a amateur naturalist I have noticed several factual errors scattered about the pages. To list only a few: several species have invalid taxonomic names (e.g. the Arctic fox, snowy owl, American bullfrog, lesser flamingo), some of the information has proven to be erroneous or outdated thanks to new information (e.g. cheetahs do not overheat after runs & the white rhinoceros' name is most likely not due to the corruption of the Dutch word for 'wide'), and a few photographs probably do not truly show the species as labeled (in a few recent DK books there is a photograph of a Nile crocodile that is perpetuated to be an American alligator). For these I have had to remove one star. All-in-all, despite these concerns, this is an incredible and beautiful book. I have found myself spending hours on it already, so any reader may find themselves in the same boat. I highly recommend.

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