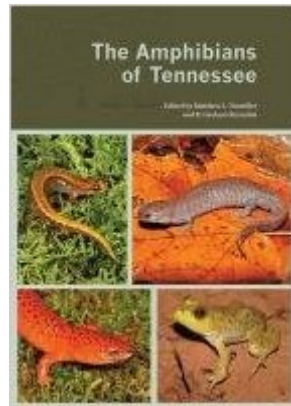


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The Amphibians Of Tennessee



Synopsis

Brimming with color photographs and reflecting the latest scientific research, this book is the definitive guide to the rich diversity of frogs and salamanders found throughout Tennessee. Featuring detailed accounts of all eighty of the state's species of amphibians, it will delight and inform the professional scientist and amateur naturalist alike. The species accounts form the core of the book. Each account includes the scientific and common name of the species (with etymology of the scientific name); information on size, physical appearance, and coloration of adults, juveniles, and larvae; an up-to-date GIS range map showing both county records and potential ranges; and details on similar species, habitat, natural history, conservation status, and more. High-quality photographs illustrate the life stages of the various species. Among the book's other valuable features are detailed drawings and taxonomic keys to assist with identification, as well as introductory chapters that encompass amphibian biology and conservation and the geology and habitats of Tennessee. Sprinkled throughout the book are lively personal accounts, called "Field Notes," which describe successful amphibian hunts. The only complete work of its kind for the Volunteer State and generously supported by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, *The Amphibians of Tennessee* fills a long-standing need for both a popular identification guide and an authoritative reference.

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The state of Tennessee just happens to be a major hotspot of amphibian diversity, particularly

salamanders, encompassing as it does richly varied habitats from the Great Smoky Mountains in the east, to the Cumberland Plateau and Mississippi River floodplains in the west. This new book presents a detailed account of each and every species including all the latest research on their natural history, updated taxonomy, etc. The authors' boundless enthusiasm for these somewhat obscure but fascinating and colorful creatures makes me feel like I am in good company! The photos are very beautiful, each animal being attractively photographed against the background of its natural habitat. For example, the tiger salamander pictured on page 88 shows a very attractively patterned specimen with bold yellow-on-black markings, resting on some red autumn leaves. Aside from the beauty of the composition, it somehow perfectly captures this particular species' robust, cantankerous personality, if you will. The Yonahlossee salamander, king of the woodland salamander group, large and robust, and uniquely patterned with white blotches on the sides and a brick-red stripe down the back, is shown here in all its glory with a hauntingly beautiful picture and in-depth description, as well as the stunning and enigmatic Appalachian woodland salamander group (and their mimics), and various other members of this group. Then there are the brilliant red, mud, and spring salamanders... In the frog section, the green treefrog pictured on page 274 looks so, well, green and vibrant you could almost swear that it's about to leap off the page at any moment! All the other photos are just as awesome and I could go on and on, but it would be best if you saw them for yourself!

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