The Atlas of Birds
Diversity, Behavior, and Conservation

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The Atlas of Birds captures the breathtaking diversity of bird-life around the world. This authoritative and full-color atlas features stunning maps that show where birds are found and explain their distribution, with numerous photos and illustrations that showcase the most interesting aspects of bird behavior. Conservation is highlighted throughout, backed up by the very latest findings from BirdLife International on the threats birds face today.

The Atlas of Birds looks at the astonishing variety of behavioral adaptations—from flight and feeding to nest building and song—that have enabled birds to thrive in virtually every habitat on Earth. It covers bird evolution, charts key migratory flyways around the globe, and, using regional and world maps, explores the complex relationship between birds and humans. This one-of-a-kind atlas explains the different classifications of birds—such as flightless birds, songbirds, seabirds, wildfowl, parrots, and raptors—and includes maps and case studies that illustrate where and why birds are most under threat, and what is being done to protect them.

- The premier illustrated atlas to bird diversity, behavior, and conservation
- Features full-color maps, photos, and diagrams
- Covers bird habitats, evolution, migration, and classification
- Explores the complex relationship between birds and humans
- Illustrates where and why birds are most under threat—and how to protect them

Mike Unwin is a nature writer and illustrator whose work has appeared in leading publications such as Bird Watching and Birdwatch. His many books include the RSPB Guide to Birdwatching and Southern African Wildlife: A Visitor’s Guide.
Jerry Liguori’s book takes the hawk identification guide to a whole new level. . . . The result is simply the best collection of hawk ID photos ever assembled, combined with Liguori’s clear and concise identification tips. This book is a gold mine of information for anyone interested in hawk identification.”
—David Sibley, author of The Sibley Guide to Birds

The ultimate must-have guide for identifying migrant raptors, Hawks at a Distance is the first volume to focus on distant raptors as they are truly seen in the field. Jerry Liguori, a leading expert on North American raptors, factors in new information and approaches for identifying twenty-nine species of raptor in various lighting situations and settings. The field guide’s nineteen full-color portraits, 558 color photos, and 896 black-and-white images portray shapes and plumages for each species from all angles. Useful flight identification criteria are provided and the accompanying text discusses all aspects of in-flight hawk identification, including flight style and behavior. Concentrating on features that are genuinely observable at a distance, this concise and practical field guide is ideal for any aspiring or experienced hawk enthusiast.

Jerry Liguori has been studying raptors throughout North America since 1984. He has conducted hawk migration counts at spring and fall migration sites, such as Cape May Point, Sandy Hook, Derby Hill, Braddock Bay, Whitefish Point, and Dinosaur Ridge, and the Goshute, Wasatch, and Sandia mountains. He is the author of Hawks from Every Angle (Princeton).
Frogs and Toads of the World

Chris Mattison

With nearly 6,000 species currently identified, frogs and toads are the most familiar and abundant amphibians on the planet. *Frogs and Toads of the World* is a comprehensive guide to the natural history of this large and diverse group of creatures. Stunningly illustrated throughout with 200 color photographs, this one-of-a-kind book traces the evolution and classification of frogs and toads, providing detailed information about each of the 49 unique families and highlighting distinctive and notable species. It vividly describes their remarkable diversity in shape, color, and markings; anatomy and development; life cycle; habitats; the various methods they use to attract mates and hunt for food; and the physiological and behavioral tricks they use to survive and thrive around the world.

This indispensable guide also explores frogs’ interaction with humans, from modern-day collection for the meat trade, scientific research, and the trade in exotic pets to how their survival is being threatened by habitat destruction, climate change, and disease.

Chris Mattison is a natural history writer and photographer who specializes in reptiles and amphibians. His many books include *The New Encyclopedia of Snakes* (Princeton). His photography regularly appears in books and magazines throughout the world.
The Birds of New Jersey
Status and Distribution

William J. Boyle, Jr.
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New Jersey provides some of the most varied and exciting birding in North America, and more than 450 species have been recorded in the state. Yet there has been no comprehensive and readily available guide for all these species—until now. The Birds of New Jersey is the most up-to-date and succinct field guide for the birds of New Jersey and includes all species known to the state from historical times to the present. Featuring over 200 color photos of rarities and regular species, this authoritative guide provides individual entries that include a summary of status and seasonal distribution, and comments on changes over time. Detailed color-coded maps accompany species accounts, and for species recorded five or fewer times, dates and locations of each record are noted. The introduction examines the state’s geography, the history of bird records, and background information to species accounts, and the extensive bibliography guides birders to original sources used in the book. This is the essential resource for birders, ornithologists, and nature enthusiasts interested in the birds of New Jersey and the greater surrounding region.

- Most up-to-date field guide for New Jersey and surrounding region
- Species accounts describe the preferred habitat and abundance of species
- Range maps in color detail seasonal distribution
- For migratory birds, spring and fall migration times indicated

William J. Boyle, Jr., has been birding throughout the world for more than forty years. He is the author of A Guide to Bird Finding in New Jersey.

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David L. Wagner

This lavishly illustrated field guide features more than 800 species of the most common, interesting, beautiful, and important owlet (noctuid) caterpillars found in eastern North America. More than 2,100 color photographs include numerous stunning images, and the guide’s introductory sections offer a wealth of information on noctuid natural history, morphology, larval diets, natural enemies, and classification; suggestions for finding and rearing owlet caterpillars; and much more. The 375 full-page species accounts treat similar species, range, phenology, and larval foodplants. A remarks section addresses behavior, life history, taxonomy, and a variety of other general interest topics. For full species accounts, two adult images are provided, one of a spread museum specimen and the other of a live adult: this is the first guide to comprehensively provide images of live adult moths in representative resting postures. An extensive glossary and foodplant index are also included.

- More than 800 species of eastern owlets
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- Extensive information on owlet biology, natural enemies, classification, and finding and rearing owlet caterpillars
- Includes foodplant records for each species and foodplant index

David L. Wagner is professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Connecticut. His books include Caterpillars of Eastern North America (Princeton).

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Antarctic Wildlife
A Visitor’s Guide

James Lowen

Antarctic Wildlife is the definitive identification guide to the birds and marine mammals of the Antarctic Peninsula, Drake Passage, and Beagle Channel. This easy-to-use photographic field guide enables visitors to this unique region of the world—newcomer and seasoned traveler alike—to identify with confidence the penguins, whales, seals, seabirds, and other stunning wildlife they encounter on their journey. Full-color photographs show typical views of each species of bird or marine mammal, together with the terrestrial plants likely to be seen. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features, give tips on where to look, and highlight interesting facts. This one-of-a-kind guide also includes introductory chapters that cover the wildlife of each Antarctic environment by season, as well as information on tourism and Antarctic cruising that will help visitors get the most from their trip.

Antarctic Wildlife is a must-have photographic guide for travelers taking the standard cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina, to the great white continent, and for anyone interested in the diverse wildlife found in this remote part of the world.

- Covers the wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula, Drake Passage, and Beagle Channel
- Features full-color photographs throughout
- Describes key identification features and gives tips on where to look
- Includes an introduction to Antarctic environments and information on Antarctic cruising


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Peter Goodfellow

Birds are the most consistently inventive builders, and their nests set the bar for functional design in nature. Avian Architecture describes how birds design, engineer, and build their nests, deconstructing all types of nests found around the world using architectural blueprints and detailed descriptions of the construction processes and engineering techniques birds use. This spectacularly illustrated book features 300 full-color images and more than 35 case studies that profile key species worldwide. Each chapter covers a different type of nest, from tunnel nests and mound nests to floating nests, hanging nests, woven nests, and even multiple-nest avian cities. Other kinds of avian construction—such as bowers and harvest wells—are also featured.

Avian Architecture includes intricate step-by-step sequences, visual spreads on nest-building materials and methods, and insightful commentary by a leading expert.

- Illustrates how birds around the world design, engineer, and build their nests
- Features architectural blueprints, step-by-step sequences, visual spreads on nest-building materials and methods, and expert commentary
- Includes 300 full-color images
- Covers more than 100 bird species worldwide

Peter Goodfellow is a retired English teacher and lifelong birdwatcher. His books include Birds as Builders and Birds of Britain: The Identification Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe.
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Paul Hillyard

With more than 100 different families and 40,000 individual species, spiders are among the most successful creatures on Earth. Highly adaptable, they live almost everywhere, from equatorial rainforest to Arctic tundra, and come in a huge range of shapes and sizes, from the tiny Patu digua to the immense bird-eating tarantula. In The Private Life of Spiders, spider expert Paul Hillyard takes the reader on a fascinating and richly illustrated tour of the lives of some of the world’s most remarkable spiders.

- Features spiders from a vast range of habitats around the world
- Includes more than 100 stunning color photographs
- Covers spider anatomy, behavior, reproduction, social organization, and hunting and web construction techniques

Paul Hillyard is a leading authority on spiders and a former curator at London’s Natural History Museum. His previous books include Spiders (Collins) and The Book of the Spider: From Arachnophobia to the Love of Spiders (Hutchinson).

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Mark O’Shea, curator of reptiles at West Midland Safari Park (U.K.), has participated in more than sixty fieldwork and filming exhibitions, traveling to every continent except Antarctica.

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