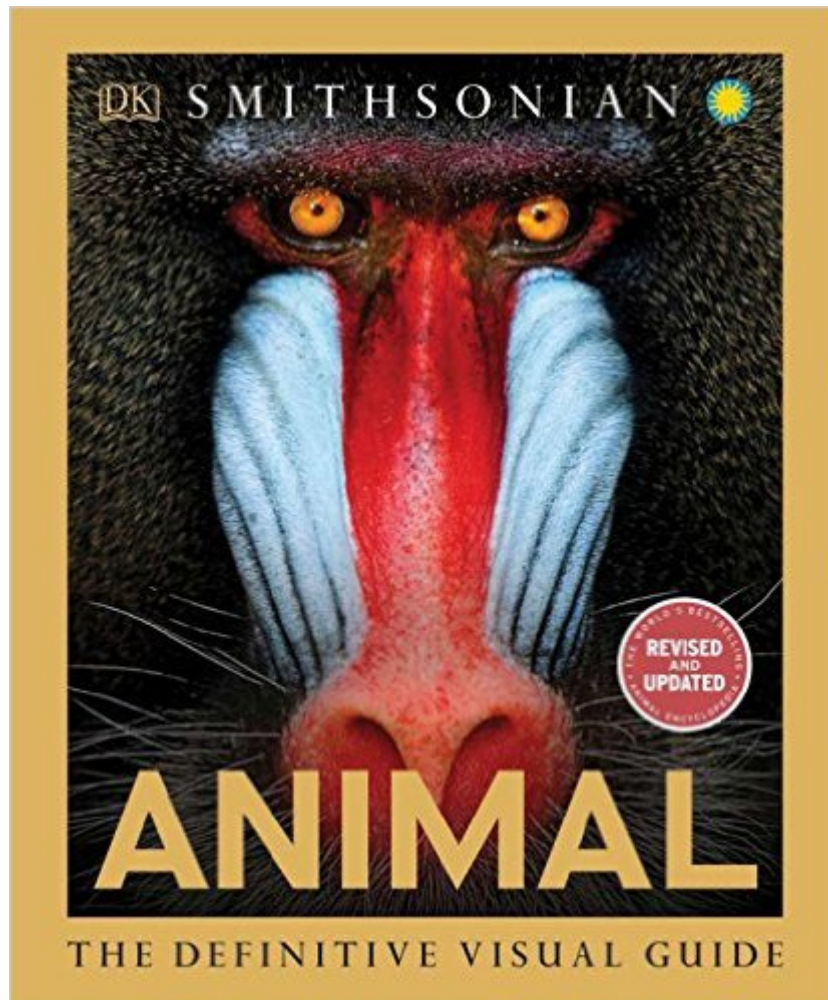


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# Animal: The Definitive Visual Guide



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The natural world is a dynamic place and our understanding of it is forever growing and changing. Since *Animal* was first published in 2001, the African elephant has been reclassified into two species, a cat-sized rat has been discovered in Papua New Guinea, the only plant-eating spider has been found in Central America, a bird-eating fanged frog has been located in Vietnam, and more than 1,250 new species of amphibians have been identified. Fully revised and updated to take into account the latest scientific discoveries and developments, more than fifty new species, and changes to the distribution, population numbers, and conservation status of many animal groups, *Animal* brings together the expertise of natural history specialists and outstanding wildlife photographers to illustrate, describe, and explain the incredible range of creatures in the animal kingdom.

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As a nature writer, I own a large collection of natural history encyclopedias. When I wrote "Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents" and wanted the natural history of a particular animal I encountered in the wild, I would comb through multiple wildlife guides. Two things stood out: 1) More often than not, I could find what I was looking for in "Animal: The Definitive Visual Guide" (the previous version of this book). 2) I was amazed how often various natural history guides disagreed on the size and weight of species. Since I had the advantage of actually observing the animals in the wild, I could judge which guide was most accurate. In most cases, I sided with

"Animal: The Definitive Visual Guide." So while I will continue to have multiple natural history encyclopedias at my side for future writing projects, if I had to choose just one, "Animal: The Definitive Visual Guide" would be the book. Marty Essen, author of *Cool Creatures*, *Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents*

DK's Animal has set the standard for future reference books which include Earth, Universe, Science, History, Prehistoric Life, Ocean, Art and Natural History, books that were published by DK and books that I own. 10 years after its first publication in 2001, this updated book gives a breathtaking and stunning visual look of our animal wildlife from huge mammals to tiny insects. With this updated version of DK's Animal one can look at the spectacular beauty of our wildlife with over 50 new species catalogued and represented. The stunning photography makes this book a must have for zoologists, animal enthusiasts and for anyone who is fascinated by our animal kingdom. This is the visual story of our animal wildlife through stunning photography and illustrated graphics that bring the breadth and bizarreness that is our wildlife.

I did hear about the size and weight of this book, but even so I'm amazed. The good - an incredible amount of animal reference in just one book - the quality of the material being the photos, the information... all - the price, I don't know how this book can cost only \$30, I showed to my mother and ask her to guess about the price... she said \$500 (she is not ill or anything, maybe she is not up to date about prices or books)... my father said \$80. They almost laughed when I said \$30. So you have... quantity (huge) & quality... for a bargain price. Not much to think about it: if you are interested in the topic, you have place in the bookshelf for this baby, and you have 30 dollars guest what? Cheers Update 20-03-2012 From all my books, this one is by far, far, far... the better in terms of price/value. What you get here for \$30 just don't have relation with the real world market.

I was desperate to find an interesting Christmas present for my 9 year old. A friend brought one into work and all of the staff were mesmerized with the content and color photographs. It is a wonderful book that reminds you the Internet can't compete with a good book in your lap with your child. I highly recommend to parents and all animal lovers.

We purchased this book for our five year old animal lover. It may seem like an odd birthday present for a five year old, but not a day has gone by that he isn't looking in this book. The book is rich with colorful pictures of countless animals. The book is separated into sections on habitats, mammals,

birds, reptiles, fishes, amphibians, and invertebrates. Each of the sections features a bounty of information from feeding to the social structure of the animals. Look in the mammal section and you will find everything from Bohor reedbuck to Marbled polecat. It is a treasure trove of information and is sure to be a favorite for years to come!

I was looking for an animal encyclopedia for my 7 year old daughter. All of the kids animal books lacked substance and were far from comprehensive. She loves this book. She is continually amazed at all the different types of a particular animal. The text help stretch her reading skills and the pictures are beautiful. The best thing is this book will last her in to high school and beyond. I would hesitate to recommend this for any one, young or otherwise.

Absolutely fantastic book about Animals, tons of photos, and a very comprehensive guide to all the animals of the world, from mammals to birds, insects, lower invertebrates, as well as other information related to the animal kingdom such as habitat, reproduction, and more. A great coffee-table book for any home and perfect gift for any animal lover or zoologist in the making.

Got this for my granddaughter for Christmas. I debated because of the price, but she wanted it really bad. Beautifully illustrated on each page in brilliant color. A nice, big book and she was sooo excited to get it.

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