

Free reading Cacti and succulents a complete guide to species cultivation and care (2023)

this book includes descriptive keys for identifying every stage of all the species of ticks reported in europe and northern africa it includes descriptive texts on the ecology and prominent features of each species together with ink illustrations and distribution maps of more than 60 species of hard and soft ticks the text for each species was prepared by specialists the illustrations were made especially for this book and the maps were compiled on the basis of more than 40 years of records this book is the first to offer keys for more than 60 species of ticks both immature and adult in the target territory it also includes supplementary information with bibliographical details for each species this book is based upon work from cost action td1303 supported by cost european cooperation in science and technology everyone uses species all human cultures whether using science or not name species species are the basic units for science from ecosystems to model organisms yet there are communication gaps between the scientists who name species called taxonomists or systematists and those who use species names everyone else this book opens the black box of species names to explain the tricks of the name makers to the name users species are real and have macroevolutionary meaning and it follows that systematists use a broadly macroevolution oriented approach in describing diversity but scientific names are used by all areas of science including many fields such as ecology that focus on timescales more dominated by microevolutionary processes this book explores why different groups of scientists understand and use the names given to species in very different ways and the consequences for measuring and understanding biodiversity key selling features explains the modern multi disciplinary approach to studying species evolution and species discovery and the role of species names in diverse fields throughout the life sciences documents the importance and urgent need for high quality taxonomic work to address today s most pressing problems summarises controversies in combining different sometimes quite different datasets used to estimate global biodiversity focusses throughout on a central theme the disconnect between the makers and the users of names and seeks to create the rhetorical foundation needed to bridge this disconnect anticipates the future of taxonomy and its role in studies of global biodiversity the first new botanically detailed survey of irises to be published for over 80 years this book can be used by scuba divers and snorkelers as a quick reference guide to help them identify and learn about the fish species they will encounter underwater the book covers many of the marine species found on the reefs around the world illustrations of fish families simplify identification underwater while general behaviour of the family and interesting facts are also listed this information includes the common family names biological family names aliases size identification general information feeding preferences and where the families occur around the world photographs of the most common of the species found when scuba diving or snorkeling are included and the fish families are categorised for easy reference hummingbirds have

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amphibians and reptiles vertebrates in aquatic ecosystems plant species and habitats this new edition of marine mammals of the world describes and illustrates newly discovered and rarely photographed species making it the most comprehensive and up to date identification guide available this edition continues to meet the research focused needs of marine biologists and conservation biologists by providing a tremendous influx of new photos taking advantage of advances in digital and auto focusing photography and the emergence of marine mammal studies and whalewatching around the world the book encompasses cetacean pinniped and sirenian species as well as extinct species and describes basic biology and taxonomic groupings of marine mammals contains superb photographs of every species of marine mammal for accurate identification authors possess nearly 80 years of collective experience with almost all of the species and distinctive geographic forms described in the guide provides the most detailed and anatomically accurate illustrations currently available including more than 750 new illustrations special emphasis is placed on the identification of species in problem groups such as the beaked whales long beaked oceanic dolphins and southern fur seals includes a detailed list of sources for more information contains updated taxonomy including four new species origin of species is a must read for christians in our secularized darwin saturated society from a factual foundation charles darwin persuasively extrapolates an erroneous explanation of life s diversity and complexity apart from god s handiwork although there s a lot darwin argues that his modern day proponents ignore christians using scripture and science should study this profoundly influential book thoroughly and cautiously from dr wilson s guide the worldview guides from the canon classics literature series provide an aesthetic and thematic christian perspective on the most definitive and daunting works of western literature each worldview guide presents the big picture both the good and the bad without neglecting the details each worldview guide is a friendly literary coach and a treasure map and a compass and a key to help teachers parents and students appreciate critique and begin to master the classics a photographic guide to the birds of indonesia is the best most comprehensive photographic guide to the birds of indonesia because of its vast size and geographical location indonesia has the world s most diverse avifauna it boasts of more than 1 600 species of which 235 rare birds are only found in indonesia making it the world s number one travel destination for bird watching this bird field guide covers a total of 912 species including most of the non migratory and endemic species that are seen only in indonesia and a number of threatened and endangered species a photograph and distribution map is given for each bird many new photographs of indonesian birds appear in this volume for the first time and have been carefully selected to show the important characteristics of each bird the concise text provide vital information and an index of common names is provided at the back of the book china is one of the largest countries in the world covering 7 of the earth s land surface and encompassing a hugely diverse range of habitats as a result it boasts a rich and diverse avifauna including some of the most spectacular and fascinating birds to be found anywhere in the world this is the first truly comprehensive taxonomically modern and fully illustrated field guide to the chinese birds over 1300 species are illustrated in 128 colour paintings and fully described in the text colour distribution maps are provided for all illustrated species the authors have both lived and worked in the

region for many years and have extensive experience of writing and illustrating bird guides this important book will be a landmark in field guide publishing the definitive full color field guide to arctic wildlife the arctic guide presents the traveler and naturalist with a portable authoritative guide to the flora and fauna of earth's northernmost region featuring superb color illustrations this one of a kind book covers the complete spectrum of wildlife more than 800 species of plants fishes butterflies birds and mammals that inhabit the arctic's polar deserts tundra taiga sea ice and oceans it can be used anywhere in the entire holarctic region including norway svalbard archipelago siberia the russian far east islands of the bering sea alaska the canadian arctic and greenland detailed species accounts describe key identification features size habitat range scientific name and the unique characteristics that enable these organisms to survive in the extreme conditions of the far north a color distribution map accompanies each species account and alternative names in german french norwegian russian inuit and inupiaq are also provided features superb color plates that allow for quick identification of more than 800 species of plants fishes butterflies birds and mammals includes detailed species accounts and color distribution maps covers the flora and fauna of the entire arctic region sharks are probably the most misunderstood animals on the planet we all still have a lot to learn about these fascinating creatures which are sadly more seriously threatened with extinction and in greater need of conservation and management action than any other major group of vertebrates we have produced this guide not just because we and so many other people love sharks it is also because their identification whether of living animals fishery catches or body parts sold at markets is an essential tool to support shark conservation fisheries management and international trade regulation prevent further depletion of stocks and enable their recovery the first pocket guide to all 501 shark species all species illustrated and described handy compact format with concise text a six page guide to shark teeth identification an eight page guide to the identification of the shark fins most commonly encountered in the fin trade colour plates are by marc dando from the hugely acclaimed sharks of the world a fully illustrated guide ranging from the largest terrestrial carnivore the polar bear to the tiny least weasel that can squeeze through a wedding ring the true carnivores include some of the world's most charismatic admired feared and spectacular creatures this new edition of luke hunter's comprehensive guide profiles all of the world's terrestrial carnivore species thoroughly updated throughout and covering recently described species a detailed account describes each species key identification characteristics distribution and habitat behaviour feeding ecology social patterns life history statistics conservation and the latest on classification the new edition also includes accurate distribution maps for each species colour plates by top wildlife artist priscilla barrett depict each species with subspecies colour variations and behavioural vignettes for many there are also detailed line drawings of more than 230 skulls and 110 footprints the definitive identification guide to the sharks of the world the shark is undeniably the lord of the seas having existed unchanged for 350 million years not only is it the biggest of fish it is also the best equipped for hunting down and destroying its prey it is capable of living in all waters shallow or deep tropical or temperate fresh or salt and unlike most animals it has no natural predators apart from

the killer whale set to become a classic natural history title collins field guide to sharks describes and illustrates the world s 530 species of shark shark families are grouped together and for each individual species there is detailed identification information and original colour illustration and a distribution map showing where in the world that species can be found covering all aspects of these extraordinary creatures from their behaviour breeding feeding and ecology right through to the impact of humans on sharks throughout the world this is one of the most important shark books ever written this handy guidebook highlights the most important morphological features relevant to the recognition and identification of virtually every currently cultivated species of rhododendron the more than seven hundred photographs in the volume present detailed illustrations of every aspect of the plants accompanied by succinct descriptions of such characteristics as flower color height and leaf characteristics which are crucial aids to identification when rhododendrons are not in bloom fully up to date pocket guide to rhododendron species is certain to become the standard field guide to these flowers the amazon and orinoco basins in northern south america are home to the highest concentration of freshwater fish species on earth with more than 3 000 species allotted to 564 genera amazonian fishes include piranhas electric eels freshwater stingrays a myriad of beautiful small bodied tetras and catfishes and the largest scaled freshwater fish in the world the pirarucu field guide to the fishes of the amazon orinoco and guianas provides descriptions and identification keys for all the known genera of fishes that inhabit greater amazonia a vast and still mostly remote region of tropical rainforests seasonally flooded savannas and meandering lowland rivers the guide s contributors include more than fifty expert scientists they summarize the current state of knowledge on the taxonomy species richness and ecology of these fish groups and provide references to relevant literature for species level identifications this richly illustrated guide contains 700 detailed drawings 190 color photos and 500 distribution maps which cover all genera an extensive and illustrated glossary helps readers with the identification keys the first complete overview of the fish diversity in the amazon orinoco and guianas this comprehensive guide is essential for anyone interested in the freshwater life inhabiting this part of the world first complete overview of the fish diversity in the amazon and orinoco basins contributors include more than fifty experts identification keys and distribution maps for all genera 190 stunning color photos 700 detailed line drawings extensive and illustrated glossary this guide is a tool for identifying the major resource groups likely to be encountered in the fisheries of namibia the introduction outlines the geographical environmental and ecological factors influencing fisheries and the basic components of the fisheries of namibia each resource group includes general remarks an introduction to the technical terms and measurements pertinent to that group and a guide to species likely to be encountered in fisheries each species account provides scientific nomenclature fao common names sizes notes on fisheries habitat and biology diagnostic features and illustrations a pictorial index and some colour photographs of fishes caught mostly by trawl are included these seeds will captivate you whether you re a gardener or not the washington post a sumptuous guide to 600 of the world s weirdest and most beautiful species from the black seed with hair like donald trump to pinhead sized orchid seeds the guardian the book drives

home the incredible botanical wealth that is found on our precious blue planet the english garden true time capsules of life seeds are significant items of hope and promise they are the most complex organs plants ever produce and come in an enormously diverse range of shapes sizes and colours from the impressive coco de mer nut to the microscopic seeds of an orchid to the extraordinary cobalt blue of the traveller s palm pit seeds are often overshadowed by the adult plant s size and show here 600 seeds are spotlighted each given equal attention each shown as glorious photographs life size and in detail alongside an engraving of the parent plant every profile includes a population distribution map a table of essential information and a commentary revealing notable characteristics related species and a diagnosis of the specimen s importance in terms of taxonomy rarity dispersal method and scientific significance arranged taxonomically this essential reference reveals the variety and importance of seeds to an extent never seen before for millennia humans have regarded snakes with an exceptional combination of fascination and revulsion some people recoil in fear at the very suggestion of these creatures while others happily keep them as pets snakes can convey both beauty and menace in a single tongue flick and so these creatures have held a special place in our cultures yet for as many meanings that we attribute to snakes from fertility and birth to sin and death the real life species represent an even wider array of wonders the book of snakes presents 600 species of snakes from around the world covering nearly one in six of all snake species it will bring greater understanding of a group of reptiles that have existed for more than 160 million years and that now inhabit every continent except antarctica as well as two of the great oceans this volume pairs spectacular photos with easy to digest text it is the first book on these creatures that combines a broad worldwide sample with full color life size accounts entries include close ups of the snake s head and a section of the snake at actual size the detailed images allow readers to examine the intricate scale patterns and rainbow of colors as well as special features like a cobra s hood or a rattlesnake s rattle the text is written for laypeople and includes a glossary of frequently used terms herpetologists and herpetoculturists alike will delight in this collection and even those with a more cautious stance on snakes will find themselves drawn in by the wild diversity of the suborder serpentes fish facts presents fundamental scientific and market data concerning the most commercially important fish and shellfish in north america in an easy to use clear and concise format the basic biological facts of north america s marine and freshwater fishes have been combined with current market and statistical information to provide the reader with a portrait of the various species that comprise one of our most valuable and renewable resource industries this is the first time that the major commercial species have been matched with their approved market names as designated in the fish list the united states food and drug administration s guide to acceptable market names while many books provide identification under one or two names fish facts supplies the market name scientific designation and many common names and aliases along with major international recognitions so mistaken identifications will be minimized common confusions in terminology and species identification have been isolated so that readers know what to look for identification is also enhanced by the use of illustrations included are the basic facts on habitat fishing methods life cycles and growth present and potential utilization landings

information and average annual prices to fishermen important facts and subjects of particular commercial or biological interest have been highlighted marine finfish freshwater fish and shellfish are each presented in alphabetical order according to their recognized market names all species are indexed by market name common names scientific designation and their most commonly used aliases think of deer and the image that pops into most american s minds is that of a white tailed deer the most common large mammal in north america most europeans are more familiar with red deer it may surprise many people to know that there are actually about 50 species of deer found throughout the world here readers will find nontechnical expert information about the wide range of diverse deer species did you know that elk and caribou are deer or that the earliest fossils of deer are 15 to 20 million years old have you ever wondered whether deer swim play or see color how do deer avoid predators and survive the winter do deer make good pets or carry contagious diseases george a feldhamer and william j mcshea answer these and other intriguing questions about members of the deer family cervidae from the diminutive pudu of south america that weighs 17 pounds to male moose that weigh close to 2 000 pounds feldhamer and mcshea explore the biology evolution ecology feeding habits reproduction and behavior of deer they chronicle the relationships between humans and deer both positive and negative and discuss the challenges of deer conservation and management with vivid color photographs and an accessible and engaging question and answer format this easy to read book is the go to resource on deer nature lovers hunters and anyone curious about deer will find this fact filled book both fascinating and full of surprises an field guide to 350 species with more than 1000 full color illustrations why are homo sapiens a suicidal species why do people bring innocent children into this violent overpopulated world why do people ignore the mounting evidence of environmental collapse why is humanity courting its own extinction in addressing these questions field guide to a new species identifies two species of humanhomo sapiens which have been around for the last seventy thousand years or so and homo veritas which are just evolving into being the guide also explores two intermediate types rebels and seekers thus delineating four categories of human beings each in its own place on the evolutionary path to consciousness the guide investigates how trauma and truth affect the behavior attitudes and sustainability of eachand in so doing provides the reader a self reflective tool for personal evolution the 89 species of the order cetacea are some of the most diverse intelligent and elusive animals on the planet highly migratory they live beneath remote skies thousands of miles away from land the huge distances they cover and the depths they dive mean we catch only the merest glimpse of their lives technological advances have however increased our understanding and for the first time whales dolphins and porpoises gathers together all the most interesting new research to offer detailed profiles of each species alongside the information needed to identify them this title combines highlights from the latest scholarly studies of the nature and behaviour of the worlds whales dolphins and porpoises with a hardworking field guide for use in observing these animals in the wild a comprehensive field guide to over 950 bird species in southertn africa this is the first comprehensive field guide in southern africa that gives information on food and breeding strategies included too are the meaning of scientisfic names etymology and colloquail names in 13 languages

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What Species Mean 2018-10-29 everyone uses species. All human cultures, whether using science or not, name species. Species are the basic units for science, from ecosystems to model organisms, yet there are communication gaps between the scientists who name species, called taxonomists or systematists, and those who use species names. Everyone else. This book opens the black box of species names to explain the tricks of the name makers to the name users. Species are real and have macroevolutionary meaning, and it follows that systematists use a broadly macroevolution-oriented approach in describing diversity, but scientific names are used by all areas of science, including many fields such as ecology that focus on timescales more dominated by microevolutionary processes. This book explores why different groups of scientists understand and use the names given to species in very different ways and the consequences for measuring and understanding biodiversity. Key selling features explain the modern multi-disciplinary approach to studying species evolution and species discovery and the role of species names in diverse fields throughout the life sciences. Documents the importance and urgent need for high-quality taxonomic work to address today's most pressing problems, summarises controversies in combining different, sometimes quite different, datasets used to estimate global biodiversity, focusses throughout on a central theme: the disconnect between the makers and the users of names, and seeks to create the rhetorical foundation needed to bridge this disconnect. Anticipates the future of taxonomy and its role in studies of global biodiversity.

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Parrots 2010-07-30 an illustrated handbook of common fishes of north america

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Marine Mammals of the World 2015-07-28 a photographic guide to the birds of indonesia is the best most comprehensive photographic guide to the birds of indonesia because of its vast size and geographical location indonesia has the world s most diverse avifauna it boasts of more than 1 600 species of which 235 rare birds are only found in indonesia making it the world s number one travel destination for bird watching this bird field guide covers a total of 912 species including most of the non migratory and endemic species that are seen only in

indonesia and a number of threatened and endangered species a photograph and distribution map is given for each bird many new photographs of indonesian birds appear in this volume for the first time and have been carefully selected to show the important characteristics of each bird the concise text provide vital information and an index of common names is provided at the back of the book

Mammals, Birds, Reptiles 2001 china is one of the largest countries in the world covering 7 of the earth s land surface and encompassing a hugely diverse range of habitats as a result it boasts a rich and diverse avifauna including some of the most spectacular and fascinating birds to be found anywhere in the world this is the first truly comprehensive taxonomically modern and fully illustrated field guide to the chinese birds over 1300 species are illustrated in 128 colour paintings and fully described in the text colour distribution maps are provided for all illustrated species the authors have both lived and worked in the region for many years and have extensive experience of writing and illustrating bird guides this important book will be a landmark in field guide publishing

Origin of Species Worldview Guide 2019 the definitive full color field guide to arctic wildlife the arctic guide presents the traveler and naturalist with a portable authoritative guide to the flora and fauna of earth s northernmost region featuring superb color illustrations this one of a kind book covers the complete spectrum of wildlife more than 800 species of plants fishes butterflies birds and mammals that inhabit the arctic s polar deserts tundra taiga sea ice and oceans it can be used anywhere in the entire holarctic region including norway s svalbard archipelago siberia the russian far east islands of the bering sea alaska the canadian arctic and greenland detailed species accounts describe key identification features size habitat range scientific name and the unique characteristics that enable these organisms to survive in the extreme conditions of the far north a color distribution map accompanies each species account and alternative names in german french norwegian russian inuit and inupiaq are also provided features superb color plates that allow for quick identification of more than 800 species of plants fishes butterflies birds and mammals includes detailed species accounts and color distribution maps covers the flora and fauna of the entire arctic region

Photographic Guide to the Birds of Indonesia 2013-01-08 sharks are probably the most misunderstood animals on the planet we all still have a lot to learn about these fascinating creatures which are sadly more seriously threatened with extinction and in greater need of conservation and management action than any other major group of vertebrates we have produced this guide not just because we and so many other people love sharks it is also because their identification whether of living animals fishery catches or body parts sold at markets is an essential tool to support shark conservation fisheries management and international trade regulation prevent further depletion of stocks and enable their recovery the first pocket guide to all 501 shark species all species illustrated and described handy compact format with concise text a six page guide to shark teeth identification an eight page guide to the identification of the shark fins most commonly encountered in the fin trade colour plates are by marc dando from the hugely acclaimed sharks of the world a fully illustrated guide

A Field Guide to the Birds of China 2000-06-08 ranging from the largest terrestrial carnivore the polar bear to the tiny least weasel that can squeeze through a wedding ring the true carnivores include some of the world's most charismatic admired feared and spectacular creatures this new edition of luke hunter's comprehensive guide profiles all of the world's terrestrial carnivore species thoroughly updated throughout and covering recently described species a detailed account describes each species key identification characteristics distribution and habitat behaviour feeding ecology social patterns life history statistics conservation and the latest on classification the new edition also includes accurate distribution maps for each species colour plates by top wildlife artist priscilla barrett depict each species with subspecies colour variations and behavioural vignettes for many there are also detailed line drawings of more than 230 skulls and 110 footprints

The Arctic Guide 2016-09-06 the definitive identification guide to the sharks of the world the shark is undeniably the lord of the seas having existed unchanged for 350 million years not only is it the biggest of fish it is also the best equipped for hunting down and destroying its prey it is capable of living in all waters shallow or deep tropical or temperate fresh or salt and unlike most animals it has no natural predators apart from the killer whale set to become a classic natural history title collins field guide to sharks describes and illustrates the world's 530 species of shark shark families are grouped together and for each individual species there is detailed identification information and original colour illustration and a distribution map showing where in the world that species can be found covering all aspects of these extraordinary creatures from their behaviour breeding feeding and ecology right through to the impact of humans on sharks throughout the world this is one of the most important shark books ever written

An Illustrated Pocket Guide to the Sharks of the World 2014-06-16 this handy guidebook highlights the most important morphological features relevant to the recognition and identification of virtually every currently cultivated species of rhododendron the more than seven hundred photographs in the volume present detailed illustrations of every aspect of the plants accompanied by succinct descriptions of such characteristics as flower color height and leaf characteristics which are crucial aids to identification when rhododendrons are not in bloom fully up to date pocket guide to rhododendron species is certain to become the standard field guide to these flowers

Field Guide to Carnivores of the World, 2nd edition 2020-03-06 the amazon and orinoco basins in northern south america are home to the highest concentration of freshwater fish species on earth with more than 3 000 species allotted to 564 genera amazonian fishes include piranhas electric eels freshwater stingrays a myriad of beautiful small bodied tetras and catfishes and the largest scaled freshwater fish in the world the pirarucu field guide to the fishes of the amazon orinoco and guianas provides descriptions and identification keys for all the known genera of fishes that inhabit greater amazonia a vast and still mostly remote region of tropical rainforests seasonally flooded savannas and meandering lowland rivers the guide's contributors include more than fifty expert scientists they summarize the current state of knowledge on the taxonomy species richness and ecology of these

fish groups and provide references to relevant literature for species level identifications this richly illustrated guide contains 700 detailed drawings 190 color photos and 500 distribution maps which cover all genera an extensive and illustrated glossary helps readers with the identification keys the first complete overview of the fish diversity in the amazon orinoco and guianas this comprehensive guide is essential for anyone interested in the freshwater life inhabiting this part of the world first complete overview of the fish diversity in the amazon and orinoco basins contributors include more than fifty experts identification keys and distribution maps for all genera 190 stunning color photos 700 detailed line drawings extensive and illustrated glossary

A Field Guide to the Sharks of the World 2005 this guide is a tool for identifying the major resource groups likely to be encountered in the fisheries of namibia the introduction outlines the geographical environmental and ecological factors influencing fisheries and the basic components of the fisheries of namibia each resource group includes general remarks an introduction to the technical terms and measurements pertinent to that group and a guide to species likely to be encountered in fisheries each species account provides scientific nomenclature fao common names sizes notes on fisheries habitat and biology diagnostic features and illustrations a pictorial index and some colour photographs of fishes caught mostly by trawl are included

Pocket Guide to Rhododendron Species 2009 these seeds will captivate you whether you re a gardener or not the washington post a sumptuous guide to 600 of the world s weirdest and most beautiful species from the black seed with hair like donald trump to pinhead sized orchid seeds the guardian the book drives home the incredible botanical wealth that is found on our precious blue planet the english garden true time capsules of life seeds are significant items of hope and promise they are the most complex organs plants ever produce and come in an enormously diverse range of shapes sizes and colours from the impressive coco de mer nut to the microscopic seeds of an orchid to the extraordinary cobalt blue of the traveller s palm pit seeds are often overshadowed by the adult plant s size and show here 600 seeds are spotlighted each given equal attention each shown as glorious photographs life size and in detail alongside an engraving of the parent plant every profile includes a population distribution map a table of essential information and a commentary revealing notable characteristics related species and a diagnosis of the specimen s importance in terms of taxonomy rarity dispersal method and scientific significance arranged taxonomically this essential reference reveals the variety and importance of seeds to an extent never seen before

Mammals 2002-03 for millennia humans have regarded snakes with an exceptional combination of fascination and revulsion some people recoil in fear at the very suggestion of these creatures while others happily keep them as pets snakes can convey both beauty and menace in a single tongue flick and so these creatures have held a special place in our cultures yet for as many meanings that we attribute to snakes from fertility and birth to sin and death the real life species represent an even wider array of wonders the book of snakes presents 600 species of snakes from around the world covering nearly one in six of all snake species it will bring greater understanding of a group of reptiles that have existed for more than 160 million years and that now inhabit every continent

except antarctica as well as two of the great oceans this volume pairs spectacular photos with easy to digest text it is the first book on these creatures that combines a broad worldwide sample with full color life size accounts entries include close ups of the snake s head and a section of the snake at actual size the detailed images allow readers to examine the intricate scale patterns and rainbow of colors as well as special features like a cobra s hood or a rattlesnake s rattle the text is written for laypeople and includes a glossary of frequently used terms herpetologists and herpetoculturists alike will delight in this collection and even those with a more cautious stance on snakes will find themselves drawn in by the wild diversity of the suborder serpentes

Field Guide to the Fishes of the Amazon, Orinoco, and Guianas 2017-12-25 fish facts presents fundamental scientific and market data concerning the most commercially important fish and shellfish in north america in an easy to use clear and concise format the basic biological facts of north america s marine and freshwater fishes have been combined with current market and statistical information to provide the reader with a portrait of the various species that comprise one of our most valuable and renewable resource industries this is the first time that the major commercial species have been matched with their approved market names as designated in the fish list the united states food and drug administration s guide to acceptable market names while many books provide identifica tion under one or two names fish facts supplies the market name scientific designation and many common names and aliases along with major international recognitions so mistaken identifications will be minimized common confusions in terminology and species identification have been isolated so that readers know what to look for identification is also enhanced by the use of illustrations included are the basic facts on habitat fishing methods life cycles and growth present and potential utilization landings information and average annual prices to fishermen important facts and subjects of particular commercial or biological interest have been highlighted marine finfish freshwater fish and shellfish are each presented in alphabetical order according to their recognized market names all species are indexed by market name common names scientific designation and their most commonly used aliases

Field Guide to the Living Marine Resources of Namibia 1999 think of deer and the image that pops into most american s minds is that of a white tailed deer the most common large mammal in north america most europeans are more familiar with red deer it may surprise many people to know that there are actually about 50 species of deer found throughout the world here readers will find nontechnical expert information about the wide range of diverse deer species did you know that elk and caribou are deer or that the earliest fossils of deer are 15 to 20 million years old have you ever wondered whether deer swim play or see color how do deer avoid predators and survive the winter do deer make good pets or carry contagious diseases george a feldhamer and william j mcshea answer these and other intriguing questions about members of the deer family cervidae from the diminutive pudu of south america that weighs 17 pounds to male moose that weigh close to 2 000 pounds feldhamer and mcshea explore the biology evolution ecology feeding habits reproduction and behavior of deer they chronicle the relationships between humans and deer both positive and negative and discuss the challenges of deer conservation and management with vivid

color photographs and an accessible and engaging question and answer format this easy to read book is the go to resource on deer nature lovers hunters and anyone curious about deer will find this fact filled book both fascinating and full of surprises

The Book of Seeds 2018-02-01 an field guide to 350 species with more than 1000 full color illustrations

The Book of Snakes 2018-10-22 why are homo sapiens a suicidal species why do people bring innocent children into this violent overpopulated world why do people ignore the mounting evidence of environmental collapse why is humanity courting its own extinction in addressing these questions field guide to a new species identifies two species of humanhomo sapiens which have been around for the last seventy thousand years or so and homo veritas which are just evolving into being the guide also explores two intermediate types rebels and seekers thus delineating four categories of human beings each in its own place on the evolutionary path to consciousness the guide investigates how trauma and truth affect the behavior attitudes and sustainability of eachand in so doing provides the reader a self reflective tool for personal evolution

Best Practice Guide for Compiling, Maintaining and Disseminating National Species Checklists 2013-10-22 the 89 species of the order cetacea are some of the most diverse intelligent and elusive animals on the planet highly migratory they live beneath remote skies thousands of miles away from land the huge distances they cover and the depths they dive mean we catch only the merest glimpse of their lives technological advances have however increased our understanding and for the first time whales dolphins and porpoises gathers together all the most interesting new research to offer detailed profiles of each species alongside the information needed to identify them this title combines highlights from the latest scholarly studies of the nature and behaviour of the worlds whales dolphins and porpoises with a hardworking field guide for use in observing these animals in the wild

Fish Facts 2012-01-26 a comprehensive field guide to over 950 bird species in southern africa this is the first comprehensive field guide in southern africa that gives information on food and breeding strategies included too are the meaning of scientific names etymology and colloquial names in 13 languages

Deer 1981

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Field Guide to a New Species 2015

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