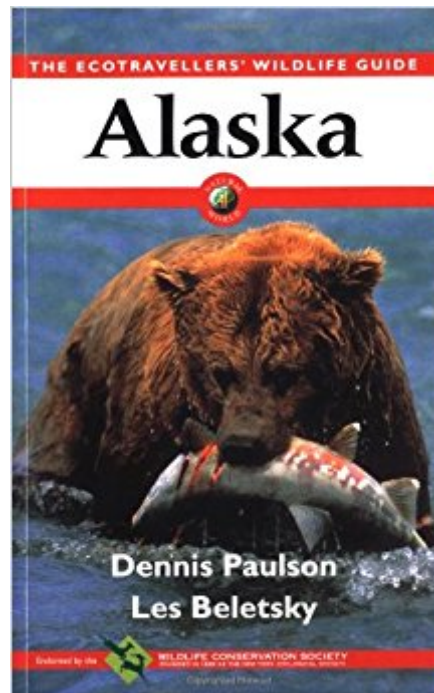


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Alaska: Ecotravellers' Wildlife Guide (Ecotravellers Wildlife Guides)



Synopsis

This title contains all the information needed to find, identify, and learn about Alaska's animal and plant life. It also includes descriptions of Alaska's most frequently visited parks and reserves. This title contains color illustrations of more than 320 of Alaska's most common invertebrates, insects, amphibians, fishes, birds, and mammals. It contains information for identifying and locating these animals as well as their ecology, behavior, and conservation. The book also details the most common plants a traveler would encounter. Alaska is easy to carry, entertainingly written, and contains up-to-date information. Key Features * Identifying and location information on the most frequently seen animals;* Up-to-date information on the ecology, behavior and conservation of the animals;* Information on Alaska's habitats and on the most common plants you will encounter;* Brief description of Alaska's most frequently visited parks and reserves

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"It will certainly appeal to the more than one million ecotourists visiting Alaska each year. ...Given its format and content, this book, and others like it in the series, should be very popular with ecotourists and anyone looking for a basic and entertaining description of a particular region's fauna and flora."--CURRENT BOOKS ON GARDENING AND BOTANY (December 2001)"This is the book with all the information you need to find, identify, and learn about Alaska's magnificent animal life. A fine addition to the traveling ecotourists."--INDIANA AUDUBON QUARTERLY (August 2001)"...this volume covers a huge and diverse area selectively, so that there are a handful of whales, dolphins,

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I purchased this book in preparation for our first trip to Alaska. While the information and the pictures were beautiful and got me excited about the trip, the book was too heavy to carry on the actual trip. I would have preferred something that I could tuck in my pack and explore every now and then.

This book has lots of good information but is very heavy. I wanted to take it on my trip but it weighted down my carry-on. It made my suitcase over the weight limit.

Bought this for my daughter who used it to take us and a zoo group to Alaska this summer. She used it and some other resources to do a very thorough presentation on Alaska wildlife. We also could look things up that we saw while there. Wish we had seen more wildlife!

I bought this prior to my short vacation in Alaska. Everything I had hoped was there. HOWEVER, everything is VERY HEAVY. Not the kind of thing to slip in your pocket and go. I'm returning it for something lighter.

The guide goes well beyond simple identification information and truly provides a condensed naturalist study of each animal or group of animals. I particularly enjoyed reading the "Lores and Notes" sections as they provided additional information into the animals' significance and connection with the local and native human populations. I also found the notes on region and habitat particularly useful... it really helped me differentiate between similar looking species and understand what I might encounter in different circumstances. I was pleasantly surprised to find that this was one of the few guides that contained information about the local insects... and there are an amazing amount of insects in Alaska, especially considering the harsh climate! I'm not normally a bug-hunter, but it was nice to be able to identify the HUGE butterflies and dragonflies we encountered on our hikes. Buyer beware! There is a strong naturalist, eco-conscious tone to this reference. If you aren't the sort who is particularly concerned about the interconnection of species and preservation/conservation of our wild brethren and their natural habitat... this book may not be for you regardless of the wonderful information it contains.

This book is a total waste of paper and ink!! The information is essentially an overview of groups/types of animals and includes limited specific/detailed information about each separate species. The ID plates are illustrations rather than photographs, which I find annoying. The copy I received had duplicate pages and 13 pages omitted all together. I can't even resell this with a clear conscience; probably leave it at coffee shop somewhere...

I found the book to be very informative and well organized. The photos were a tremendous aid to the text, which is easy to read and fun. This will be a wonderful addition to my reference library and I will be going back to it again and again.

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