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# The Encyclopedia of Animals: A Complete Visual Guide.

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The *Encyclopedia of Animals* is a lavishly illustrated, authoritative, and comprehensive exploration of the rich and intriguing world of animals. Written by an international team of specialists, spectacularly adorned with a gallery of more than 2,000 color illustrations, and supplemented with distribution maps, detailed and beautifully rendered diagrams, and some of the world's finest wildlife photographs, this volume will become the standard by which all others are measured. Each page is expertly laid out to enhance either browsing or in-depth study. Readers will find detailed coverage of all sorts of animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates.

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Elegant graphics put a broad selection of information at readers' fingertips, including

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## Reviews

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“This book would be an ideal introduction to zoology for school and public libraries.”—*Living The Scientific Life (Scientist, Interrupted)*

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