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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Among the most celebrated creatures on earth are the 120 species of water-dwelling mammals catalogued in this handsome and informative field guide, the latest in the National Audubon Society's family of nature publications. Photographs, drawings and paintings combine with maps, charts and essays to provide not only data but also insight into the behavior of these highly evolved and specialized animals. The book is sensibly arranged and easy to navigate, whether the reader is in an easy chair or on the open water. The introduction provides a general guide to marine mammals: their habitat, behavior, reproduction, diet and conservation status. The individual articles are packed with facts about each species and the best ways to find and identify them in the wild. The book is organized according to the four classifications of marine mammals: cetaceans (whales, dolphins, porpoises); pinnipeds (seals and walrus); sirenians (dugongs, manatees); and polar bears and otters. The charts on each species specify size, weight and longevity. The maps show the reach of each type of animal while helping the reader to visualize its range and habitat. The articles also describe ways of identifying similar species whose ranges overlap. Among this guide's best features are the appendixes, which break down the species by region and offer a chart of species morphology and an illustrated glossary. This book is ideal for students and amateur animal watchers. Color illus. and paintings, maps.

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From School Library Journal

Adult/High School-Just about everything one could hope for in a guide can be found in this info-packed yet extremely user-friendly tome. Introductory pages cover the basics and more. The section "Watching Marine Mammals," which includes advice on what to bring along, proper etiquette, and what to do if a stranded animal is encountered, is particularly engrossing. Every group has its own overview with an illustrated spread showing relative sizes among species within it. Each species entry opens with a beautifully rendered color illustration accompanied by a brief list of key features to look for when trying to identify the animal. A neat little map indicates the mammal's range and is paired with a box containing vital statistics such as size, weight, and life span. A liberal dose of superb, high-quality action color photographs shows the creatures in their natural surroundings. Appendixes include a map that shows marine mammals by world region and a "Marine Mammal Morphology" with three line drawings indicating generic parts. While this book has obvious value as a research tool, students are sure to linger over the pages. An attractive presentation with satisfying content.

Sheila Shoup, Fairfax County Public Library, VA

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This new guide is the most comprehensive and up-to-date of the available marine mammal guides. Most other field guides, such as William Burt and Richard Grossenheider's *A Field Guide to Mammals: North America North of Mexico*. (Peterson Field Guides, 1998. 3rd ed.), Simon & Schuster's *Guide to Mammals* (1983), *Golden Guide to Whales and other Marine Mammals* (1990), or National Audubon Society *Field Guide to North American Mammals* (1980. o.p.), are either old or incomplete, as they cover mammals generally and cannot provide sufficient depth. This new guide has not only the standard features, including color plates, habitat range maps, and basic breeding, habitat, and range information, but also the latest and most comprehensive information about the animals. The essays are written by expert marine scientists, including Phillip J. Clapham, James A. Powell, Reeves and Brent S. Stewart. Furthermore, in contrast to

most Audubon guides, the photos accompany the description of the animal rather than being relegated to a separate section of the book- which makes the book easier to use in the field. Highly recommended for all collections. - Mary J. Nickum, Lakewood, CO.

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