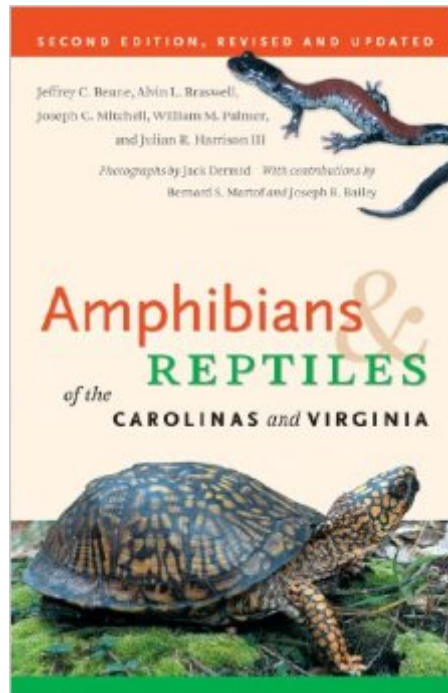


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Synopsis

Revised and updated to reflect the most current science, and including 30 new species, this authoritative and comprehensive volume is the definitive guide to the amphibians and reptiles of the Carolinas and Virginia. The new edition features 189 species of salamanders, frogs, crocodylians, turtles, lizards, and snakes, with updated color photographs, descriptions, and distribution maps for each species. It is an indispensable guide for zoologists, amateur naturalists, environmentalists, backpackers, campers, hikers, and everyone interested in the outdoors.

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Customer Reviews

A very good introductory book, but it should include all subspecies. There is also room in the coverage of the anole to discuss the "roach" on the back of the neck of breeding males. There needs to be a photo of this, because if you encounter one, you might think it is a different species, as I did this summer (thank goodness for the internet!). One small criticism is the description of the box turtle as having a brown carapace. This should read "brown to jet black". There is definitely a good percentage of Carolina's box turtles that have BLACK shells !

This is a perfect book for identifying reptiles and amphibians in the mid-Atlantic region. I live on a farm and spend a lot of time outdoors, so I encounter critters a lot. This book is the first one I grab to look up details on natural history, ranges, details of their ecology, etc. I also go hiking and backpacking a lot, and see things that I want to look up when I get back home. I have several field

guides for both reptiles and amphibians, but having a regional guide narrows down the choices, and also shows the local/regional details for species whose ranges extend beyond this region, especially those that show a lot of subspecific/regional phenotypic variation. I have a copy of the first edition, and the changes in the taxonomy (splitting of salamanders, e.g.) makes this one a great book for the recent changes. Good pictures, good range maps, good natural history details-- that's exactly what you want in a guide like this.

This book is exactly what I wanted to help me identify common reptiles and amphibians in my area. Concise info. Good photos.

Got this book for my husband who teaches Herpetology at our nearby University. He's read it and thinks its a great field guide. it covers the subject very well and is presented in an easy-to-use format.

Great photos, solid and simplistic descriptions, distinguishing between similar species, etc. This book is a great guide for referencing local herps (southeastern NC); I've definitely used it out in the field before. Super handy!

I bought this for my son who loves reptiles. He is nine and wants to be the next "Crocodile Hunter" so he takes his scientific information very seriously. This book has helped him to identify several different snakes and lizards in our area and he takes it with him almost everywhere. It is well worn with love.

This a great guide for this area and has been a favorite of mine for many years. It has lots of great photos and the ever-helpful range maps. This book has definitely increased my knowledge and interest in the reptiles and amphibians right here in my own backyard and the rest of the Carolinas.

This book is well written and is useful for many levels of understanding, from Kindergarten up to and including professional herpetologists. The pictures are excellent and the descriptions are clear. I saw where one person criticized not including multiple sub-species. It's almost impossible to tell the difference between many herp subspecies in the field, however and that doesn't necessarily merit valuable space in a field manual. The range maps are out of the way, but prominent. Changes in scientific names are addressed in a clear and concise fashion, and the most common "common

names" are included as well. As a university wildlife biology student I was encouraged to purchase this book for a class, and was happy that I did. It will have a place on my shelf as a reference and field manual for many years to come.

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