

The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals

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Jonathan Kingdon, one of the foremost authorities on African mammals, has written and illustrated this new field guide which sets new standards in African mammalogy. The author covers all the known species of African land mammal in a concise text providing full information on identification, distribution, ecology, evolutionary relationships, and conservation status. The focus is always on the mammals as seen in the field and on their ecology and evolutionary interrelationships. Introductory profiles summarize the characteristics of the various mammal groups, and the author simplifies many of the more complex groups of mammals by referencing genera. Twelve newly recognized species of bushbaby, fourteen newly named baboons, guenons, and mangabeys and nine newly described colobus monkeys contribute to a modern treatment of the monkeys. New species of bats, rodents, and fox as well as a fully revised listing of the duikers, squirrels and genets are included. Kingdon combines his long personal experience of life in Africa and his artistic talent with the best that modern natural history and biological science can offer. With over 480 color pictures and 280 maps covering some 1,100 mammal species, this book is an essential companion to all visiting Africa or with an interest in the mammals of the continent.

Key Features: Employs the most up-to-date classification and lists all 1,150 known species Focuses on mammals as seen in the field and in their evolutionary interrelationships

作者介绍:

Since the appearance of his seven-volume encyclopaedia of East African mammals in the 1970s, Kingdon has become a figure of high distinction in conservationist circles. His extraordinary talents as a writer and painter have been dedicated to astonishingly beautiful and detailed records of African fauna and the ecosystems that sustain them. This makes his new field guide rather more than a handbook...The richness of information is exemplary. The illustrations would make a big cat purr...It is one of Kingdon's strengths, both as a naturalist and as an artist, that he is interested in how

animals look and feel to each other...His drawings and paintings stress the elegant functionality of body geometry, the way animals use facial and body patterns for visual signaling.

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书评

金顿是著名的生物学家，一生的大部分时间都贡献给了非洲。本书翔实的记录了非洲原野上的野生哺乳动物的种群和分类。无论是欣赏还是收藏，都值得购买。

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