

GENERAL BOOKS

These will be used throughout the year.

Backyard Pets: Activities for Exploring Wildlife Close to Home (Carol A. Amato) [OWN]

Focuses on the insects, birds, amphibians, and other animal life found in many backyards and provides instructions for catching, caring for, studying and releasing those that are safe to touch.

DK First Animal Encyclopedia: A First Reference Guide to the Animals of the World (Penelope Arlon) [OWN]

Describes the animal world in five sections: mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, "creepy-crawlies," and fish.

The Usborne Complete First Book of Nature (Usborne) [OWN]

This combined volume contains the following titles: Birds, Butterflies, Creepy Crawlies, Fish, Flowers, Trees, and Wild Animals.

Introduction to Biology: A Study by John Holzmann [OWN]

A thorough introduction to most of the plants and animals of the world: how they are classified and how they live. Discusses from a biblical perspective some of the problems with modern taxonomy

AMPHIBIANS

General Amphibians

Introduction to Biology: A Study by John Holzmann [OWN]

Read pages 111-114.

DK First Animal Encyclopedia: (Penelope Arlon) [OWN]

Read pages 96-103.

About Amphibians: A Guide for Children (Cathryn Sill)

Describing the basic characteristics all amphibians share, this guide explores everything from methods of communication to protection against enemies. A wonderful introduction to the world of frogs, toads and salamanders, as well as the features that distinguish them, for young children.

I Can Read about Frogs and Toads (Ellen Schultz)

OWN

This book tells a story as it teaches about the life cycle of frogs and toads.

Frogs

All About Frogs (Jim Arnosky)

From tadpole to frog, Jim Arnosky shows and tells kids how frogs grow and live. Big bullfrogs and tiny spring peepers, vivid tropical frogs and bronze swamp frogs spring from the pages of the book. Kids will learn why frogs can jump so far, what they eat and what eats them, the correct way to handle a frog, and how to recognize frogs by the sounds they make. And there is some information about toads, too!

Why Frogs are Wet (Judy Hawes)

(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science. Stage 2)

A brief study of the first creatures on earth to develop voices and an aversion to dry skin.

Growing Frogs (Vivian French)

When a mother brings her daughter to a pond to collect some frog spawn, the little girl isn't sure what to expect. Day after day she checks on the jellylike bubbles until they turn into tadpoles, which sprout stumps that turn into legs with webby feet. The engaging narrative and colorful illustrations accurately evoke each stage of a frog's growth - in a story that will inspire children to experience firsthand the wonders of the natural world.

Fantastic Frogs! (Fay Robinson)

(Hello Science Reader! Level 2)

OWN

Introduces the growth, food, habitats, colors, and shapes of different kinds of frogs.

Tale of a Tadpole (Karen Wallace)

(Eyewitness Reader Level 1)

OWN

This book covers the growth and development cycle of a frog from egg to tadpole to mature adult with comments on the animal's anatomy and physiology and likely predators.

The Frog Alphabet Book : --And Other Awesome Amphibians

Introduces the letters of the alphabet by describing a frog or other amphibian for each letter, from the Amazon horned frog to the Zig zag salamander.

Frogs (Laura Driscoll)

(All aboard reading. Level 1)

Amazing amphibians leap from the pages of this easy reader that features incredible cut-paper frogs in every color, shape, and size.

Poison Dart Frogs (Jennifer Dewey)

Jennifer Owings Dewey, who has had a lifetime fascination with frogs, shows different kinds of poison dart frogs in their rain-forest environment.

Frogs (Gail Gibbons)

Their tadpole beginnings, noises they make, body parts and how they live.

A New Frog: My First Look at the Life Cycle of an Amphibian (Pamela M. Hickman)

With flaps to open, this easy-to-read book makes it fun for young children to explore and understand the life cycle of an amphibian.

Spring Peepers (Judy Hawes)

(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Books)

Describes the physical characteristics and habits of tree frogs, particularly the peeper whose song is a harbinger of spring.

The Frog (Angela Royston)

(Animal Life Stories)

Traces the growth of a tadpole into an adult frog and discusses the frog's environment and natural enemies.

Frogs Sing Songs (Yvonne Winer) Describes how, when, where, and why frogs sing songs. Includes frog identification guide.

A Wood Frog's Life (John Himmelman)

Illustrations and simple text describe the daily activities and life cycle of a wood frog.

From Tadpole to Frog (David Stewart) *(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Level 1)*

Large illustrations and simple text present the lifecycle of a tadpole to a frog.

Bullfrog at Magnolia Circle (Deborah Dennard)

A young male bullfrog avoids a hungry heron and searches for a calling site in his bayou home.

Toads

Toad Overload: A True Tale of Nature Knocked Off Balance in Australia (Patricia Seibert)

Explains what happened when giant toads were brought to Australia to help control beetles that ate the sugar cane crop. Includes information on the physical characteristics and habits of this species of toad.

I Toad You So: Riddles about Frogs and Toads (Rick Walton)

A collection of riddles about frogs and toads, including "What does a frog do if he gets sick? He gets a hoperation."

What I Like about Toads (Judy Hawes)

(Let's Read and Find Out Science)

OWN

Newts & Salamanders

Salamanders (Emily Bernhard)

The Bernhards explain salamanders' habitat and life cycle, from egg to larva to adult. They describe how these animals hunt for food, what they eat, and which animals prey upon them. They also discuss why salamanders were once considered magical, and show some of the ways they have appeared in mythology and history.

REPTILES

General Reptiles

Introduction to Biology: A Study by John Holzmann [OWN]

Read pages 115-121.

DK First Animal Encyclopedia: (Penelope Arlon) [OWN]

Read pages 80-95.

About Reptiles: A Guide for Children (Cathryn Sill)

Depicts how physical characteristics, habitat, movement, feeding and hunting behavior, and life cycle can vary in different kinds of reptiles, including the corn snake, eastern box turtle, and American alligator.

Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)

OWN

As young readers turn the pages of this beautifully-illustrated book, they will find that reptiles aren't really so "yucky." In fact, reptiles are among nature's most exotic and intriguing animals.

All about Reptiles (Schlessinger Media) DVD

Learn the common characteristics of reptiles and what makes them different from other animals.

How to Hide a Crocodile and Other Reptiles (Ruth Heller)

OWN

Rhyming text and pictures demonstrate the camouflage nature provides the python, iguana, chameleon, and other reptiles.

Reptiles Do the Strangest Things (Leonora Hornblow)

OWN

Brief, easy-to-read descriptions of the strange habits of some of the world's more unusual reptiles, including the tuatara, hognose snake, horned toad, basilisk, and Komodo Dragon.

Turtles

All about Turtles (Jim Arnosky)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and survival techniques of different kinds of land and sea turtles.

Turtle Crossing (Rick Chrustowski)

This story follows the growth and development of a painted box turtle from her birth in an underground nest to her journey to a pond, till she crosses the road to build her own nest and then crosses back to the pond. Along the way, readers learn about the dangers she faces, how she spends the winter, and mating. The illustrations, done with colored pencil over watercolor washes, with lots of watery blues and greens, give readers a close-up view of turtle behavior. A solid source for reports and general interest.

Box Turtle at Long Pond (William George)

OWN

A day in the life of a box turtle is rendered carefully in words and lifelike illustrations with a text that respects its subject, avoids any anthropomorphism, and is simple enough for very young listeners. It records the turtle's actions as, slowly but with perseverance, he drinks, searches for food, evades danger, and sleeps.

Scoots, the Bog Turtle (Cutchins, Judy)

Presents a year in the life of a little bog turtle in his natural habitat.

Sea Turtles (Caroline Arnold)

OWN

One Tiny Turtle (Nicola Davies)

OWN

This interesting book explains to children the basic life cycle of a loggerhead sea turtle. The book opens with a brief introduction explaining that a sea turtle is related to tortoises and terrapins, but they are different types of animals. After the one-page introduction, the actual story begins. We follow the life cycle of a sea turtle called Loggerhead from the time she is a small turtle living and hiding in sea weeds and drift wood to the time Loggerhead swims to the mating beaches to mate and lay her eggs.

The Life Cycle of a Sea Turtle (Kalman, Bobbie)

Describes how sea turtles develop from eggs to hatchlings to adult turtles, and tells why they are endangered and what individuals can do to help protect them.

Snakes**Snakes: Strange and Wonderful (Laurence P. Pringle)**

Join Laurence Pringle as he takes a look at some of the more than two thousand snakes that are found almost all over the world. A lively and informative text, joined with Meryl Henderson's bold and realistic art, explains how snakes hunt for food, move, shed their skin, give birth, and play important roles in nature. While snakes may look strange, this fascinating book shows why they are also wonderful creatures.

Slinky, scaly, slithery snakes (Dorothy Henshaw Patent)

Patent discusses camouflage and predatory skills as well as how snakes move, where they live, how they can devour animals larger than themselves.

The Snake Book (Mary Ling)

Introduces the habitats, physical characteristics, and behavior of different kinds of snakes throughout the world.

Great Snakes! (Fay Robinson) (*Hello Science Reader! Level 2*)

OWN

An introduction to the wonderful world of reptiles using easy-to-read rhymes and detailed illustrations.

S-S-S-snakes! (Lucille Recht Penner) (*Step into Reading. Step 2 Book*)

OWN

A scintillation survey of sensational serpents, from blood-spewing West Indian boas to "flying" golden tree snakes.

Green Snake (Schwartz, David M.)

Green snakes live in fields and gardens. Some people don't like to touch them, but a snake's skin actually feels dry. Take a close look at a green snake's fully cycle of growth and development.

Snakes (Patricia Demuth) (*All Aboard Reading. Level 2*)

Did you know that snakes pick up smells with their tongues . . . and that a python can swallow a whole pig in one bite? Fun and fantastic facts about snakes--the creatures kids love to hate--with eye-popping collage illustrations.

Take a Look at Snakes (Betsy Maestro)

The Maestros offer information about the varieties, habitats, behaviors, and physical characteristics of snakes. Although they present general facts about the reptiles, the authors also convey many specific details. Great overview

Green Snake (David Schwartz)

Life cycle of green snake.

All about Rattlesnakes (Jim Arnosky)

OWN

Discusses the life cycle, habitats, and behavior of rattlesnakes and depicts the different kinds.

A First Look at Poisonous Snakes (Millicent E. Selsam)

Describes the physical characteristics and habitat of several different poisonous snakes and their benefits to man.

Snakes Alive! Jokes about Snakes (Diane L. Burns)

A collection of jokes about snakes, such as "What's the only proper medicine for a sick snake? Asp-irin."

Snakes: Know-it-Alls (Christopher Nicholas)

OWN

Snakes smell with their tongue, shoot poison from their fangs, swallow their prey whole, and are sometimes born with two heads! Get an "up close and personal" look at these amazing creatures!

Snakes are Hunters (Patricia Lauber)

OWN

Young reptile fans will be fascinated with the explanation of how snakes find and kill their prey. Poisonous snake enthusiasts will be delighted with two pages about rattlesnakes in this simple and readable explanation of an inherently interesting subject.

Snakes Alive! (Janet Lambert)

OWN

A full-color children's nonfiction book about snakes using both illustrations and photography. Two very realistic labeled snakes are included with the book, all in a polybag.

It's Best to Leave a Snake Alone (Allan Fowler)

(Rookie Read-About Science)

A simple description of the physical characteristics and behavior of snakes.

Lizards

Amazing Lizards! (Fay Robinson)

(Hello Science Reader! Level 2)

OWN

Rhyming text and illustrations introduce the colorful world of lizards. Includes a reference section providing more information about the lizards mentioned in the text.

Colorful Chameleons! (Step-Into-Reading, Step 3)

OWN

An introduction to the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of chameleons.

Chameleon, Chameleon (Joy Cowley)

Experience close-up the many moods (and colors) of chameleons. One brave chameleon ventures from the safety of his tree in search of a new home. On his journey, he meets other rain forest animals, not all of them friendly! Alas, the new tree he chooses is already home to another chameleon.

Crocodiles & Alligators

I Can Read About Alligators and Crocodiles (David Knight) (I Can Read About)

OWN

Snap: A Book About Alligators and Crocodiles (Melvin Berger) (Hello Reader Level 3)

OWN

Did you know that a crocodile is usually longer, weighs more, and can outswim alligators? Children will learn all about these aquatic creatures--everything from where they live, what they eat, and how they survive--in this non-fiction easy reader.

Alligators: Life in the Wild (Monica Kulling) (Step-Into-Reading, Step 3)

OWN

Describes the physical characteristics, hunting and feeding behavior, habitat, life cycle, methods of communication, and endangered status of alligators.

Alligator (Evelyn S. Shaw) (*A Science I Can Read Book*)

Discusses the life cycle of the American alligator and man's threat to its existence.

All about Alligators (Jim Arnosky)

Like snakes and sharks, alligators provide an exciting lure to the facts of science, and these scary creatures are a perennially popular subject in children's books. Arnosky's clear text and handsome watercolors convey a sense of wonder.

Never Kiss an Alligator (Colleen Stanley Bare)

OWN

Discusses in simple language the characteristics and habits of alligators. Copyright #169; Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Baby Alligator (Ginjer L. Clarke)

(*All Aboard Reading*)

OWN

Deep in the swamp, a baby alligator crawls out of its broken shell. What's in store for this little reptile? Follow it through its first adventures, and get a glimpse into the world of these amazing creatures. The easy-to-read text describes how alligators live, from what they eat to how they swim so quickly. You'll also find fun facts about alligators' dinosaur-hunting ancestors and their more contemporary cousin, the crocodile.

FISH

Introduction to Biology: A Study by John Holzmam [OWN]

Read pages 122-127.

DK First Animal Encyclopedia: (Penelope Arlon) [OWN]

Read pages 142-153.

The Usborne Complete First Book of Nature (Usborne) [OWN]

Read pages 121-144.

About Fish: A Guide for Children (Cathryn P. Sill)

OWN

Introduces various species of fish, describing their food needs, body structures, protective mechanisms, habitats, and reproduction.

What's It Like To Be a Fish? (Wendy Pfeffer)

(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science. Stage 1)

Could you live underwater? You can't breathe underwater, but a fish can. You can't eat underwater, but fish does it every day. A fish's body is perfectly designed for life in water, just as your body is perfect for living on land. Read and find out how a fish's sleek body, fins, scales, and gills keep him in the swim! Then read on to learn how to set up your own goldfish bowl.

Crinkleroot's 25 Fish Every Child Should Know (Jim Arnosky)

Presents paintings of twelve freshwater fish, including the carp, bass, and trout, and thirteen saltwater fish, including the flounder, tuna, swordfish and seahorse.

Fish (Poisson. English)

Introduces the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of various fish.

Anglerfish (Coldiron, Deborah)

World of anglerfish -- Growing anglerfish -- Partners for life -- Family tree -- Hunting for dinner -- Home sweet home -- Dangerous world -- Fascinating facts -- Learn and explore --

Fighting Fish (Schwartz, David M.)

Fighting fish, or bettas, really do fight. Male bettas also build bubble nests to protect their young. Take a close look at a betta's full cycle of growth and development.

The Eels' Strange Journey (Judi Friedman)

(Let's Read-and-Find-Out Science)

Traces the amazing life cycle of the eel from the Sargasso Sea to the Atlantic coasts of Europe and North America and back. Lists many of the yet unanswered questions about eels.

Eels (Rake, Jody Sullivan)

"Simple text and photographs present the lives of eels"--Provided by publisher.

The Dangerous Life of the Sea Horse (Miriam Schlein)

Follows the life cycle of the sea horse, a fish with a prehensile tail and body armor, describing its physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment.

Seahorse (Robert A. Morris)

(A Science I Can Read Bbook)

OWN

An easy-to-read introduction to the characteristics and life cycle of the seahorse.

Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea (Christine Butterworth)

In stunning pictures and engaging words, this nonfiction picture book explains the facts behind the unusual life cycle alluded to in Eric Carle's *Mister Seahorse*.

Red Tag Comes Back (Fred B. Phleger)

(A Science I Can Read Book) **OWN**

Tells the highly realistic life story of a salmon named Red Tag, and how she grows up in a river in the Pacific Northwest, gets netted and tagged as a baby by a kindly Fish and Wildlife biologist (hence her name "Red Tag"), swims to the ocean and lives to adulthood while evading sharks and commercial fishing boats, and then makes her way back past bears and fly-fishermen RIGHT to the stream where she was spawned.

Life Cycle of a Salmon (Royston, Angela)

Describes the life cycle of salmon (this book is about the life cycle of sockeye salmon) as they swim from the river in which they were hatched to the sea and back again.

Sharks (Gail Gibbons)

Describes shark behavior and different kinds of sharks.

A First Look at Sharks (Millicent Ellis Selsam)

Introduces the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of sharks.

Hungry, Hungry Sharks (Joanna Cole)

(Step Into Reading. Step 2 Book) **OWN**

A simple discussion of the kinds of sharks and their behaviour.

Sharks! (Janet Palazzo Craig)

(Plant Reader Level 2) **OWN**

Page-popping, cut-paper artwork and easy-to-read text about the mysterious creatures of the deep will get children excited about reading.

Sand Tiger Shark (Carol Carrick)

Examines the life cycle of a sand tiger shark.

Barracudas (Nuzzolo, Deborah)

Watch young readers plunge into these dazzling books full of large, colorful underwater photography. Simple text makes it fun to read and learn all about these creatures and their amazing lives.

BIRDS

General

Introduction to Biology: A Study by John Holzmann [OWN]

Read pages 101-110

DK First Animal Encyclopedia: (Penelope Arlon) [OWN]

Read pages 48-79.

The Usborne Complete First Book of Nature (Usborne) [OWN]

Read pages 1-24.

53 All-American Bird Songs and Calls (The Special Music Company)

Cassette

OWN

About Birds: A Guide for Children (Cathryn P. Sill)

Text and illustrations introduce the world of birds from eggs to flight, from songs to nests.

Look for a Bird (Edith Thacher Hurd)

(A Science I Can Read Book)

Simple facts and pictures introduce fourteen familiar American birds.

Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Birds (Jim Arnosky)

An introduction to birds one might see in the woods.

Burgess Bird Book for Children (Thornton W. Burgess)

OWN

Through the eyes of Peter Rabbit we become acquainted with a variety of birds as they return to Peter's neighborhood in the spring. In the context of the story about each bird, we hear about its nesting habits, its feeding preferences, and its interactions with other wildlife. We meet Jenny Wren, Scrapper the King-bird, Redwing the Blackbird, and dozens more. An engaging introduction to birds for young children. Read ones we are familiar with.

Cardinals, Robins, and Other Birds (George S. Fichter)

Describes the natural habitat, physical characteristics, and behavior of several common birds, including American goldfinches, European starlings, and Carolina wrens.

Backyard Birds (Jonathan Pine)

Provides information on the habits and behavior of house sparrows, starlings, robins, wrens, hummingbirds, and nighthawks, with clues for easy identification. Nice stories.

Birds at Night (Roma Gans)

(Let's-Read-And-Find-Out Science Book) OWN

How Do Birds Find Their Way? (Roma Gans) *(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science. Stage 2)* OWN

Explores the mysteries of bird migration, including theories on how birds find their way and how scientists learn about migration.

This Way Home (Lisa Westberg Peters)

This picture book details the migratory trip of the Savannah sparrow, a song bird that is born on the Minnesota prairie, travels to Georgia for the winter, and goes back North when the warm April breezes blow.

Birds on Stage (Saturnino Romay)

OWN

Descriptions of different birds are given and the child has to guess What can it be? The next page shows a picture of the bird and the answer and then goes on with another description.

When Birds Change Their Feathers (Roma Gans) (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Book)

Describes how and why animals shed their feathers, hair, shells, horns etc., with emphasis on the molting of birds.

A First Look at Bird Nests (Millicent Ellis Selsam)

An introduction to the many places birds make their nests, such as chimneys, cliffs, bushes, traffic lights, and window ledges, and the unusual things that might be built into the nests.

Birds and Their Nests (Linda Tagliaferro)

Simple text and photographs describe birds and the nests in which they live.

Cradles in the Trees: The Story of Bird Nests (Patricia Demuth)

OWN

Describes the methods and materials used by various birds to build their nests.

Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City (Barbara Bash)

OWN

Bash has chosen 13 species of birds, from the familiar pigeon to the sleek, skyscraper-nesting peregrine falcon, to show how these creatures have successfully adapted to new city habitats. She mentions the fact that many of the birds' original environments have been destroyed by man, but is not heavy-handed in her message.

Songbirds, Etc.

From Egg to Robin (Jan Kottke)

OWN

Birds on Your Street (Seymour Simon)

OWN

Outlines the many things that can be learned about birds by observing the habits and characteristics of common city birds.

Two Blue Jays (Anne Rockwell)

Miss Dana's class observes two blue jays as they make their nest, have babies, and teach them to fly. Includes information on the physical characteristics and behavior of blue jays.

Crows! Strange and Wonderful (Laurence P. Pringle)

An introduction to the life and behavior of crows.

Paisano, The Roadrunner (Jennifer Dewey)

The author describes her experiences with a family of roadrunners who come to live near her house.

A Hummingbird's Life (John Himmelman)

Describes the life cycle and the feeding and migratory habits of the hummingbird.

It's a Hummingbird's Life (Irene Kelly)

An intimate view of these busy, fascinating birds.

Water Birds

Watching Water Birds (Jim Arnosky)

Provides a personal look at various species of fresh- and saltwater birds, including loons and grebes, mergansers, mallards, wood ducks, Canada geese, gulls, and herons.

A First Look at Ducks, Geese, and Swans (Millicent Ellis Selsam)

Examines the differences and similarities of ducks, geese, and swans.

Duck (Barrie Watts)

(Watch it Grow)

A simple introduction to the physical characteristics and behavior of ducks, emphasizing the birth and development of ducklings.

Ducks (Gail Gibbons)

A wide variety of ducks live on every continent except Antarctica.

Ducks Don't Get Wet (Augusta R. Goldin) *(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science. Stage 1)* OWN

Describes the behavior of different kinds of ducks and, in particular, discusses how all ducks use preening to keep their feathers dry.

Gulls – Gulls – Gulls (Gail Gibbons)

Describes the life cycle, behavior patterns, and habitat of various species of gulls, focusing on those found in North America.

Birds of Prey

A First Look at Owls, Eagles, and Other Hunters of the Sky (Millicent Ellis Selsam)

Explains what a bird of prey is and describes some of the different kinds, through text and drawings.

Eagles: Lions of the Sky (Emery Bernhard)

OWN

The Bernhards discuss the eagles' essential role as predator, and the call for the birds' conservation--"to help make the world a place where eagles will always fly"--grows naturally out of the nature story.

All about Owls (Jim Arnosky)

OWN

From Arnosky's All About . . . series, this colorfully illustrated book may not tell all, but it includes plenty of information for primary-grade children about the owl's physical features and habits as well as more specific facts about a few American species.

Barn Owl (Phyllis Flower)

OWN

Easy-to-read text and illustrations trace the life of a barn owl from his birth until he leaves the nest and finds a mate of his own.

Owl (Kim Taylor)

(See How They Grow)

Game Birds

Chicken and Egg (Christine Back)

(Stopwatch Books)

Photographs, drawings, and text on two different levels of difficulty follow the development of a chick embryo from the fertilization and laying of the egg to the time the chick hatches.

All about Turkeys (Jim Arnosky)

OWN

Discusses turkeys, what they eat, where they sleep, and how they survive.

Flightless Birds

Biography of an Ostrich (Alice Lighner Hopf)

OWN

Describes the physical characteristics and habits of an ostrich living on the African veld.

Penguins! Strange and Wonderful (Laurence P. Pringle)

Introduces readers to the life and behavior of penguins.

Penguins (Gail Gibbons)

Describes the habitat, physical characteristics, and behavior of different kinds of penguins.

The Penguin (Angela Royston)

(Animal Life Stories)

Describes the appearance, behavior, life cycle, and enemies of the Emperor penguin.

Penguin Chick (Betty Tatham)

(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science. Stage 2)

Follows the growth of one penguin chick from egg to adulthood. The story has been told before, but the clear, simple text provides intriguing details and inherent drama that will keep young children involved straight through till the end.

MAMMALS

Teacher's Guides & Activity Books

A Field Guide to Mammals Coloring Book (Peterson)

NatureScope – Amazing Mammals – Part I (Ranger Rick, National Wildlife Federation)

NatureScope – Amazing Mammals – Part II (Ranger Rick, National Wildlife Federation)

Life Science – 100 Reproducible Activities (Instructional Fair) [Great labeling sheets.]

General Books:

- Sorting Out Mammals (Samuel G. Woods)** **OWN**
Describes the characteristics and behavior of different categories of mammals, including hoofed mammals, carnivores, insectivores, egg-laying mammals, primates, and more.
- Introduction to Biology: A Study (John Holzmann)** **OWN**
- Small and Furry Animal: A Watercolor Sketchbook of Mammals in the Wild (Tomblin, Gail)** **OWN**
Includes: Monotremes, Marsupials, Insectivores, Bats, Primates, Lagomorphs, Rodents, Carnivores
- Animals Born Alive and Well (Ruth Heller)** **OWN**
Text and illustrations introduce animals with fur or hair who nurse their young, breathe fresh air, and except for two species give birth to their young alive instead of laying eggs.
- Mammals (National Geographic Nature Library)** **OWN**
Nice photographic book to use as a spine when working through individual orders.
- Animal Quiz (Millicent E. Selsam)** **OWN**
A brief introduction to mammals.
- Mammals and their Milk (Lucia Anderson)** **OWN**
Discusses that aspect of mammalian physiology which produces milk and feed it to mammal babies.
- How to Hide a Polar Bear and Other Mammals (Ruth Heller)** **OWN**
A book about mammal camouflage.
- The Furry Animal Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)** **OWN**
Readers use the alphabet to learn about some of the more unusual mammals of the world.
- About Mammals: A Guide for Children (Cathryn P. Sill)**
Explains what mammals are, how they live, and what they do.
- Horns, Antlers, Fangs, and Tusks (Rauzon, Mark J.)**
Describes the appearance and uses of different types of animal headgear.

Monotremes: Spiny Anteaters (echidna) and Platypuses

Platypus, Probably (Sneed B. Collard)

Follow a female platypus as she hunts for food, finds a mate, builds a shelter, and cares for her pups.

Platypus! (Ginjer L. Clarke)

Beginning readers will dive right into this simple, Step 2 nonfiction book about one of the most unique animals on earth.

Marsupials: Kangaroos, Wallabies, Koalas, Wombats, Opossum

A First Look at Kangaroos, Koalas, and Other Animals with Pouches (Millicent Ellis Selsam)

Describes the Kangaroo and other pouched animals and discusses why most of them are isolated in Australia.

What is a Marsupial? (Bobbie Kalman)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the main types of marsupials and the differences between them and placental mammals, including reproduction, gestation, and birth.

Kangaroo Island: A Story of an Australian Mallee Forest (Langeland, Deirdre)

As morning comes to Kangaroo Island following a thunderstorm, a mother kangaroo finds her lost baby and a burned eucalyptus tree sprouts buds and becomes a new home for animals.

Joey: The Story of a Baby Kangaroo (Ryden, Hope)

Follows a baby kangaroo, or joey, as it grows inside its mother's pouch and learns about the other animals living on Australia's Kangaroo Island.

Kangaroo – Zoobooks Magazine

OWN

Koalas and Other Australian Animals – Zoobooks Magazine

OWN

Koala Country: A Story of an Australian Eucalyptus Forest (Dennard, Deborah)

A mother koala and her joey feed and observe the other animal inhabitants of their fragile eucalyptus forest home.

A Koala Grows Up (Gelman, Rita Golden)

OWN

Follows the activities and adventures of a koala bear from birth until two years of age when he leaves his mother to look for a mate.

A Koala is Not a Bear! (Sotzek, Hannelore)

Briefly discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the Australian marsupials that are mammals but not bears.

Opossums (Lee, Sandra)

Discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of opossums.

Anteaters, Sloths, Armadillos

Anteaters (Lee, Sandra)

Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of the giant anteater which makes its home in the swamps and open grasslands of Central and South America.

The Upside-Down Sloth (Robinson, Fay)

Describes how the sloth moves, eats, and even sleeps upside down.

Digging Armadillos (Jango-Cohen, Judith)

Introduces the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the nine-banded armadillo.

It's an Armadillo (Lavies, Bianca)

Text and photographs describe the physical characteristics, eating habits, reproduction, and infancy of the nine-banded armadillo.

Armadillo's Orange (Arnosky, Jim)

An armadillo remembers where his burrow is by the orange near the opening, but when the orange rolls away, he discovers a new way to find his home.

Bats

Kids Discover Bats [videorecording] (Bat Conservation International)

It has 22 minutes of exciting, live-action footage and clever animation, bringing the little-known world of these incredible animals into your home or classroom. Five young narrators explain that there are nearly one thousand kinds of bats, and they're not the scary bad guys of Halloween legends, but instead are our gentle, helpful friends.

Stellaluna [videorecording] (Cannon, Janell / Reading Rainbow)

Featured book: Stellaluna: after she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother. Other segments: Bat cave: a bat expert Dr. Merlin Tuttle takes viewers to a large cave where thousands of bats make their home

The Magic School Bus Creepy, Crawly Fun! [videorecording] (Cole, Joanna)

OWN

The Adventure of Echo the Bat: [pop-up book] (Butcher, Ginger)

A colorful print version of the Echo story. Rich satellite images have lift-the-flaps for exploring each habitat Echo visits along his journey.

Bats!: Strange and Wonderful (Pringle, Laurence P.)

A lucid text describes some general physical and behavioral characteristics common to all types of bats. The ways in which these flying mammals benefit world ecosystems (e.g., through insect consumption, seed dispersal, and plant pollination) are emphasized.

Bats (Gibbons, Gail)

OWN

Describes different kinds of bats, their physical characteristics, habits and behavior, and efforts to protect them.

Bat Loves the Night (Davies, Nicola)

OWN

Bat wakes up, flies into the night, uses the echoes of her voice to navigate, hunts for her supper, and returns to her roost to feed her baby.

Bats in the Dark (Kaufmann, John)

OWN

A Lets-Read-and-Find-Out Science Book

Zipping, Zapping, Zooming Bats (Earle, Ann)

Provides basic facts about the behavior of bats and describes how they benefit the environment.

Flying Bats! (Robinson, Fay)

OWN

A Hello Reader Level 1 Science Book (Ben read aloud)

Where do bats live? What do they eat? Preschoolers will find the answers to these questions and more with this easy-to-read non-fiction book about bats. This book also comes complete with a colorful index that labels every type of bat shown in the book--a great resource for curious minds!

Bats!: Creatures of the Night (Milton, Joyce)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitats of different kinds of bats.

A First Look at Bats (Selsam, Millicent Ellis)

Describes the distinctive characteristics of bats and views several different species.

Bats: Based on the Long-Eared Bat (Althea)

Describes the appearance, behavior, and life cycle of this bat and how it uses its huge ears to find insects.

Little Lost Bat (Markle, Sandra)

"Chronicles the early life of an orphaned Mexican free-tailed bat, from its birth to its adoption by a new mother. Includes back matter about bats"--Provided by publisher.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehog Haven: A Story of a British Hedgerow Community (Dennard, Deborah)

Follows a day in the life of a six-month-old hedgehog, who avoids the dangers of tractor, draft horse and fox, and feasts on insects and other treats in her British hedgerow community.

The Hedgehog – Animal Life Stories (Royston, Angela)

Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of the hedgehog.

Mattie: The Story of a Hedgehog (Griffiths, G. D.)

OWN

Follows the long, full life of a hedgehog, resident of an English garden, as she grows up, gives birth to several litters, and enjoys her relationship with humans.

Shrews, Moles, Voles

Discovering Shrews, Moles & Voles (Bailey, Jill)

Examines the characteristics, eating habits, habitats, behavior, and social life of shrews, moles, and voles.

The Moon of the Moles (George, Jean Craighead)

During December and January, a young mole in Kansas spends her waking hours searching for food in her network of underground tunnels.

Moles (Whitehouse, Patricia)

Do moles live here? -- What are moles? -- What do moles look like? -- Where do moles live? -- What do mole homes look like? -- How do moles find their way? -- How do moles make their homes? -- What is special about mole homes? -- When do moles come out from underground? -- Mole home map.

Rodents: Squirrels, Rats, Mice, Beavers, Porcupines, Prairie Dogs

The Squirrel – Animal Life Stories (Royston, Angela)

Describes the habits and behavior of the red squirrel.

Squirrels (Wildsmith, Brian)

OWN

Text and watercolor illustrations describe the characteristics and habits of squirrels throughout the year.

Night Gliders (Ryder, Joanne)

OWN

Four furry squirrels leap and glide through the night sky, feeding and playing until the approach of daybreak.

Flying Squirrels (McDonald, Mary Ann)

Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and life cycle of the nocturnal flying squirrel.

The Moon of the Chickarees (George, Jean Craighead)

Describes the activities of a mother red squirrel during the month of April as she nurtures her newborn babies in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana.

Rats (Legg, Gerald)

Describes different types of rats, how they look, where they live, and why they are scary.

Rats (Powell, E. Sandy)

In simple, easy-to-understand language, this introduction to the world of rats describes their habits, characteristics, and life cycle. Full-color photographs in a variety of shapes and sizes appear on every page, making this slim volume visually appealing.

Mouse (Watts, Barrie)

Photographs and text show the development of a mouse from birth to eight weeks old.

I Love Guinea Pigs (King-Smith, Dick)

OWN

The author provides facts and information about guinea pigs while telling about his own two favorites he has had as pets.

Muskrats (Hall, Margaret)

Photographs and simple text introduce the characteristics and behavior of muskrats.

Come Out, Muskrats (Arnosky, Jim)

In late afternoon the muskrats come out to swim, dive, and eat green water weeds.

The Beaver (Lane, Margaret)

OWN

An exploration into the habits and behavior of beavers, including how they build dams and raise their young.

Beavers Beware! (Brenner, Barbara)

A family with a house on the river finds two beavers cutting down trees and building a lodge on their dock.

Beavers (Hodge, Deborah)

Facts about beavers and how they live are accompanied by realistic illustrations. Kids Can Press Wildlife.

Jack: The Story of a Beaver (Woods, Shirley E.)

This account of a young beaver's life uses a skillful blend of fact and fiction to give readers a sense of the idylls and dangers of the animal's world.

Beavers (Moore, Helen H.)

Introduces the beaver, its characteristics, and its lifestyle.

Beaver at Long Pond (George, William T.)

As the other animals at Long Pond settle down for the night, Beaver leaves his lodge, begins searching for food, and starts his nightly adventure.

Groundhogs: Woodchucks, Marmots, and Whistle Pigs (Richardson, Adele)

An introduction to the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of groundhogs, rodents that may hibernate for six months during the winter.

Woodchuck (McNulty, Faith)

OWN

A female woodchuck awakes from hibernation, finds a mate, raises a family, and when winter comes again returns to her nest to sleep.

Prairie Dogs (Arnold, Caroline)

OWN

Describes a year in the life of prairie dogs during which they build and repair tunnels, find food, rear young, elude predators, and prepare for winter.

Prairie Dogs (Bernhard, Emery)

Describes the physical characteristics, social behavior, and reputation as a pest of this grassland rodent.

Lagomorphs: Rabbits, Hares, Pika

Rabbits, Rabbits, & More Rabbits! (Gibbons, Gail)

Describes different kinds of rabbits, their physical characteristics, behavior, where they live, and how to care for them.

Rabbit (Magloff, Lisa)

I'm a rabbit -- My mom and dad -- Here is my home -- Inside my family's nest -- I'm getting curious -- I'm four weeks old -- I can find my own dinner -- Now I'm grown up -- The circle of life -- My friends from around the world.

Rabbits (Sharth, Sharon)

Introduces the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of rabbits.

Odd-Toed Ungulates: Horses, Zebras, Rhinoceroses, Tapirs

Wild Horses (Stanley, George Edward)

Discusses the different wild horses that can be found around the world today, including Chincoteague ponies, Australian Brumbies, American mustangs, and the wild horses of Asia.

Wild Ponies (Arnosky, Jim)

Presents a day in the life of a herd of wild ponies on Assateague Island.

Horses! (Gibbons, Gail)

Presents information on horses, including their physical characteristics, behavior, and how to ride a horse.

Horses (Jeunesse, Gallimard)
A First Discovery Book.

OWN

Horses (Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw)

Describes the physical characteristics, history, and behavior of horses and discusses their interactions with humans.

A Zebra's World (Arnold, Caroline)

Follow the black and white stripes of a baby zebra and discover what happens in a zebra's world.

Rhino Romp (George, Jean Craighead)

Simu, a young white rhinoceros, gets lost while playing on the African plains, but is rescued by his mother and aunt.

Jubela (Kessler, Cristina)

When a baby rhino loses his mother, he must rely on his own resources to survive until he is adopted by an old female rhino.

Even-Toed Ungulates: Hogs, Hippopotamuses, Cattle, Camels, Giraffes,

Pigs (Gibbons, Gail)

OWN

Examines the basic characteristics, common breeds, intelligence, behavior, life cycle, and uses of pigs.

Pig (Ling, Mary)

Photographs and text chart the early stages of a young pig's life.

Pig (Older, Jules)

Explains the life cycle of pigs, and their various breeds, in a humorous but informative way.

Hippopotamus (Stone, Lynn M.)

Describes the physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the hippopotamus.

The Milk Makers (Gibbons, Gail)

OWN

Explains how cows produce milk and how it is processed before being delivered to stores.

Cow (Older, Jules)

A light-hearted, informative look at cows: different breeds, what they eat, how they make milk, and an assortment of other facts.

Deer, Moose, Elk & Caribou (Hodge, Deborah)

Did you know that, less than a week after it is born, a baby deer can run faster than a human? Or that, in a day, a moose eats as many as 90 big salad bowls of greens? Simple straightforward text and realistic detailed illustrations explain where and how deer live, how they give birth, what they eat, anatomy and much more.

All About Deer (Arnosky, Jim)

OWN

Discusses the deer that inhabit North and Central America, including information about their life cycles, eating habits, and habitats.

Deer: Graceful Grazers (Sullivan, Jody)

A brief introduction to deer, describing their physical characteristics, habitats, young, food, predators, and relationship to people.

A Caribou Journey (Miller, Debbie S.)

Surveys the migrations, habits, and habitat of a herd of caribou in Alaska.

Watching Bison in North America (Kite, L. Patricia)

Meet the bison -- At home in North America -- There's a bison! -- Meal time -- On the move -- Life in winter -- Springtime shedding -- Mating time -- Bison babies -- Growing up -- Enemies -- Saving the bison - - Trackers' guide.

Grandfather Buffalo (Arnosky, Jim)

When Grandfather Buffalo, the oldest bull of the herd, trails behind the group, he finds that he is joined by a newborn calf.

Llamas (Lepthien, Emilie U.)

Describes the physical characteristics and habits of llamas and their relatives, and the ways they have been used throughout history, particularly by the Incas.

Mountain Goats (Staub, Frank J.)

Describes the physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of mountain goats.

The Camel's Lament: A Poem (Carryl, Charles E.)

A poem in which a camel compares his life with that of other animals of the world.

Giraffes: Long-Necked Ruminants (Llamas, Andreu)

Describes the habitat, pruning habits, stomach processes, relatives, and ancestors of the tallest land animal in the world.

Giraffes: The Sentinels of the Savannas (Sattler, Helen Roney)

OWN

Discusses the physical characteristics, habits, natural environment, and relationship to human beings of giraffes. Includes a glossary giving the popular and scientific name of each species and details of their size and appearance.

Giraffes (Kalman, Bobbie)

Briefly describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the African mammal known for its long neck.

Giraffes (Lepthien, Emilie U.)

Describes the physical characteristics and habits of these long-necked African animals.

Giraffe Trouble (George, Jean Craighead)

A young giraffe living on the African plains learns how to be wise as well as fearless when a lion attacks.

The King's Giraffe (Collier, Mary Jo.)

When the pasha of Egypt sends his friend the king of France a magnificent giraffe, accompanied by its loving keeper, the people of France are awed and impressed, never having seen such a creature before.

Primates: Lemurs, Tarsiers, Monkeys, Apes

Monkeys and Apes (Jeunesse, Gallimard) OWN
An introduction to the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of a variety of apes and monkeys. A “First Discovery Book.”

I Like Monkeys Because . . . (Casey, Patricia) OWN
Describes a variety of monkeys and apes around the world and some of the interesting things they do.

Gentle Gorillas and Other Apes (Fowler, Allan)
Rookie Read-About Science

Gorilla Gang (George, Jean Craighead)
Meet G.G. and his gang of mischievous friends in this playful portrait of gorilla life.

Gorillas (Martin, Patricia A. Fink)
Describes the physical characteristics, habitat, life cycle, and behavior of the gorilla.

Gorillas, Gentle Giants of the Forest (Milton, Joyce) OWN
Milton presents a good overview of the subject despite the constraints of the easy-reader format. She brings the world of wild gorillas, Dian Fossey, and Koko to life for young readers. Barnard's realistic illustrations follow the text closely, but do not expand upon it.

Gorillas and Their Infants (Hall, Margaret)
Describes and illustrates gorillas and their infants.

Chimpanzees (Martin, Patricia A. Fink)
Describes the behavior, habitat, life cycle, and physical characteristics of this much-studied ape.

Tano & Binti: Two Chimpanzees Return to the Wild (DaVolls, Andy)
Raised in the London Zoo, chimpanzee brother and sister, Tano and Binti, are ready to return to their natural habitat in the forests of Gambia in Africa. This lively tale of the chimps' reintroduction into the wild is based on a true story. Bright, expressive pastel illustrations reveal close observation of chimpanzees by the artist.

How to Speak Chimpanzee: A Phrase Book of Useful Everyday Expressions in Chimpanzee that No Human Should be Without! (Brassey, Richard)

Chimpanzees (Robinson, Claire)
Describes a family of chimpanzees living in Africa, covering what they eat, how they care for their young, how they communicate, and more.

Orangutans (Martin, Patricia A. Fink)
Describes the habitat, life cycle, physical characteristics, and behavior of the orangutan.

Little Sibü: An Orangutan Tale (Grindley, Sally)
A young orangutan gradually learns from his mother how to take care of himself in the rainforest where they live.

Lemurs, Lorises, and Other Lower Primates (Martin, Patricia A. Fink)
Describes several species of lower primates, including the lemur, aye-aye, galago, loris, and tarsier, and their endangered status.

Lemur Landing: A Story of a Madagascan Tropical Dry Forest (Dennard, Deborah)

In the tropical dry forest of Southern Madagascar, a baby ring-tailed lemur follows his troop through their forest home in search of food and water.

Baboon Orphan (Harding, Diana)

Follows the activities of a young baboon after her mother dies and she is left in the care of the other adults in her troop.

Baboons: Life in the Troop (Richardson, Adele)

Welcome young readers to the world of animals! Each book provides basic information on an animal's appearance, habitat, mating, care of the young, eating habits, and enemies in the wild. Fascinating photography complements and clarifies the text. Fun Facts capture readers' imaginations.

Elephants

Elephant Families (Dorros, Arthur)

Describes the unique qualities, status as an endangered species, and familial behavior of elephants.

Elephants Can Paint Too! (Arnold, Katya)

Learn about elephants and how they can paint just like human children in this true story of how Katya Arnold teaches painting to kids in Brooklyn and Asian elephants in Thailand.

Elephant Walk (George, Jean Craighead)

Young readers gain a peek at the world of African elephants through the eyes of one endearing baby elephant.

I Can Read About Elephants (Naden, C. J.)

OWN

Baby Elephant (Penner, Lucille Recht)

OWN

Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of a herd of African elephants and the day in the life of a new baby born among them.

Carnivores: Cats, Dogs, Weasels, Bears, Hyena

Red Pandas

Red Pandas (Rutten, Joshua)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of the small, long-tailed panda of Asia.

Dogs, Coyotes, Wolves, Foxes, Jackals

Calico Picks a Puppy (Tildes, Phyllis Limbacher)

OWN

The delightful cat from Counting on Calico (1995) introduces readers to over thirty breeds of dogs while she searches for the perfect puppy playmate. The endearing illustrations portray adorable puppies-you'll find them all irresistible. Which puppy do you think Calico will pick?

Wild Dogs: Wolves, Coyotes and Foxes (Hodge, Deborah)

OWN

Easy-to-read text and detailed illustrations meet the research needs of young children and satisfy their curiosity about some of their favorite animals.

Coyote Raid in Cactus Canyon (Arnosky, Jim)

Four young coyotes harrass the animals in a desert canyon until they run into a rattlesnake.

Wild Fox: A True Story (Mason, Cherie)

A journalist/wildlife advocate who lives on Maine's Deer Isle recounts her friendship with a three-legged fox.

Red Fox Running (Bunting, Eve)

Rhyming text follows the experiences of a red fox as it searches across a wintry landscape for food.

Red Fox (Wallace, Karen)

OWN

A simple story is combined with information about foxes in this book from the Read and Wonder series. One afternoon, a fox catches a mouse in the meadow and cats. When he's startled by a bird, he barks to his cubs to hide in their den and runs away.

Foxes (McDonald, Mary Ann)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of foxes.

Wolves (Gibbons, Gail)

The Wolves (Heinz, Brian J.)

Recounts how a wolf pack struggles to survive in the frozen North and includes an author's note describing the dwindling wolf population in America and the threat of extinction.

Wolf Watch (Winters, Kay)

OWN

After spending their first few weeks being cared for in the safety of their den, four wolf pups emerge to face a world full of wonder and danger.

The Life Cycle of a Wolf (Kalman, Bobbie)

An introduction to the wolf, including some of the different types, pack structure, reproduction, hunting, and dangers faced by wolves in the wild.

Baby Wolf (Batten, Mary)

OWN

Born underground in a warm den, a baby wolf soon learns how to howl, how to hunt, and how to live with her wolf pack. (An All Aboard Science Reading Book)

Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary (George, Jean Craighead)

Brief diary entries that mark the passage of the seasons introduce the events in the lives of three wolves as they grow from helpless pups to participants in their small pack's hunt.

Dingoes (Gentle, Victor)

An introduction to the physical characteristics and behavior of the dingo, also describing its history and impact on the ecosystem in Australia.

African Wild Dogs (Gentle, Victor)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of African wild dogs.

Skunks

Skunks (Mason, Adrienne)

Focusing primarily on the four types of skunks found in North America, Mason has provided readers with an accurate, fun-to-read look at this sometimes misunderstood animal.

Spraying Skunks (Nelson, Kristin L.)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of skunks.

Otters, Wolverines, Martens, Badgers, Ferrets, Minks, Weasels

Playful Slider: The North American River Otter (Esbensen, Barbara Juster)

Explores the world of the North American river otter, describing the playful mammal's behavior and characteristics.

River Otter at Autumn Lane (Galvin, Laura Gates)

Follows River Otter through the birth of her cubs and her attempts to get them to swim and live on their own.

Animal Lives – The Otter (Tagholm, Sally)

OWN

Down among the weeds and pebbles of the river bed, the otter is swimming home. Fast as a fish, nimble as an eel, she moves with joy through the water. Like the otter itself, the text of this informative story moves with poetic grace, offering children a privileged look at the life of this appealing and elusive riverbank animal. Discover how long it can stay under water before coming up for air, how its webbed feet and long sleek body make it such a rapid swimmer, and how it keeps its young safe from predators! Richly detailed artwork and an absorbing text make this an excellent gift or a treasured addition to any child's wildlife library.

Otter on His Own: The Story of a Sea Otter [audio cassette] (Boyle, Doe)

OWN

Otter Pup spends the first months of his life with his mother in a protected cove off the coast of California, learning how to hunt for food and care for himself.

Reading about the River Otter (Greene, Carol)

Describes the river otter and its behavior, explains its status as an endangered species, and suggests what can be done to help save it.

Otters Under Water (Arnosky, Jim)

Shows two young otters frolicking and feeding in a pond.

Wolverines (Markle, Sandra)

Markles overviews of jackals, Tasmanian devils, and wolverines skillfully mingle the sights, sounds, and smells of their worlds. She describes the challenges these animals face in foraging for food, maintaining a territory, raising progeny, and using physical attributes to survive in their specialized habitat.

Badgers (Kalbacken, Joan)

Describes the physical characteristics and habits of these nocturnal mammals, the largest number of which is found in the prairies of western United States and Canada.

Badgers (Stone, Lynn M.)

Wild Animals of the Woods Series

Ferrets (Berendes, Mary)

Discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of ferrets.

Phantom of the Prairie: Year of the Black Footed Ferret (London, Jonathan)

When Phantom, the quickest ferret of the litter, pokes her head up and springs out of the tunnel, she begins her sometimes dangerous, always adventurous life on the prairie.

Minks (Stone, Lynn M.)

Wild Animals of the Woods Series

Weasels (Stone, Lynn M.)

Wild Animals of the Woods Series

Raccoons

Raccoons and Ripe Corn [videorecording] (Arnosky, Jim / Reading Rainbow)

Host, LeVar Burton learns about wildlife watching as he joins Jim Arnosky, an author of children's books on animals for a day of exploration. Grab your binoculars, grab your waders and you're off in search of wild animals. Interspersed between segments on wildlife, three of the author's books on raccoons, deer and muskrats are read.

Raccoons: Raccoon Magic for Kids (Fair, Jeff)

Relates the author's childhood story about an orphan raccoon that came to live with him and presents information about this intelligent, masked creature.

Lotor: The Raccoon (Russell, Franklin)

OWN

This engrossing book tells the story of Lotor's life through a full cycle of seasons – from winter sleep through mating, the constant search for food, summer frolics with her growing family, to the bleak uncertainty of the next winter, when she must again find a safe, warm den if she is to survive.

Raccoon at Clear Creek Road (Otto, Carolyn B.)

OWN

Raccoon ventures to a creek to find dinner, but the swollen springtime waters sweep her to the opposite bank- far from her babies. Now Raccoon must find her way back to protect her kits.

Bears

Bears: Polar Bears, Black Bears and Grizzly Bears (Hodge, Deborah)

Easy-to-read text and detailed illustrations meet the research needs of young children and satisfy their curiosity about some of their favorite animals.

Bears (Bour, Laura)

Text, illustrations, and overlays show bears hibernating, caring for their young, hunting and gathering food, and playing.

Bears (Jeunesse, Gallimard)

OWN

Text, illustrations, and overlays show bears hibernating, caring for their young, hunting and gathering food, and playing. (A First Discovery Book)

Bear (Schoenherr, John)

OWN

Searching for his mother, a young bear finds his own independence.

Bears: Life in the Wild (Kulling, Monica)

OWN

Provides facts about bears, from the grizzly and polar bear to more exotic species like the sloth bear and the spectacled bear.

A Day in the Life of a Baby Bear (Barrett, Peter and Susan)

OWN

A little bear's first swim almost becomes a disaster when a strong current sweeps her away from the shore.

Bear – Watch Me Grow (Magloff, Lisa)

Learn about how bears pick a mate, hibernation, what they eat, and how they vary in different parts of the world. "Watch Me Grow," a groundbreaking series from DK, brings readers ages 5 and up into the fascinating world of animal development. Close-up photographs give children an animal's eye-view of growing up, while simple, first-person text and fact boxes explain what is happening at each stage in the lives of animals."

Wild Bears (Simon, Seymour)

An introduction to the physical characteristics, habits, and characteristics of different kinds of bears.

Polar Bears (Gibbons, Gail)

This charmingly illustrated book is full of facts about this Arctic animal: where it lives, what it eats, how it gets its food, when it mates, how it rears its young, and the dangers it faces.

Giant Pandas (Gibbons, Gail)

An introduction to the physical characteristics, behavior, life cycle, and habitat of these endangered animals.

A Panda's World (Arnold, Caroline)

Takes the reader on a trip to China's high country and explains what happens in a panda's world.

Little Panda: The World Welcomes Hua Mei at the San Diego Zoo (Ryder, Joanne)

Ryder introduces readers to Hua Mei via photographs taken inside the panda den, and then shows how her days unfold during her first year of life at the San Diego Zoo.

Two Orphan Cubs (Brenner, Barbara)

After their mother is killed by poachers, two bear cubs are rescued by a wildlife scientist who transfers them to another cave where he hopes they'll be adopted by a new mother.

Cats

The Best Book of Big Cats (Gunzi, Christiane)

Young big cat lovers with a lion's appetite need hunt no further for all the facts and illustrations about their favorite feline predators. Evocative text and specially commissioned artwork give the young reader a fascinating insight into the secretive and stealthy world of big cats, from the leopard storing food up a tree and the Indian tiger keeping cool in water, to the jaguar catching a turtle, and the cheetah proving it is the fastest animal on earth.

Wild Cats: Cougars, Bobcats and Lynx (Hodge, Deborah)

Easy-to-read text and detailed illustrations meet the research needs of young children and satisfy their curiosity about some of their favorite animals.

Hunter in the Snow: The Lynx (Bonners, Susan)

Focuses on a year in the life of a female lynx, describing hunting practices, courtship and mating, denning, and the birth and care of the young.

Tiger Trek (Lewin, Ted)

Riding on the back of an elephant, the author tours a wildlife park in India, observing the hunting behavior of a mother tiger.

Tigers (Thomson, Sarah L.)

Discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, life cycle, and endangered status of tigers.

Watching Lions in Africa (Spilsbury, Louise)

Meet the lions -- Africa's wide open spaces -- There's a lion! -- Land of the lions -- Seasons in Africa -- A pride of lions -- Lazy lions -- Lions go hunting -- Feeding time -- Lion cubs -- Growing up -- Dangers -- Tracker's guide.

Lions (Hugo, Pierre de)

Introduces the biggest cat in Africa by describing its physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle.

Little Lions (Arnosky, Jim)

OWN

On a rocky ledge, two baby mountain lions play and purr and meow under the protection of their mother.

I Am a Little Tiger (Crozat, Francois)

OWN

What if animals could talk? These charming books each depict a day in the life of a young animal-as told by the animal itself! The simple stories will delight small children and the art is simply outstanding. Author-artist Francois Crozat was 1994 winner of the coveted Critici in Erba prize at the international Bologna Children's Book Fair for his illustrations in I Am a Little Panda.

Mongoose

Meet the Meerkat (Lunde, Darrin P.)

Describes the life of a meerkat in the African desert.

Meerkats (Conley-Weaver, Robyn)

Introduces the meerkat's physical characteristics, habits, food, and relationship to humans.

Aardwolf and Hyenas

Hyenas (Morgan, Sally)

Describes hyenas, their habits, where they live, how they defend themselves, and how they appear in human folklore.

Cetaceans: Whales, Dolphins, Porpoises

Super Swimmers: Whales, Dolphins, and Other Mammals of the Sea (Arnold, Caroline)

Introduces marine mammals that are specially adapted to life in the water.

I Can Read About Whales and Dolphins (Troll Associates)

OWN

Audio book – Cassette

Whales & Dolphins (The Nature Company)

OWN

Environmental Sounds cassette

Baby Whales Drink Milk (Esbensen, Barbara Juster)

Describes the behavior of the humpback whale, with an emphasis on the fact that it is a mammal and shares the characteristics of other mammals.

Whales (Gibbons, Gail)

Introduces different kinds of whales.

Whales (Gallimard Jeunesse)

Uses transparent overlays to present information about the habits and behavior of whales and to help identify different water mammals.

Big Blue Whale (Davies, Nicola)

Examines the physical characteristics, habits, and habitats of the blue whale.

I am a Whale: The Life of a Humpback Whale (Stille, Darlene R.)

Describes the life of a whale.

A Killer Whale's World (Arnold, Caroline)

Takes the reader on an underwater journey in an killer whale's world.

Whales: Killer Whales, Blue Whales and More (Hodge, Deborah)

Basic facts, large print, and easy-to-read texts make these titles appealing. Double-page spreads are devoted to such topics as food, homes, bodies, defense, and the animals' interactions with people. Full-color naturalistic drawings are detailed and appropriately placed. Cutaway diagrams illustrate special anatomical features.

Dolphin Adventure: A True Story (Grover, Wayne)

A diver describes how he encounters and gains the trust of a family of dolphins and saves the life of their baby.

I am a Dolphin: The Life of a Bottlenose Dolphin (Stille, Darlene R.)

Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of bottlenose dolphins.

Kids Discover Dolphins [videorecording] (Dolphin Research Center)

With underwater photography and animation, this video offers children a chance to learn about different kinds of dolphins.

Dolphins (Taylor, L. R.)

Introduces the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and life cycle of the dolphin.

Pinnipeds: Seals, Sea Lions, Walruses

A First Look at Seals, Sea Lions, and Walruses (Selsam, Millicent Ellis)

Compares and contrasts the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of seals, sea lions, and walruses.

I am a Seal: The Life of an Elephant Seal (Stille, Darlene R.)

Describes the life of an elephant seal.

Elephants on the Beach (Bare, Colleen Stanley)

Text and photographs introduce a seal whose large nose earns it the name elephant seal.

Sea Lions (Staub, Frank J.)

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the California sea lion.

Sirenia (sea cows): Manatees, Dugongs

Manatees: Peaceful Plant-Eaters (Richardson, Adele)

An introduction to the physical characteristics, behavior, various types, life cycle, and habitat of manatees, endangered marine animals that can live up to sixty years.

A Manatee Morning (Arnosky, Jim)

A mother manatee and her baby swim in the warm waters of the Crystal River in Florida.

A Safe Home for Manatees (Jenkins, Priscilla Belz)

Describes the disappearing habitat of the Florida manatee as an introduction to the idea that each animal needs a specific place to live.

Manatee Winter (Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner)

A mother manatee and her little calf travel from the Gulf of Mexico through dangerous water full of speeding boats.

Dancing with Manatees (McNulty, Faith)

Examines the physical characteristics, behavior, and evolution of this gentle creature.

Sam, the Sea Cow videorecording (Burton, LeVar/Reading Rainbow)

Follows the adventures of a manatee, or sea cow, from birth till after he leaves his mother.