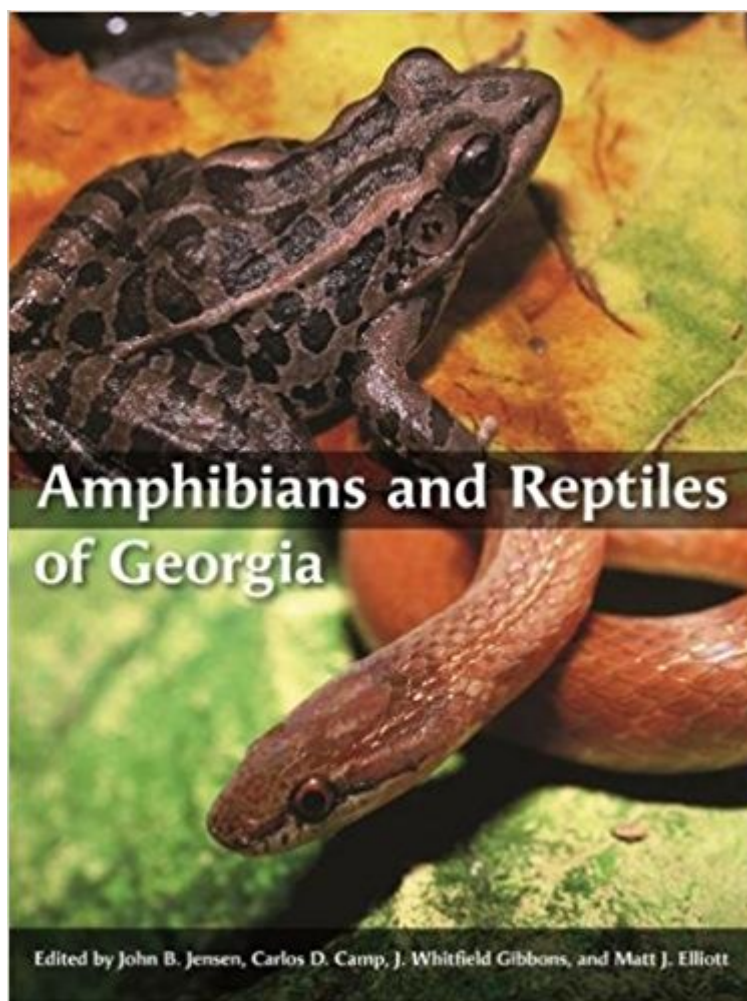


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Amphibians And Reptiles Of Georgia



Synopsis

A hidden world of amphibians and reptiles awaits the outdoor adventurer in Georgia's streams, caves, forests, and wetlands. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Georgia* makes accessible a wealth of information about 170 species of frogs, salamanders, crocodilians, lizards, snakes, and turtles. Throughout, the book stresses conservation, documenting declines in individual species as well as losses of local and regional populations. Color photographs are paired with detailed species accounts, which provide information about size, appearance, and other identifying characteristics of adults and young; taxonomy and nomenclature; habits; distribution and habitat; and reproduction and development. Typical specimens and various life stages are described, as well as significant variations in such attributes as color and pattern. Line drawings define each group's general features for easy field identification. Range maps show where each species occurs in Georgia county by county, as well as in the United States generally. State maps depict elevations, streams, annual precipitation, land use changes, physiographic provinces, and average temperatures. The book includes a checklist, a chart of the evolutionary relationships among amphibians and reptiles, a list of the top ten most reported species by major group, and a table summarizing the diversity of amphibians and reptiles in the state's five physiographic provinces. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Georgia* is an authoritative reference for students, professional herpetologists, biologists, ecologists, conservationists, land managers, and amateur naturalists.

Features:

- Nearly 500 color photographs
- 24 line drawings showing each group's defining features
- Almost 200 range maps detailing county-by-county distribution
- Detailed species accounts written by 54 regional experts providing information on size, appearance, and other identifying characteristics of adults and young; taxonomy and nomenclature; habits; distribution and habitat; and reproduction and development
- Introductory sections providing overviews of physiography, climate, and habitats of Georgia, the Georgia Herp Atlas Project, taxonomic issues, conservation, and herpetology as a science and a career
- A selection of frog and alligator vocalizations at www.ugapress.org/AmphibsAndReptiles

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[An] exquisite book . . . on the herpetofauna of the southeastern United States. . . . High-quality, clearly written, with an attractive layout . . . Has solid introductory information, detailed species descriptions, excellent range maps and color photographs, line drawings showing defining features, and a strong conservation message. There is an explanation as to how to use the species accounts which will be of value to the lay reader. (Herpetological Review)

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Ok this is not a Field Guide first and foremost. Why? Because it's a big ass tome of a book. I knew Georgia was cool, but it's epic cool. That's what the book "Amphibians and Reptiles of Georgia" by Jensen, Camp, Gibbons, and Elliot has taught me. I'm going there on Wednesday, first time herping Georgia. I am more excited now than ever. The book includes 500 color photographs, with species accounts written by regional experts. It is an excellent reference guide, and has county dot maps for range of each species. This is how a herp book should be done. Highly recommended to anyone in the region or who is herping it. With 170 species of herp to find, Georgia is pretty much amazing.

Great reference. We have snakes in our condominium complex, and this helped prove that most were harmless. Highly recommended for detailed reference. Good photos. Great details. Also bought the laminated Quick Reference Guide called Snakes of North Carolina, South Carolina and

Georgia, and I recommend it too.

I have a creek in my backyard that attracts wildlife. Several times I've spotted little beasties who showed up as being in the projected range in the book, but with no actual sightings. I would think the book should offer a active feedback website so the public could submit new sightings like these along with photos where available. The only other flaw in the book is a clear, consistent classification system. Good pictures, but the accompanying descriptions are in my view inconsistent.

Great guide, but now (in 2014) a little out of date (nothing serious- mostly just some Latin name changes, a few new occurrences, some changes in rank and a new (rare) salamander species) but still a fantastic resource. I'm a professional ecologist, primarily in Georgia, and this is one of the books that's always within arms reach. The online audio recordings (mostly frogs) are a great bonus! Check it out via UGA Press' YouTube page.

This book serves as a great resource on the herpetofauna of Georgia. It provides a rather thorough examination of all species commonly present in the state and includes plenty of useful pictures and ID references for help with extremely similar species such as the skinks. I wish more states had guides of this caliber available.

My daughter is a biologist and loves this book. Her professor loaned his copy to her one day and she was hooked. I was buying it the same day. That's what fathers are for.

Detailed information on every species found in Georgia. Great pictures, including larvae. Detailed, clear range maps. General introduction on the geography, climate, and habitats in Georgia, taxonomies, and other is a great read. Contains nice intros for each major type of amphibian and reptile and each major group and/or family. Easily read and used by either the layperson or professional biologist/ecologist. Highly recommended!

This book provides a comprehensive overview of a wide range of species in a clear and well organized format. It's not a technical biology textbook, however, so there may not be enough detail for someone with more specialized knowledge of amphibians and reptiles. The book is fairly thick and heavy and not suited to carrying in the field, if that's what you want. However, it's just fine for sitting on a patio and looking up whatever you've seen in your garden or flowerbed.

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