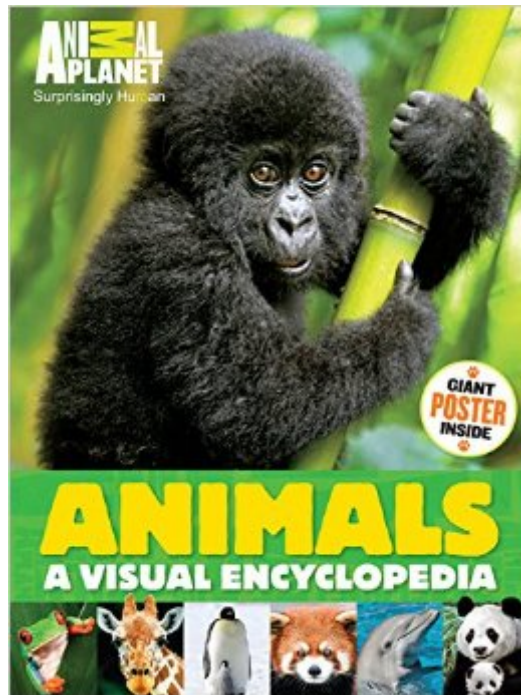


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# Animal Planet Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

Discover the many ways animals are surprisingly human! Meet more than 2,500 amazing animals in this comprehensive, family-fun, global reference guide from Animal Planet--your source for all things animals. Get up close and personal with the diverse species that share our world and discover the many ways animals are just like us! *Animal Planet Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia* profiles the seven major animal classes--mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, and other invertebrates--and features more than 1,000 stunning color photographs of animals in action. A giant removable poster showcases record-breaking animal kingdom facts and Animal Planet LIVE bonus videos transport readers from the book page directly to animals in their natural habitats around the world. Additional book features include a comprehensive glossary, index, and study resources for extended learning in geography, climate change, biology, and ecosystems, plus Animal Planet's R.O.A.R (Reach Out. Act. Respond.) facts throughout discuss conservation and animal rescue efforts. Highly accessible for both curl-up reading and dip-in reference needs, care has been taken to offer animal lovers less work and more wow by weaving the taxonomic and biological information throughout the individual sections rather than putting it all up front. Specialist authors and life science experts provide the most up-to-date view of the animal kingdom, making it an ideal homework helper and a crucial family reference for the school years and beyond. A beautiful gift for any animal lover, a portion of proceeds benefits R.O.A.R. (Reach Out. Act. Respond.), Animal Planet's project dedicated to improving the lives of animals in our communities and in the wild.

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## Customer Reviews

Our toddler loves going through this book. Perhaps the best way to describe it is to show a few pages selected at random, here are 4 photos. This book is excellent for any kid from ages 2 to 15. The writing is simple, but introduces enough advanced terms that it will expand the vocabulary even for someone of high school age. Kids love the way this book is organized like a reference encyclopaedia with a twist of variety in the layout every few pages.

My oldest daughter is getting more and more into animals. Not that long ago, I got her a big photo book all about wolves, that had lots of information on the species, and full page photos showing them in their natural habitats. Now and then she'll come home from school with a small National Geographic book that has some good info on a couple of animals, but is usually focusing on something, like stealthy animals. This Animal Planet visual encyclopedia covers just about any animal any kid could think of, and is full of beautiful photographs and good tidbits of information. Let me just flip to 3 random pages and summarize what's on them to give you a good idea of what I learned:-both male and female caribou have antlers, and the females shed theirs after having babies-their calves join the herd right after birththey cover over 1600 miles when they do their summer migration and head back south when snow falls-the wandering albatross has the largest wingspan of any other bird (up to 11 feet!)-the wandering albatross also only returns to land to mate-the Australian pelican looks really stupid-Atlas moths, one of the largest species of moth, only live for a week after emerging from their cocoons because they don't have a mouth (that sucks)-the ornate moth has wings that, when closed, look like a blanket with a cool patternAlso included in the book is a nice poster full of more animal facts and pictures.It's crazy how inexpensive this book is considering all the animals covered in it. This dwarfs any kind of animal book my school library had when I was a kid, and if I was a grade schooler now and saw this on the shelf, it'd blow my mind.

**ANIMAL PLANET ANIMALS: A VISUAL ENCYCLOPEDIA** provides a visually stunning look at animals from around the world.After an introduction and table of contents, the book describes how to use the book. This page should be helpful for young readers who might easily be overwhelmed

by the size and scope of the text. The reference book is organized by animal kingdom. After an overview that explores general information about animals, chapters examine mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, and other invertebrates. Within each category, a few pages introduce the animal type followed by an examination of small groups of animals and close-ups featuring specific examples. For instance, a two-page spread on bears is followed by a close-up examination of the Giant Panda. The book concludes with a glossary, a couple pages about traits humans share with other creatures, and an index. While the book is logically organized and would be particularly useful to children working on projects related to specific animal kingdoms, it might be overwhelming for youth accustomed to an encyclopedia organized in alphabetical order. The book's consistent presentation of feature elements such as animal facts and feeding habit make the book easy to digest. The visual layout of the book includes color coded chapters with endless high-quality photos that will appeal to readers who enjoy browsing animal books. However, the hundreds of information-rich pages may be overwhelming for student researchers seeking specific facts for class projects. With more than 2500 animals and over 1000 photographs, librarians will find this amazing reference book to be popular across grade levels. Published by Liberty Street/ Time Inc. Books on September 22, 2015. Review copy courtesy of the publisher.

Aimed at 8-12 year olds, *Animal Planet Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia* doesn't quite have the easy-going fun of their *Animal Bites* series (which is aimed at a younger audience), but nevertheless it delivers lovely pictures (though the quality of the electronic version is, I'm gathering, rather degraded from what you'd see in the actual book) with concise explanations that serve to give a fascinating overview to the animals we share this planet with. Each animal card, for lack of a better word, provides the animal's common name, scientific name, size, habitat, and food preferences. They also include a couple small factoids that might interest young readers. The numbers are given in both metric and imperial, so there's no in-head conversion required. There are also About Me, Fun Facts, ROAR, and Surprisingly Human pieces scattered throughout which are very brief, but relate interesting tidbits relevant to the animals being discussed. Overall, this would be a great general interest gift for the middle-graders in the household who love animals, but don't have any specific critters they fixate upon. It would also be a good starting point for various assigned reports on animals for science and or biology classes. At 304 pages, there's tons of animals for kids (and adults!) to discover and learn more about. Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book free from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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