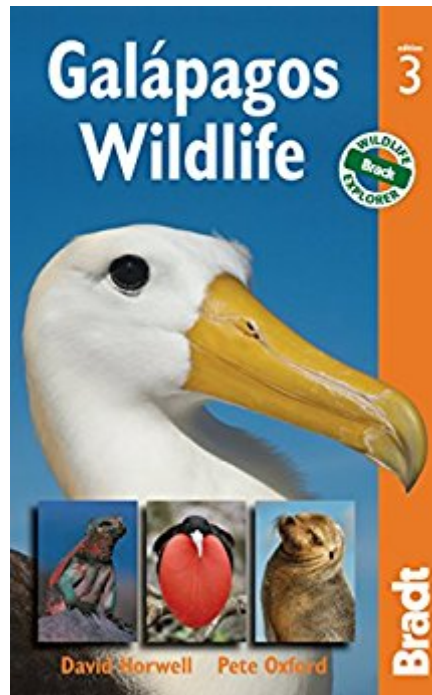




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Travelling to the Galápagos to discover the unique flora and fauna that so captivated Darwin and the many that followed him is a rite of passage for serious wildlife enthusiasts. Written by two expert naturalists who are passionate about the Galápagos, this guide is packed with entertaining descriptions, while full-colour photography aids in identifying key species both on land and below water. Now with more detailed descriptions of island landing sites, more photos, and updated information on conservation efforts, Bradt's Galápagos Wildlife is the perfect companion for this once-in-a-lifetime trip. For those looking to explore it also includes unique island trail plans.

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Customer Reviews

I used this book on a recent Galapagos trip. I really liked that the book had descriptions of each island so we knew what to expect before disembarking. Also, it has chapters by type of wildlife so it was easy to look up a particular reptile, fish, mammal or plant. The background on the history was also quite informative, and the book was a great supplement to the talks given by the naturalists.

The photographs were very helpful as well. While on the trip, others kept borrowing my book!

Great product.

The best part of this book is the last section which tells you what wildlife you see on each island. This can help you decide which tour to take when you visit. It even describes the landings on each island. We chose the southern route so we could see the waved albatross. Beautiful photos too! I am definitely carrying this book with me during my visit!

Having visited the Galápagos and planning my return, I can say this introductory booklet (140 pages) is a reliable for people who want an overall idea of the ecology and want to identify some of the most prominent wildlife they are likely to encounter - it is easy to understand, has good information, decent photos of the main players and illustrations of the commonest landing sites. For you, this booklet rates three stars for clarity, comprehension level and lightness in your backpack, but it fails next to Andy Swash and Rob Still's more comprehensive and better illustrated "Birds, Mammals and Reptiles of the Galápagos Island". For those who want a more in depth knowledge of the Galápagos and their wildlife, or are traveling to some of the more remote sites or the northernmost islands: you will feel short-changed and wish you had purchased more comprehensive guide(s), so you can identify all the critters you will possibly observe and learn much more about their habitats and behaviors, climate and climate zones, etc. For those travelers (birders, nature buffs, divers, etc.), this booklet rates a generous three stars for its relatively topical treatments. Choose your guidebooks according to your interests and skills. And go there, walk softly and leave nothing. Visiting should have as little impact as possible, and in my opinion when done properly does help protect these wonderful islands of biological diversity from rampant pirate fishing, oil spills and short-sighted political stewardship. Our "tangibilized" interest is the only one the Ecuadorian government- at least up until now- has responded to.

This book is really great to have and a handy size to take along with you while on land. The pictures are a help in identifying the birds, fish and mammals. And there is an interesting historical overview of the Islands.

Great book if you intend to travel to Galapagos!

This is a fine introduction to the wildlife on the Galapagos islands. It is not too technical, but gives the reader a good idea of what to expect & what's unique to the islands. The color photos are all striking. The section on the landing and visitor areas is illustrated with good detailed maps. I have not been there yet to verify the accuracy of the maps, but I'm confident they are good in keeping with the quality of the book.

Excellent compendium of Galapagos creatures with good photos.

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