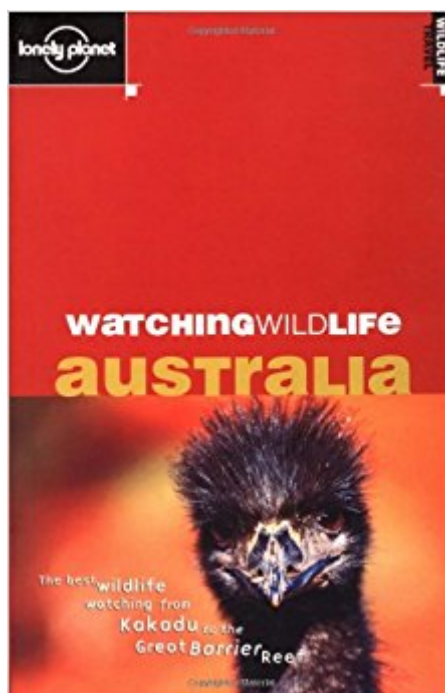


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Watching Wildlife: Australia



Synopsis

A guide to finding, identifying and understanding Australian wildlife. This text provides readers with the background on natural history, habitats and wildlife in action.

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Customer Reviews

"Watching Wildlife Australia" is a treasure trove of practical clues that will help you plan an independent wildlife expedition. Whether you're an intrepid wilderness bushwalker, a local resident, a group tourist or a specialist familiar with another landscape looking for insights into new terrain – "Watching Wildlife Australia" will give you a wildlife commentary to take on your journey. "Watching Wildlife Australia" is also a perfect addition to any nature lover's collection and a useful reference tool for students of any age. It will teach you to interpret what you see, whatever your mode of travel. • discover what's there and where to find it • pinpoint directions and inside tips for the top destinations • use 65 full-color maps, from cities to national parks • get the lowdown on planning, itineraries, watching techniques and gear • get expert advice on photography, whale-watching, bird-watching, diving and night viewing • read background on natural history, habitats and wildlife in action

This is by far the most interesting and valuable travel guide I've ever come across. It's an incredibly rich source of information for anyone wishing to experience the natural world in Australia. The book has two basic sections: First, a state-by-state guide to specific places, such as national parks and

other outstanding areas to see wildlife. And second, a fairly comprehensive overview of Australia's birds, mammals, and other wild animals. Both sections are packed with useful and fascinating information, augmented with excellent maps and photos. As a committed nature geek who makes frequent and extended trips to Australia, I can't imagine traveling Down Under without this indispensable book. Thanks so much to the authors for doing a great job, and to Lonely Planet for publishing such a fine book. Very strongly recommended!

This book is the only one available that describes Australia's national parks from a wildlife-watching point of view - other guides available in Australia concentrate on scenic spots and facilities for holidaymakers. As such, I found it invaluable in pointing out which parks to visit to see a good cross-section of the continent's unique wildlife, and where to try and spot any particular species. It describes both parks and selected species of Australian wildlife very attractively, with colour illustrations and inspiring text. Now for the shortcomings: The information given often turned out to be wishful thinking, making local park rangers laugh. Just to give two examples: this book claims common wombats are "abundant" in Giraween National Park of Queensland while rangers there said they were so rare they have only seen one in 10 years; it also claims koalas are "common" in Royal NP near Sydney when in fact they are extinct there. And these are two very popular, frequently visited parks! In general, the book tends to make seeing much of Australia's unique wildlife sound much easier than it actually is. My other complaint would be that there is almost no practical information of the sort generally provided by other Lonely Planet guides in this book: no information on public transport [hasn't everyone got a car? ;-)], and none on the costs of accommodation or tours. Then again, since as I said it is the only guide of its kind to watching wildlife in Australia, anyone interested in the topic is well advised to buy a copy. Just don't put too much trust into its accuracy - something that will hopefully improve in a next edition...

I am surprised how few books there seem to be on Australian wildlife, and where to see various animals. This one is the best I've found. It has sections on habitats, parks and places (what you'll see in different places), and then a guide to the individual animals. It's small enough to take on a trip.

This is a wonderful guide, which I used for my four months across OZ. There are some issues with it so let me get the few negatives out of the way. 1) Several Parks have been renamed using Aboriginal names, ie. 'Asbestos Range' now go by "Narawtapu National Park" 2) If you are going to Tasmania,

forget this book and pick up just about anything written by Dave Watts. He not only has a general finding guide for Tasmania where he tells you EXACTLY where to find target animals (Wildlife in Tasmania) he has other specific guides for wildlife on Birds etc.that you can pick up in Hobart if visiting. There is a map shop in Hobart that has all these books. By the way, if your reason for going to Australia is to see lots of mammals, DON'T MISS TASMANIA!3) Some of the info is dated, notably the abundance of Tasmanian Devils, which are being wiped out by a cancer. So take the recs of finding them with a grain of salt.4) Finally some of the target birds are seasonal, so know when a given species will be at a given location before investing time to go to the location. That all said for a reference for the whole country, this book is outstanding. I, for one, was looking for wildlife other than just birds and mammals, and this book provided useful info to find really good sites for them. It would have been nice to have more sites, more recommendations, but then this book would have been a lot larger, so I'm pleased they kept the weight down. Other than Tasmania, this was my go-to guide in all states and territories. So my thanks to the Authors. But I'd suggest updating the book. PS. My book looks like hell. I guess making a book that can survive getting soaked is too much, eh?

As a wildlife photographer I was very keen to find out where were the easiest places in Australia to see wildlife. This was the only book I have been able to find of this kind. The guide lists the best locations to see wildlife by state, often with very specific details. It also provides a brief description of some of Australia's most popular wildlife and what are the hotspots for viewing that particular species. This guide is not designed to give detailed information on wildlife behavior or physical makeup, it is designed to tell you where you can see wildlife and it does that brilliantly!!

This is a great little book. Compact and with great tips of where to see wildlife. Wish I had written it! Damon Ramsey, BSc. author of "Rainforest of tropical Australia"

This is a great book for someone touring Australia. I would have given five stars had there been more parks listed.

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