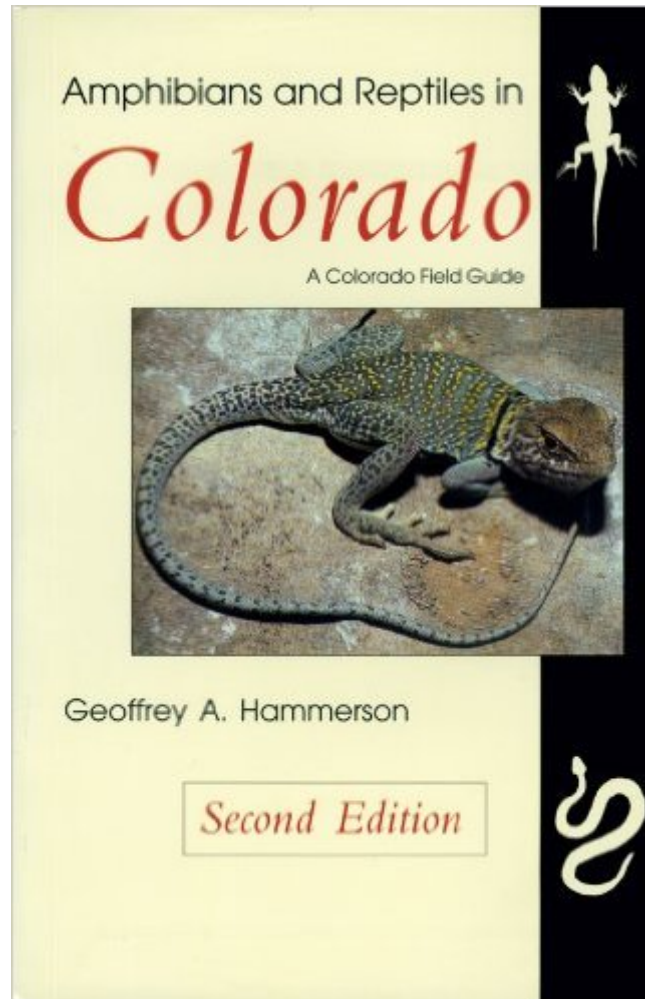


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Amphibians and Reptiles in Colorado, Second Edition, is an up-to-date, definitive summary of the distribution, conservation status, habitat, behavior, life history, ecology, and taxonomy of all salamanders, frogs, turtles, lizards, and snakes known to inhabit Colorado. It includes a description of the Colorado landscape, color photographs of each species, detailed range maps, identification keys, and tips on how to find, study, and photograph amphibians and reptiles. In addition, the author addresses the impact of human behavior on the region's herpetofauna, as well as the impact of Colorado's amphibians and reptiles upon humans. Covering the western part of the central Great Plains, the southern Rocky Mountains, and the canyons, mesas, and plains of the upper Colorado River basin, Amphibians and Reptiles in Colorado will be a useful resource for adjacent states such as Wyoming and eastern Utah. With more than 200 color photographs to aid the reader in identification, this book is both an ideal reference work for those interested in the herpetofauna of the region and an invaluable field guide for hikers, amateur naturalists, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

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For those only mildly interested in snakes, lizards, frogs and other 'creeping things', this book will change your life's direction forever! The first edition of this book was a treat: a field guide to the herpetofauna of Colorado, complete with photos, descriptions and distribution maps. I was highly pleased with it, and looking forward to the release of the second edition (due out in 1998, I think).

The wait was worth it! This new edition contains not only the photos, some breathtaking in their beauty and clarity, and distribution maps, etc, but also pretty much everything one would ever desire to know about herpetofauna in the Southwest. This book now contains chapters on biogeography, examining all the Colorado habitats, conservation status and legislation, human interactions, viewing methods, and each Colorado species has its own and very thorough entry. As a professional herpetologist, this book is invaluable to me wherever I happen to be, Colorado or no. As a complete amateur, this book would open up a mysterious world! It's too heavy for a field guide, that's why there's those terrible Audubon things (although Patterson is good), but terribly useful for when you get home again. Buy this book, now!

Hammerson is currently THE definitive guide to reptiles and amphibians in Colorado. The 2nd edition is now a bit out of date, but most of the information provided within is timeless and will remain highly relevant for decades to come. The book is written clearly and such that most young adults and adults should be able to comprehend the content. It also provides valuable citations from scientific literature for those interested in further researching the literature on these important taxa (again, a revision would be helpful for updating new information that has come out since 1999). I have used many other field guides for wildlife... but the format and content of Hammerson's book sets the bar extremely high and you'd be hard-pressed to find a more useful guide to reptiles and amphibians!

This book is the yardstick that all other field guides should be measured against. Detailed and concise, Hammerson gives an excellent account of Colorado herpetofauna. I have two copies, one for my car and one for home.

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