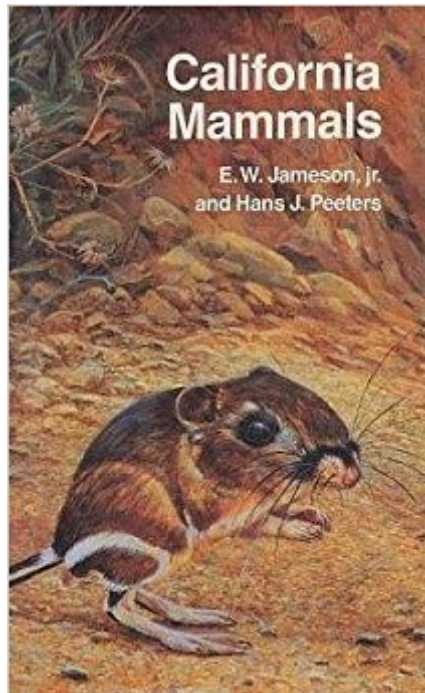


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Not only informative, but delves into interesting details. The illustrations are particularly fine - the best I've seen, with details carefully delineated in the drawings and paintings, and wonderfully innovative and lifelike and natural positions. Mr. Peeters, or Dr. Peeters, that is, has a wonderful eye and apparently a retentive brain and a fast hand! This book is worth having for the illustrations alone! Check out Peeters' other books: Raptors of California and Owls of California and the West. Very detailed on biology and living styles. The latest info on ongoing physiological research. I couldn't do without them.

This is such a well done guide. Another good book in the California Natural History Guide series by the University of California Press, this book is particularly strong in its keys. Replete with line drawings of the living animals as well as instructive views of skulls for use in identification. Good range maps, and index. It has 77 pages of mammal ecology including sections on studying mammals (even gives addresses for suppliers of night vision scopes and hunter style hearing aid devices). Another 260 odd pages are the species accounts: Marsupialia, Insectivora, Chiroptera, Carnivora, Pinnepedia, Cetacea, Perissodactyla, Artiodactyla, Rodentia, and Lagomorpha. I would say your California natural history bookshelf isn't complete without this one.

With this guide I was able to identify the bats that move into our attic every year (little brown bats). I'm no expert, but the book does seem to miss a subspecies of the Sierra Fox that lives in Lassen National Park. I hope that is corrected in the 2004 updated version of this book.

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