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Princeton University Press partners with Panthera to release the most up-to-date and comprehensive field guide to

CARNIVORES OF THE WORLD

Luke Hunter

Illustrated by Priscilla Barrett

Carnivora. The meat-eaters. The mere mention of carnivores conjures memories of glossy *National Geographic*-style images: lions chasing down their prey, cheetahs streaking across the plains of Africa and grizzly bears fishing in a mountain stream. But there are 242 other terrestrial meat eaters ranging from weasels, civets and mongooses to raccoons and red pandas. **CARNIVORES OF THE WORLD**, a new book in the *Princeton Field Guide* series by [Panthera President Dr. Luke Hunter](#), covers them all. This is the first field guide of its kind, covering all 245 terrestrial species of true carnivores.

“*Carnivores of the World* is a one-stop-shop for anyone interested in carnivores,” says Dr. Hunter. “This book is intended for a wide audience—whether you’re going on safari, a student in the field, or just want to know more about the amazing diversity of carnivorous mammals.”

Featuring detailed species accounts from Hunter and artwork from esteemed wildlife illustrator Priscilla Barrett, **CARNIVORES OF THE WORLD** is simultaneously the most detailed and rigorous identification guide available and a gorgeous, must-have book. Written for all audiences, this book provides the most scientific and current information for each species, including key identification features, distribution and habitat, feeding ecology, behavior, reproduction, threats, and conservation status.

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Hunter also includes a concise overview of taxonomy, conservation, and the distinct families within the order Carnivora. Range maps are actively maintained on a Panthera Web site to ensure their accuracy and to maintain changes in status and distribution. The page also features a video interview with Dr. Hunter in which he discusses the two years of vigorous research that went into his latest book.

Range Maps and Interview: <http://www.panthera.org/carnivoreguide>

“I don’t know of a concise global summary of carnivores like this. The illustrations cover a wide range of forms from all over the world, including many that are rarely photographed or preserved in museums,” says Roland W. Kays, coauthor of *Mammals of North America*.

While **CARNIVORES OF THE WORLD** is the perfect stand-alone reference for specialists, academics and professional conservationists and biologists, the book’s beautiful illustrations and accessible species accounts also make it ideal for a general audience of enthusiasts, students, wildlife lovers, tourists, wildlife filmmakers, and tour guides.

About the Author:

Luke Hunter serves as Panthera’s President where he oversees the direction and strategy of all of the organization’s global wild cat conservation programs. Before joining Panthera, Dr. Hunter headed the Wildlife Conservation Society’s Great Cats Program and taught wildlife ecology at several universities in Australia and South Africa. Dr. Hunter has contributed to over 100 scientific papers and popular articles, and has published six books, including *Cheetah*, *Cats of Africa: Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation* and *Watching Wildlife: Southern Africa*.

About Panthera:

Panthera, founded in 2006, is the world’s leading organization devoted exclusively to the conservation of wild cats and their ecosystems. Utilizing the expertise of the world’s premier cat biologists, Panthera develops and implements global conservation strategies for the largest, most imperiled cats—tigers, lions, jaguars, cheetahs and snow leopards. Representing the most comprehensive effort of its kind, Panthera works in partnership with local and international NGOs, scientific institutions, local communicators and governments. Visit <http://www.panthera.org/>

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