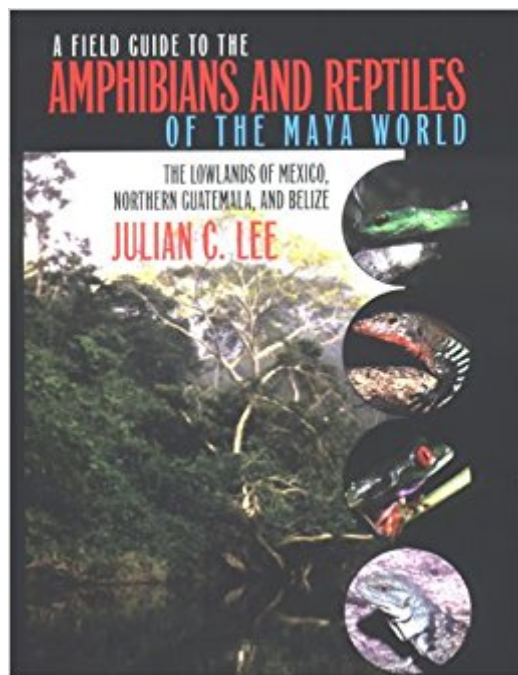




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A Field Guide To The Amphibians And Reptiles Of The Maya World: The Lowlands Of Mexico, Northern Guatemala, And Belize



Synopsis

The Yucatán Peninsula is today divided among Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. Travelers to this region discover both astonishing archaeological sites and a stunning array of wildlife, including crocodiles, turtles, lizards, snakes, frogs, toads, and salamanders. This book—written by the world's leading authority on the herpetology of the lowland Maya area—is the only comprehensive field guide to all the species of amphibians and reptiles found there. This field guide*allows identification of all native and introduced species of amphibians and reptiles of the region.*features nearly 180 color photographs and 180 drawings.*offers valuable techniques for field identification, and a glossary of herpetological terms.*provides in each species account: description, natural history, similar species, and geographic distribution (complete with maps of each animal's range). *includes suggested readings for those who want to know more about a particular species.*illustrates all tadpoles.*describes the most characteristic vocalizations of the reptiles and amphibians in the volume.*introduces the physical geography, climate, and vegetation of the region, with emphasis on the habitats of amphibians and reptiles.

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— Alan H. Savitzky, Old Dominion University, Past President, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

This book is a must for anyone interested in the identification of amphibians and reptiles of Central

America. Very well written guide for identification of many species.

This guide is a decent book to take to the Yucatan. It is a lot cheaper than the 1996 version - so if you lose it or mess it up in the wet Yucatan - buy another cheap! Also, this book is a lot better than J. Campbell's book. This guide helped me find my main target in a limited time. Do your homework online before you go too! I would've enjoyed more photos though.

Doesn't have photos of all the species, but it seems to have them of the more common species. The range maps and habitat info are very handy. I head to Mexico next week and feel confident I will be able to find many of my targets just by studying this book!

An informative inexpensive reference for traveling to Yucatan if you are interested in herp.

Easy to use. Came in handy to ID a snake. I did tear it apart to save weight. I just took the plates which worked well.

A very scholarly textbook, and if that is what I was after, I would give it 5 stars. If you want to know the fine differences between snakes of the same genus, this is the book for you. But as a practical field guide for someone wanting to know and be able to recognize the difference between the very dangerous coral snake vs a similarly colored but harmless milk snake, it is not as good as I had hoped it would be.

A Field Guide To The Amphibians And Reptiles Of The Maya World is a comprehensive survey of the crocodiles, turtles, lizards, snakes, frogs, toads, and salamanders found in Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. This exceptionally well laid out field guide allows the easy identification of all native and introduced species of amphibians and reptiles of the region; is enhanced with 180 color photographs and 180 drawings; provides valuable techniques for field identification; includes a glossary of herpetological terms; and for each species gives a full description, natural history, and geographic distribution information (complete with maps). There are suggested readings for those who want to know more about a particular species, even descriptions of the most characteristic vocalizations of the reptiles and amphibians surveyed. A Field Guide To The Amphibians And Reptiles Of The Maya World is a "must" for any personal, professional, or academic library collection of natural history and herpetology reference works.

Julian C. Lee's field guide of the amphibians and reptiles of the Maya world is excellent. The color photographs make it easy to identify the animal in question; the maps give the reader the distribution of the form; the text gives a short synopsis of the characters and natural history of the taxon; the photos, line drawings, and the PRICE make it all worth while. Any person visiting the outback of the Yucatan Peninsula needs a copy of this book. All Nature Touring Companies should have it available for their clients. A wonderful addition for any professional herpetologist bookshelf.

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