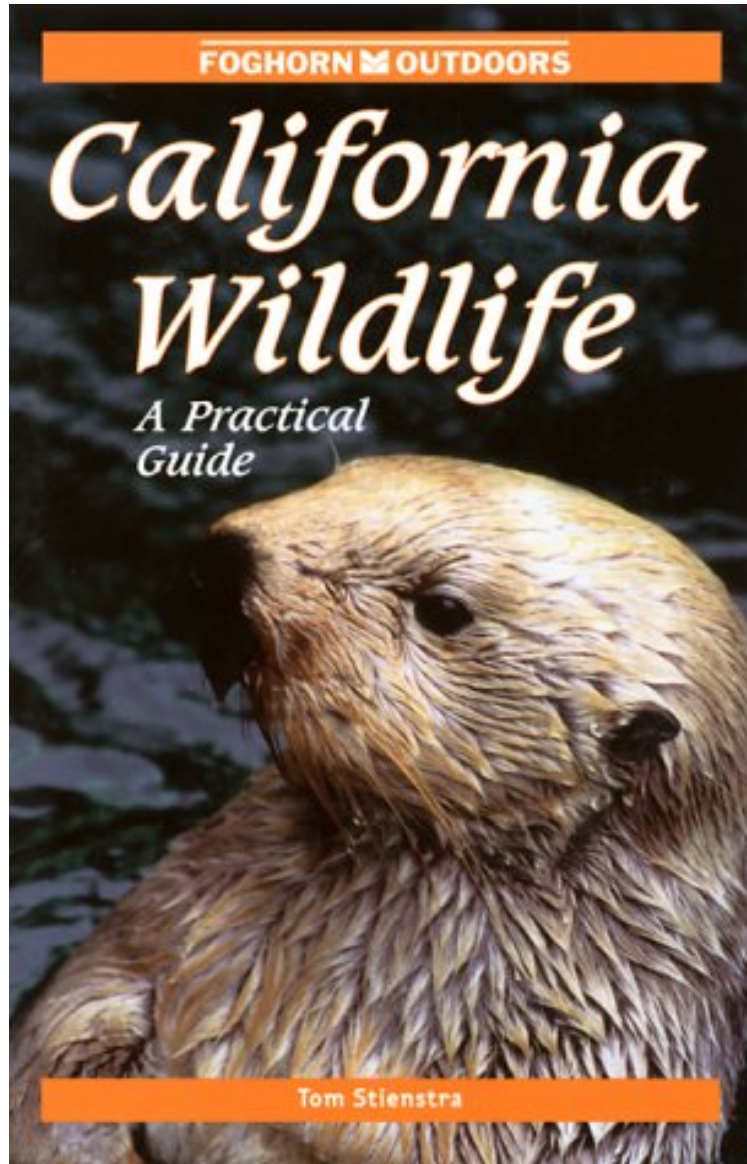


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Bobcats, Bears, and Bigfoot. A Fun Wildlife Reference.By Fritz R. WardLast weekend my wife and I were hiking near Green Valley Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains. With sunset just an hour away, we were hurrying along the trail but rounding a corner we stopped dead in our tracks. Not 30 yards from us was a bobcat which of course took off in the opposite direction as soon as we saw it. Wildlife encounters like

these are treasured moments and we feel blessed to have experienced so many of them. You can share such experiences too with a little time, a lot of luck, and simply by knowing where and when to go in California's wildlands. This book by Tom Steinstra can help with the third part of that formula. This book discusses 85 different types of wildlife commonly found (or in the case of Bigfoot, occasionally reported) in California. Far more animals than that are described, however, as you will find multiple species under the headings "duck," "deer," "elk," and so forth. Steinstra's descriptions are divided into two parts. The first consists of his own personal observations and the second are loosely classified as "biologists' notes." I found both sections informative and Paul Johnson's illustrations nicely complement the text. On the whole, this is an excellent reference source. You can find out a lot about California's wildlife and where you can go to see such animals. But references sources usually are not all that fun to read. The reason this book merits 5 stars is that it is an exception to the rule. Steinstra is simply a terrific writer. Who else would think to remark, under biologists' notes for chipmunks, that their predators include "cats, dogs, weasels, hawks, owls, snakes, and many boys." Or again, where else would you find out about the social importance of crawdads for scaring your parents silly. A good reference book is useful. A well written one is a gem. Buy this book and enjoy.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. disappointing
By Gary Skipper III was very excited about this book since I never know where to find specific animals. Unfortunately it is extremely general and it leaves out tons of animals that would be very interesting to find and several species within those categories. Instead of being able to find specific squirrels or chipmunks for example, you just get very general information that leaves out tons of different species within that listing. I did like the listings of parks where you can find a certain animal its just that lots of animals are left out and how do you know where to find a specific animal within a park that has 100 miles of trails?

The Golden State is blessed with a diversity of wildlife unrivaled anywhere on Earth. From coastal tidepools to high desert, and from mountain forests to fertile valleys, the ecosystems of California teem with a vast array of species. This encyclopedic guide, written by Tom Stienstra in collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Game, profiles over 100 animals, from the formidable black bear and majestic gray whale to river otters, bald eagles, and great horned owls. The guide is cross-referenced and has been reviewed for accuracy by professional biologists.