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JEFF BOUNDY AND JOHN L. CARR

Amphibians & Reptiles *of Louisiana*

AN IDENTIFICATION AND REFERENCE GUIDE



“Louisiana has among the most diverse and interesting herpetofauna in the United States. Jeff Boundy and John L. Carr have produced a highly useful and practical guide to accompany all forays into the field in search of Louisiana amphibians and reptiles. The photographs are sharp, the maps are accurate, and the commentary is perfect: a great contribution to our understanding of natural history.” – **Robert A. Thomas, president, Louisiana Master Naturalist Association**

The animal most often associated with Louisiana, the American alligator, is but one among 147 amphibian and reptile species found in the state. From the ubiquitous green tree frog to the elusive slimy salamander, the variety of the state’s wildlife can be intriguing and overwhelming. In content that is both accessible to laypersons and relevant to herpetologists, *Amphibians and Reptiles of Louisiana* guides curious nature lovers and experienced biologists through a vast wealth of biodiversity.

Jeff Boundy and John L. Carr describe the general form, sizes, and color patterns of each of Louisiana’s species: 23 salamanders, 30 frogs and toads, 26 turtles, 12 lizards, 47 snakes, and one alligator, along with eight non-native species now found in the state. Each entry considers the species’ behavior, geographic range, popula-

tions, food and feeding habits, reproduction, and predators.

Useful identification keys to each genus are provided, while drawings of anatomical features, distribution maps, and color photographs serve as efficient visual aids. The authors offer techniques for locating amphibians and reptiles in their natural environments, as well as an illustrated summary of the landscape and habitats of Louisiana. Notation of endangered species and those of conservation concern is also included, along with a glossary and a list of additional references. With more than 780 color photographs and nearly 150 maps, this resource will enrich readers’ appreciation for Louisiana’s natural diversity and deepen their interest in the state’s complex ecology.

Jeff Boundy, a herpetologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, is the author of *Snakes of Louisiana* and coauthor of *Snakes of the World: A Catalogue of Living and Extinct Species*.

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