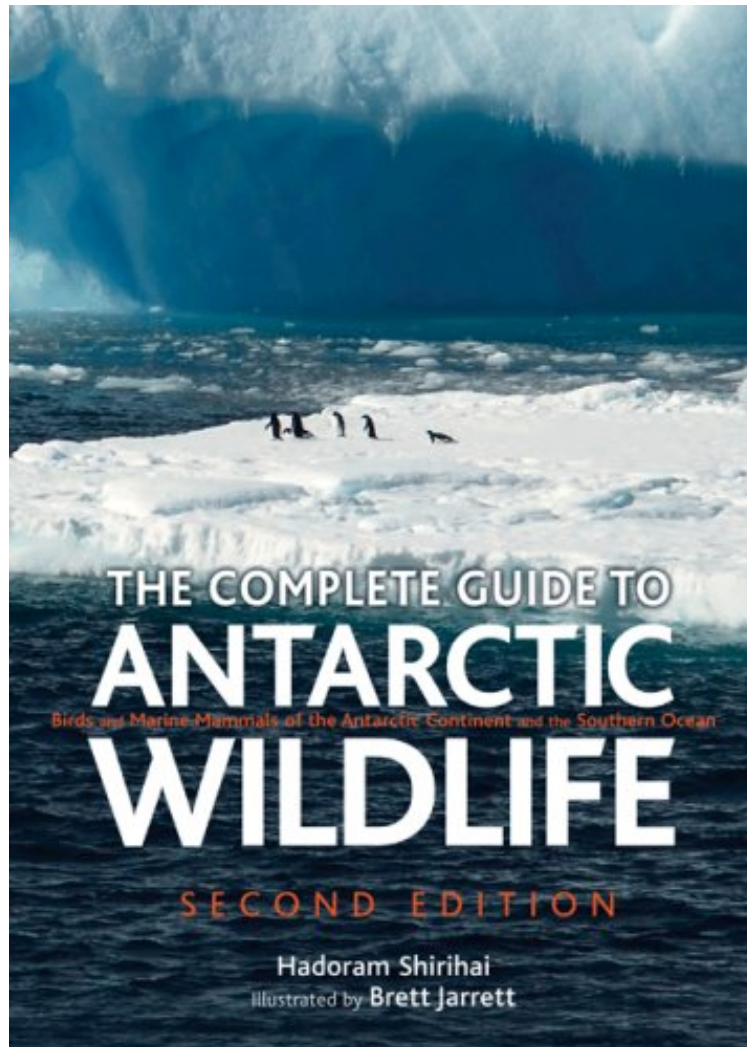


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book for those wanting details of Antarctic wildlife. Not what the average person would consider a coffee table book. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. almost (but not quite) perfect By bothellbuyer I've wanted to take a circumpolar Antarctic cruise for so many years, and this book is a fantastic primer. My primary interest is cetaceans (specifically Ziphiid whales and small Odontocetes) so I did not spend much time examining the bird section. This book covers cetaceans well, with a few small omissions. I did find it odd that although the book covers landbirds for subantarctic locations, it omits land mammals. Also omitted is *Mesoplodon traversii*. Although no information exists yet regarding the physical form of this *Mesoplodon*, its skeletal remains have been found within the range covered by this book. Pitman hypothesizes that his *Mesoplodon* species 'B' MAY be *M. traversii* (a long-beaked *Mesoplodon*). A printing error on page 383 (Plate 33) of my copy omits portions of the name of most of the small beaked whales illustrated on this plate. Think of this page as a quiz (weak grin). At-sea photos of most of the cetaceans covered are included and plates with artist renderings of similar species summarize field marks for each species (Plate 30 - coastal dolphins porpoises, Plate 31 - oceanic and coastal dolphins, Plate 32- dark animals with similar, prominent dorsal fins, Plate 33- small beaked whales, Plate 34 - large beaked whales small baleen whales, Plate 35 - large rorquals and robust-bodied whales). Each species summary includes sections on Identification (confusion risks, main characters, age-sex variation, physical notes, chief identification at sea, similar species) Distribution biology (distribution, movements population, diet and feeding techniques, main social behavior, breathing diving, breeding biology), Conservation, Taxonomy. A range map is included for each species. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GOOD BOOK!!!! By EdWIFE LOVES IT

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