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Pantanal Wildlife: A Visitor's Guide To Brazil's Great Wetland (Bradt Wildlife Guides)



Synopsis

The Pantanal of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay is South America's Serengeti: its wetlands are the largest on Earth (they're half the size of France) and, in the dry season, crocodiles and storks jostle to gobble the last of the dying fish. Here, the continent's largest cat, the jaguar, lives alongside giant otters, anacondas and the world's largest parrot. A comprehensive introduction to the best place to watch wildlife in South America, and beautifully illustrated throughout, Bradt's Wildlife of the Pantanal is the only portable book to cover all the main wildlife groups while focusing exclusively on the Pantanal.

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'Bradt Travel Guides simply have the best wildlife coverage of any of the popular guide books.' BBC Wildlife

Based in Argentina, James Lowen is a wildlife writer, editor, photographer and lecturer. He is editor of the only magazine to focus on birdwatching in Latin America.

This guide provides an overview of all things Pantanal -- from birds and mammals to reptiles and insects. The color pictures are good; and the descriptions under each category -- for example, Waterbirds, then Herons -- give you an idea of what you might see while there. Knowing that there

were three particularly beautiful herons, I asked our guides to help me find and/or identify the "beauty queens:" the capped, the whistling and, especially, the agami herons. I was lucky to see all three, and they are of almost unbelievable beauty. Is it a Bird Guide? No. There was, for example, only the picture of the Agami Heron. To distinguish between the various heron or any other category of birds a proper Guide is needed. A particularly good one, aimed at the region, is the Wildlife Conservation Society's Birds of Brazil: the Pantanal & Cerrado of Central Brazil. Returning from the trip, my travel companions wanted to look at the book. Several planned to buy it for the overview of everything we'd seen.

Excellent primer--well-worth the price, especially for a first-time visitor. I found it most helpful for my first time Patanal visit, including helping to identify many species of birds and animals. It is not meant to be a comprehensive deskbook, but a guide to have with you "on the road".

We actually bought this book after our trip to the Pantanal. I really thought the book was right on in many ways. As I was reading the book, it was like reliving our experiences that we just had a month ago in June 2017. Depictions of the animals were nearly perfect, and the listings of attractions, POIs and other man-made stops was very accurate. I just wish I had bought the book before we had left on the trip!!!!

This book is a treat to read as it provides information about the wildlife one might well see in different locations within the Pantanal at specific eco inns and ranches. The descriptions of different genera/species are concise and useful for broad brush field identifications.

Loved all the information this book provided on the various wildlife of the Pantanal. And the photos in the book were amazing. Would recommend this book to anyone who plans to visit this area.

I like the book very much as it has nice pictures and has lots of information which makes our planning for the next trip to the Pantanal easy. I would encourage the author to widen the book in the chapter of the practicalities. It would also be nice to read more about the pre-planning of a stay in the region.

Good overview of what you will see.

Great book to help us prepare for an upcoming trip

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