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From Booklist This third edition of *Wildlife and Plants of the World* has been updated, expanded, and improved. There are now more than 500 entries covering animals, plants, microorganisms, fungi, habitats, biomes, and overviews. More than 75 new articles have been added, including Bandicoot, Dogwood, and Syringa. A few important topics, such as banana and cacao, are still absent. This edition also boasts 160 new full-color photographs as well as 80 new and 40 updated maps. Volumes 1-19 are arranged alphabetically by entry, and volume 20 constitutes the index. Each volume begins with a table of contents (no longer annotated) for each specific volume. Following this is a three-page article describing the kingdoms of life. A color key is also provided, corresponding to the color coding (identical to the previous edition) used throughout the book. This scheme is enhanced by the clearly labeled headings for each entry ("a flowering plant," "a wading bird," etc.). Volume 1 also contains information about taxonomy. The complete table of contents for the entire set has also been moved to volume 1. Entries provide a concise introduction followed by more detailed information including behavior, reproduction, characteristics, and survival tactics. Stereotypes, such as those associated with crocodiles and dingoes, are nicely addressed. Two or more full-color, captioned photographs bring each entry to life. Maps denote the range for most entries, some of which provide one or two very specific examples. A "Key Facts" box contains basic information such as habitat and status. See also references are also provided. The index offers nice improvements. New to this edition is an index on behaviors such as hibernation and parental care. Although there is no index for endangered species, an index on conservation and environmental issues has been added, including deforestation and insecticides. All of the resources have been updated, and there are now two pages of briefly annotated Internet resources as well as sections on places to go and organizations (which also provide Web sites). With its captivating information and photographs, students are sure to come to this easy-to-use set again and again. Described by the publisher as a "perfect introduction to the life sciences," this set is highly recommended for upper-elementary, middle-school, and public libraries. Heather Heyduk Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved