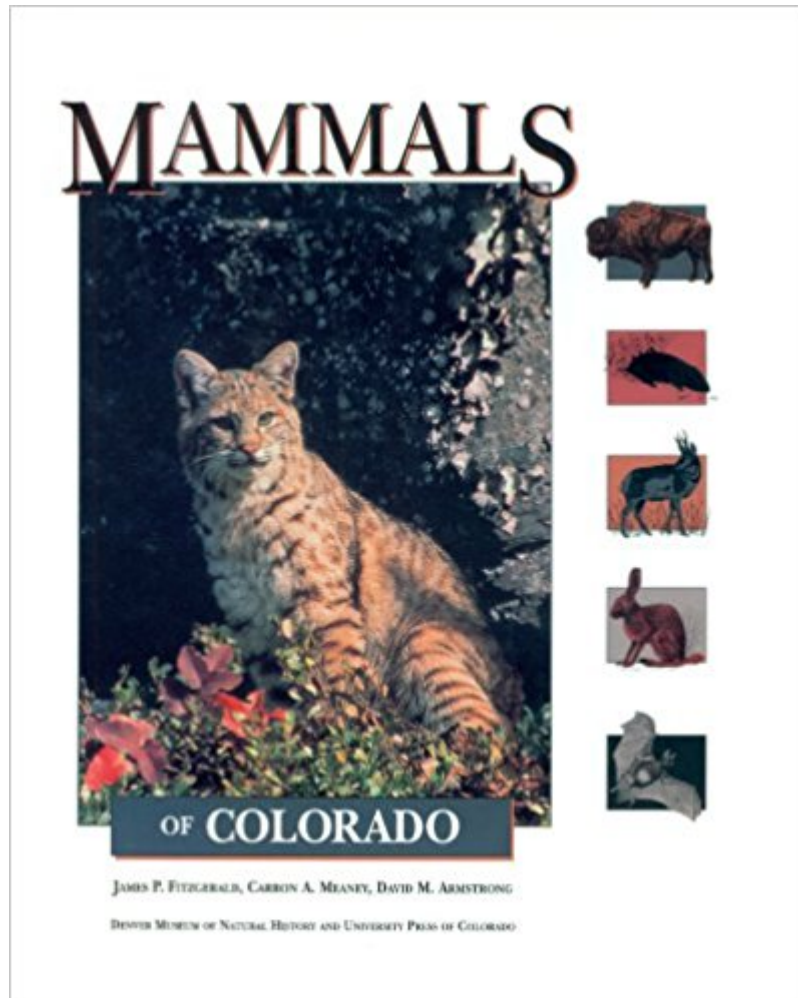




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Anybody wanting the best information about Colorado mammals should start with this book. I enjoyed that I could save money by buying a used book. It had dirt on it and a few marks, which are easily ignored. The good features of the book are far too numerous to list. My complaint with the book is with the range maps, which are vital to the book. The first thing noticed is that the North American maps don't show a close relationship to the Colorado maps. One of the starkest examples is in maps 12-19 and 12-20. One shows the distribution of the American black bear across the whole state and the other just in the western part. Map 12-19 should be titled "Historic Distribution". The North American map for Gray Wolf is clearly more than 30 years old. I live along the Colorado River in western Colorado and am not aware of white-tailed deer occurring all along it as Map 14-6 shows. It is easy for most biologists to find questions with "other people's" range maps, but it is especially easy in this book. The text provides some correction to the range maps and I still find the maps useful and interesting.

This is as good as the first edition and the definitive go-to book for Colorado Mammals at this time. The references are updated.

This is hands down the best overview of the mammals of Colorado. It is organized according to order, each species has a North America map and a Colorado map. Dr. James Fitzgerald was the best biologist I was instructed by at UNC.

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