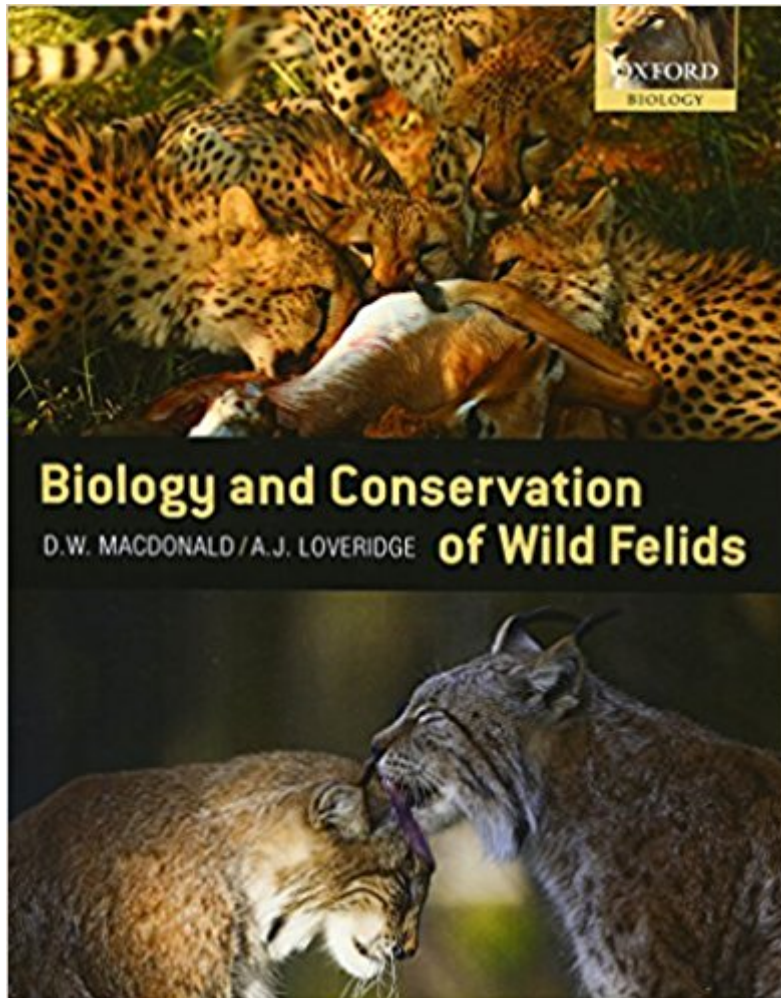




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The editors utilize their 50 years of combined experience in professional engagement with the behaviour and ecology of wild felids to draw together a unique network of the world's most respected and knowledgeable experts. For the first time, this inter-disciplinary research programme is brought together within a single volume. Beginning with a complete account of all 36 felid species, there follow 8 comprehensive review chapters that span all the topics most relevant to felid conservation science, including evolution and systematics, felid form and function, genetic applications, behavioural ecology, management of species that come into conflict with people and control of international trade in felid species, conservation tools/techniques, ex situ management, and felid diseases. 19 detailed case studies then delve deeply into syntheses of the very best species investigations worldwide, written by all the leading figures in the field. These chapters portray the unique attributes of the wild felids, describe their fascinating (and conflicting) relationship with humans, and create an unparalleled platform for future research and conservation measures. A final chapter analyses the requirements of, and inter-disciplinary approaches to, practical conservation with cutting-edge examples of conservation science and action that go far beyond the cat family.

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... surely destined to be the key reference point on a subject which is currently featuring high on international agendas for conservation priorities ... This global coverage ... encompassing both the

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This book is a very nice compilation of information about wild felids. You have species listing per area, a brief summary of all species, evolution and morphology of cats, ecology and behaviour, and then several chapters discussing different topics relevant to wild cat research. It has good references and a scientist list of people worldwide working on felids. I found it very interesting and useful. The only downside is that I would have liked colour pictures of all species, as it has select pictures in black and white. As a biologist, I would recommend this book to anyone interested in wild cats, if you don't find what you're looking for, it will certainly point out the direction.

This is a big textbook, worth every penny!

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This is the best book on the biology, ecology and conservation of wild cats. Written in a scientific yet easy to follow language, this book can be read by anyone interested in the conservation of those amazing predators (no need for a degree in biology to be able to understand the book). The book covers all species of wild cats. There is a focus on the larger species like tigers, leopards, lions, etc but there is also a lot of information on many small species. I hope more similar volumes will be published in the future (for example about eagles). This book is a must for anyone interested in wild cats, predator ecology and conservation.

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