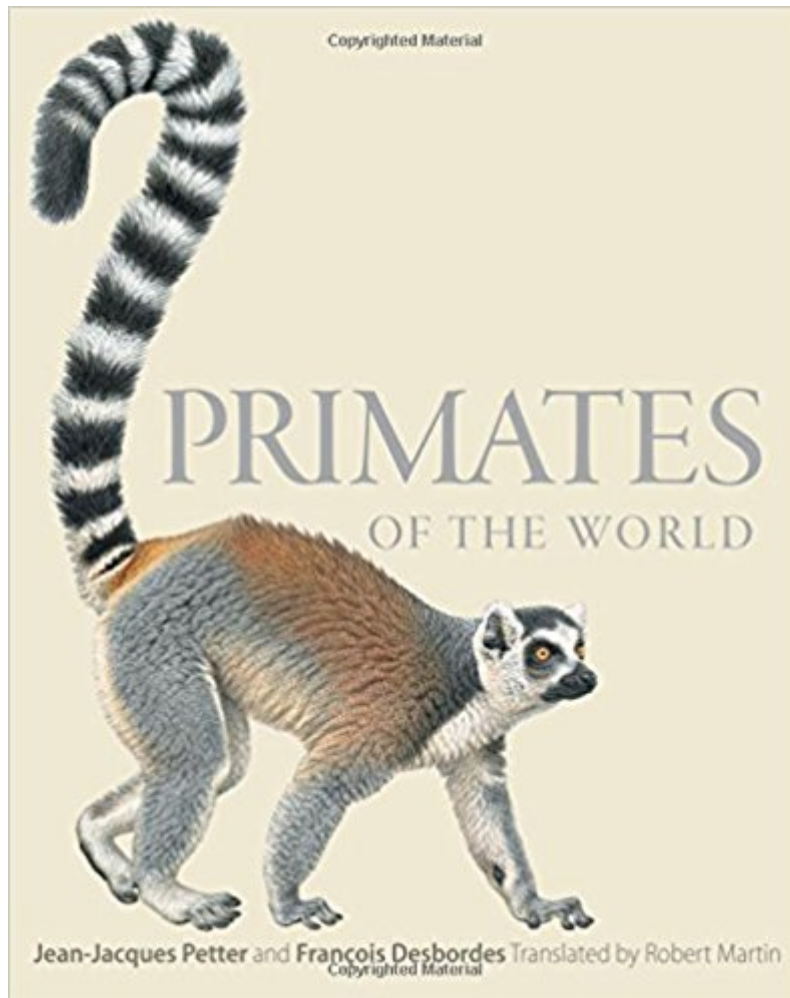




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# Primates Of The World: An Illustrated Guide



## Synopsis

This stunningly illustrated guide to the world's primates covers nearly 300 species, from the feather-light and solitary pygmy mouse lemurs of Madagascar--among the smallest primates known to exist--to the regal mountain gorillas of Africa. Organized by region and spanning every family of primates on Earth, the book features 72 splendid color plates, facing-page descriptions of key features of each family, and 86 color distribution maps. *Primates of the World* also includes concise introductory chapters that discuss the latest findings on primate origins and evolution, behavior and adaptations, and classification, making it the most comprehensive and up-to-date primate guide available. Covers nearly 300 species and every family of primates worldwide Features 72 color plates--the finest illustrations of primates ever produced Includes facing-page descriptions for each family and 86 color distribution maps The most comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the world's primates

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This text offers readers brief yet substantial information on almost 300 species of primates. More than 70 color plates accompany the primate descriptions. Introductory material provides significant information that is relevant across the primate species, including material on the origins of various primates, predators, social habits, classifications, and more. Note that measurements are provided using the metric system (the work was originally published in French in 2010). Appropriate for students or general readers interested in enhancing their knowledge of primates, this book is a

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"I can think of no better introduction to the non-human primates than Jean-Jacques Petter's and Francois Desbordes' *Primates of the World*. . . . The text is authoritative and readable and includes very good sections on the evolution of primates and the roles of environment and competition in influencing primate adaptations. There are also excellent chapters on territorial behavior, social organization, and sociality. The book is richly and beautifully illustrated by Francois Desbordes, and there are excellent life histories for each primate species. *Primates of the World* belongs on the shelf of anyone who wants to expand his or her understanding of human origins and of anyone who is captivated by the rich personal experiences, long-term detailed field observations, and passionate conservation messages of Diane Fossey and Jane Goodall."--Wayne Mones, *Perch/Audubon Magazine's Blog*"This volume holds a treasure. . . . *Primates* indeed contains 72 illustrated plates describing, by continent, the major primate species inhabiting our planet. . . . [E]ach drawing, precise and magnificent, unveils their morphology, their colors, their postures. . . . [A] splendid and fascinating book."--Rafaël Brillaud, *Science & Vie*"Those who love beautiful nature plates--in the tradition of Audubon and his birds--will be delighted by this landmark book. . . . [D]azzling illustrated plates."--Rachel Mulot, *Sciences et Avenir*"A masterpiece. Francois Desbordes's 72 watercolor plates are pure marvels, in the great tradition of scientific pictures of the 19th century."--Marc Giraud, *L'Oiseau Magazine*"*Primates of the World* by Jean-Jacques Petter & Francois Desbordes is a beautifully illustrated guide that is perfect for those who are interested in primates and a great reference guide to use for primate classes."--Raymond Ho, *Prancing Papio*"The reference everyone interested in primates should have by their bedside."--Sylvie Nandelec, *Scoop on Primates*"This text offers readers brief yet substantial information on almost 300 species of primates. . . . Introductory material provides significant information that is relevant across the primate species, including material on the origins of various primates, predators, social habits, classifications, and more. . . . Appropriate for students or general readers interested in enhancing their knowledge of primates."--Booklist"Beautiful. . . . Readers will be fascinated by what Petter describes as the 'dazzling diversity of primates,' and they'll be dazzled by the stunning illustrations. Highly recommended."--Cynthia Lee Knight, *Library Journal*"[B]eautifully produced. . . . [I]t is the array of stunningly detailed watercolour illustrations by Francois Desbordes that makes the volume truly outstanding. . . . [A] joy to hold and leaf through, and will appeal to bibliophiles as well as primatophiles."--Ian Redmond, *BBC Wildlife*"I wish I had this book available to me when I took a graduate course on primatology in the 1970s at the University of Richmond."--RK,

Wildlife Activist" This book is a combination of values. The first part is a readable text that can be enjoyed at leisure. The last half is a reference volume for the species most travellers are likely to encounter. The whole book gives a fascinating insight into this intriguing and intelligent group of mammals. It is good value for the price."--Emard Crescent, Canadian Field Naturalist

"This is not a volume one would reference for details of primate systematics or biogeography, but as a beautiful introduction to the diversity of color and form seen among living primates, it is a stunning success."--John G. Fleagle, Quarterly Review of Biology

"The design of the book is excellent, with color-coding employed nicely in the finely detailed range maps and in the classification section, and with the plates featuring high-quality reproductions on heavy paper. The plates are the real heart of the book and Francois Desbordes's wonderful watercolors will excite anybody interested in wildlife art."--Discovery

"[I]t would act as a good foundation for anyone hoping to study primates. It is also written lightly enough that it will not bamboozle the casual user. Therefore, it should find a home in libraries whose patrons are zoologists (primarily for the plates and population maps), but also in a public library for those members of the public wishing to expand their horizons."--Stuart Bentley, Reference Reviews

"Desbordes's illustrations are phenomenal. . . . It should be considered the most accessible guide to the world's primates. . . . Buy it--it's great!"--Darren Naish, Scientific American

This volume is exceptional in a number of different ways. The illustrations are absolutely outstanding and stunning. So life-like, one expects to sense the softness of the fur or for them to almost jump off the page. They are truly gorgeous and accurate works of art and zoology. Not only is no other primate book, I know of, and I have quite a few, so well illustrated, including the new one in the Handbook of the Mammals (HBM) of the series by Lynx Publications, but this book is a tiny fraction of the price. Granted it is not meant to be an detailed tome on each family, let alone each species, as is the HBM volume, but it is worth anyone's while, who loves beautifully illustrated and informative works on any subject, particularly within the natural history lexicon. Additionally the text is very helpful in understanding the various families of primates (man is excluded) and the maps are also unique and excellent. Different species, but related, often are shown on the same map but each is very carefully color-coded to have its range clearly shown (the quality of these maps is virtually unique in ANY natural history guide). Don't pass this exceptional book up! You will enjoy and cherish it as a special entry in the universe of guides on nature.

I must say I was expecting a little more when I purchased this book. I already have the third volume of the "Handbook of the Mammals of the World" published by Lynx, which is essentially a complete

monograph of primates with detailed introduction of every family and species accounts for every species currently known. As great as the HMW is, it is extremely bulky, the text is more geared towards the scientific community, the art is slightly lackluster, and it is EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. However, all of this can be looked over considering how complete the book is given the time it was published. When I bought "Primates of the World", I was not expecting nearly as much detail as a HMW. I was expecting something more akin to "Carnivores of the World" also published by Princeton where it will be a more affordable version of the HMW with a shorter introduction, simpler text (I didn't want to feel like I'm doing research every time I read it since I do enough of that already) and brief species accounts of every species of primate. That is not the case. There is a fairly lengthy reader-friendly introduction followed by wonderfully illustrated species accounts. the art is at least 2 times better than those found in the HMW. HOWEVER, the species coverage is SEVERELY lacking. Out of 17 species of dwarf mouse lemurs, it only illustrates 3, out of the 12 species of capuchins, it only shows 4, out of 9 species of howlers it only shows 4 and so on. In addition, it doesn't even acknowledge the new species discoveries. The new mouse lemurs I can understand because those discoveries are VERY recent but the Lesula and the Stryker's Snub-nosed monkey weren't even mentioned yet HMW included species accounts for BOTH despite being published BEFORE "Primates of the World". If you are just a casual reader hoping to learn some general primate knowledge and enjoys great art, then this is the perfect book for you. If want a complete guide of the primate order, then this book is severely lacking.

College Book

Het werk.

This book is beautiful. The front has more general information (including a very helpful species/family tree) and the next part is like an index. The book is organized by continent.

Great for a 7 year who has already declared that she wants to be the next Jane Goodall - a great addition to our library!

For the price is one of the best guides. Unfortunately, is not complete with all species, but worth every penny.

nice illustrations, good coverage; would appreciate a centerfold showing all species in one graphic

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