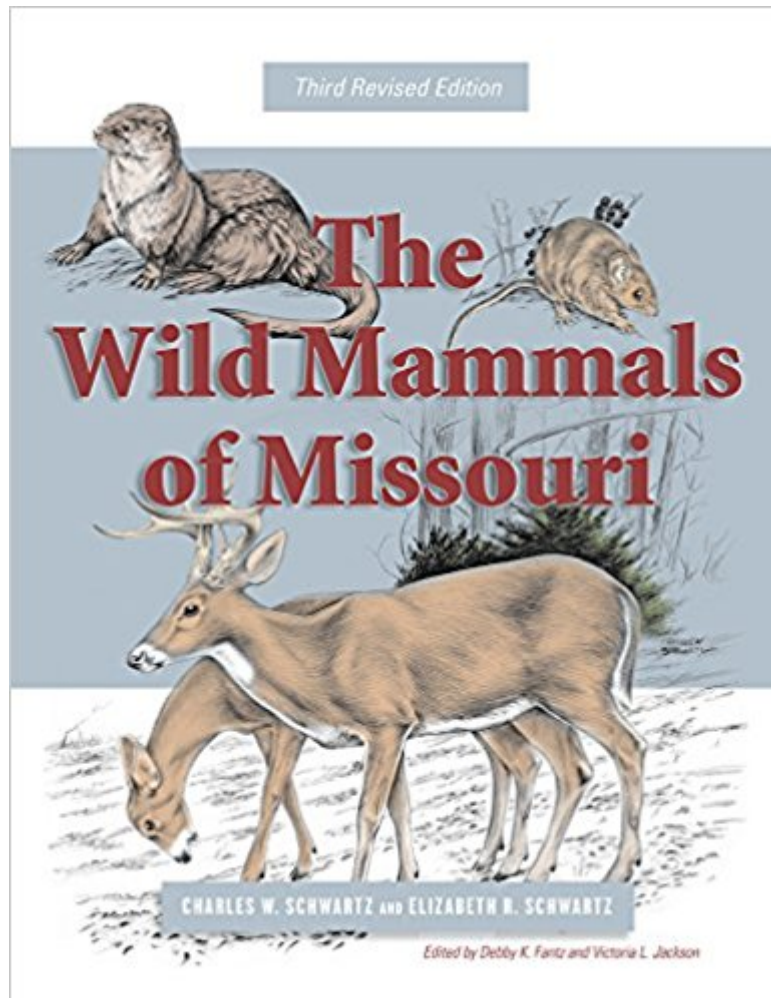


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The Wild Mammals Of Missouri: Third Revised Edition



Synopsis

Since its initial publication in 1959, *The Wild Mammals of Missouri* by Charles W. Schwartz and Dr. Elizabeth R. Schwartz has become the definitive guide to the identification of these animals, and it continues to be a source of abundant information about their lives. Charles Schwartz's meticulously rendered drawings capture the spirit of his subjects while remaining technically accurate. The drawings range from full portraits to vignettes to illustrations of skulls, tracks, and other identifying characteristics. The enormous popularity of this work as a college textbook and general reference and a desire to contain the most accurate information led to two previous revisions—the first (in 1981) edited by both authors and the second (in 2001) edited by Elizabeth Schwartz. Scientists and enthusiasts lost two great conservationists when Charles died in 1991 and Elizabeth in 2013. Debby K. Fantz, resource scientist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Dr. Victoria L. Jackson, associate professor with the University of Central Oklahoma, have worked to ensure that *Wild Mammals* will continue to educate, delight, and inspire with this third revised edition. These two mammalogists have over fifty years' combined experience conducting surveys and research, leading trapping workshops, designing distribution models, identifying mammals, and teaching courses in mammalogy and wildlife conservation and management. *The Wild Mammals of Missouri* has grown from sixty-three full species accounts in the first edition to seventy-two in this third revised edition. The editors have maintained the basic structure of the book while adding much new information, including a full account for the elk with artwork by Mark Raithel, new trapping records, revised common and scientific names, enhanced Missouri county-level distribution information, updated range maps, and a discussion of the range expansions of the American black bear and nine-banded armadillo, as well as the increase in confirmed mountain lion sightings.

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“This scientific yet popular publication by Charles and Elizabeth Schwartz has been widely acclaimed as the definitive work on its subject.”
—Larry R. Gale, former director of the Missouri Department of Conservation

Charles W. Schwartz (1914-1991) was with the Missouri Department of Conservation for forty years, serving as biologist, author, wildlife photographer, and wildlife artist. Elizabeth R. Schwartz (1912-2013) was employed with the Department of Conservation for over thirty years as biologist, author, and assistant in wildlife photography. Together this husband-and-wife team has written or illustrated thirteen other books and many technical papers for scientific journals and popular articles for magazines. They have also produced some twenty-four motion pictures and numerous TV programs, which have received both national and international awards.

I first encountered this book in a natural history biology class. The species accounts are wonderful and up-to-date and you will be blown away by the drawing of each mammal, skull, foot prints etc. by Charles Schwartz. If I could buy prints of my favorite species I would frame and hang them in my house and office - they ARE that good. Charles and his wife Dr. Elizabeth Schwartz wrote the first edition in 1959, I think, and I recall staying up until the wee hours of the morning during college days reading the species accounts. I bought my first copy in 1972 and one has been on my research book shelf every since - some 41 years - and I still routinely consult this book for information. I actually credit this book with helping me decide on a career in wildlife management from which I just retired. This book, even though for Missouri, contains accounts of species found in many states and should be in every public library and in the library of resource managers, students and people interested in the mammals around them.

Illustrations of immature and mature specimens. and their teeth, skulls, and footprints allow the average person to identify wild animals they encounter. Information on range, where they live, how they live, what they eat, and what eats them is covered in great detail.

I bought the original version over 40 years ago and have loved using it ever since. Couldn't resist

getting this updated one!

Great reference book! Well written, extremely detailed info on appearance, habitat, skeletal & track characteristics, food, scat, etc. Many detailed drawings (black & white) of the animal itself, it's feet, dentition, skull, & geographic distribution map. The writing is clear & direct; ex: (woodchucks .."The normal gait is a slow walk, but,, when alarmed, woodchucks May pope or gallop. A woodchuck can run as fast as 10 miles per hour, but only for short distances. They swim voluntarily & on occasion climb trees, especially pawpaws, for fruit..". It is used as a textbook, but also is a great reference book for the amateur naturalist, tracker, or hunter or photographer. The 2nd revised edition was published in 2001, & contains updated info on newer invasive species like the armadillo. 1st edition was in 1959, & 1st revised edition was in 1980. Buy the most recent one- it is well worth the money.

I had to buy this book for my college Mammology course and it was a very good resource. The pictures, range maps, and skull diagrams are all extremely helpful for mammals in the greater Missouri Area. My professor knew the authors and spoke very highly of their expertise.

I absolutely love this book. I purchased it because it was recommended for one of my classes. This is easily the most fun book that I have purchased for a college course and one that I can actually use outside of class.

As a college mammology student - this book is a great aid to my understanding the identification and natural history of many mammals found in the Midwest. The translations of scientific names helped me understand and learn names quickly. The line drawings of tracks, teeth and skulls are well done and better than photographs in field guides. This is great resource!!

The Wild Mammals of Missouri is a well-known, thorough mammal key--applicable to anywhere the animals are found. It is so useful for my job.

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