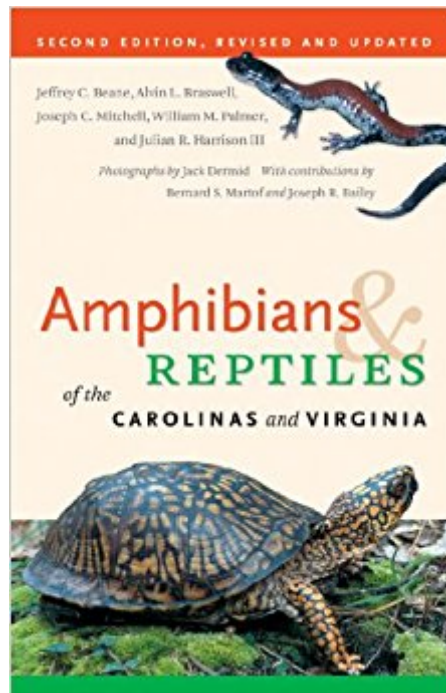




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This is a perfect book for identifying reptiles and amphibians in the mid-Atlantic region. I live on a farm and spend a lot of time outdoors, so I encounter critters a lot. This book is the first one I grab to look up details on natural history, ranges, details of their ecology, etc. I also go hiking and backpacking a lot, and see things that I want to look up when I get back home. I have several field guides for both reptiles and amphibians, but having a regional guide narrows down the choices, and also shows the local/regional details for species whose ranges extend beyond this region, especially those that show a lot of subspecific/regional phenotypic variation. I have a copy of the first edition, and the changes in the taxonomy (splitting of salamanders, e.g.) makes this one a great book for the recent changes. Good pictures, good range maps, good natural history details-- that's exactly what you want in a guide like this.

A very good introductory book, but it should include all subspecies. There is also room in the coverage of the anole to discuss the "roach" on the back of the neck of breeding males. There needs to be a photo of this, because if you encounter one, you might think it is a different species, as I did this summer (thank goodness for the internet!). One small criticism is the description of the box turtle as having a brown carapace. This should read "brown to jet black". There is definitely a good percentage of Carolina's box turtles that have BLACK shells !

This a great guide for this area and has been a favorite of mine for many years. It has lots of great photos and the ever-helpful range maps. This book has definitely increased my knowledge and interest in the reptiles and amphibians right here in my own backyard and the rest of the Carolinas.

Great photos, solid and simplistic descriptions, distinguishing between similar species, etc. This book is a great guide for referencing local herps (southeastern NC); I've definitely used it out in the field before. Super handy!

Nothing bad to say about the book. It has excellent poctures, descriptions, and distribution maps.

As a biology student and avid herper, this guide is the best I've come across. I used the first edition for years but upgraded to the 2nd, and it is quite nice. The added information is important.

Got this book for my husband who teaches Herpetology at our nearby University. He's read it and thinks its a great field guide. it covers the subject very well and is presented in an easy-to-use format.

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