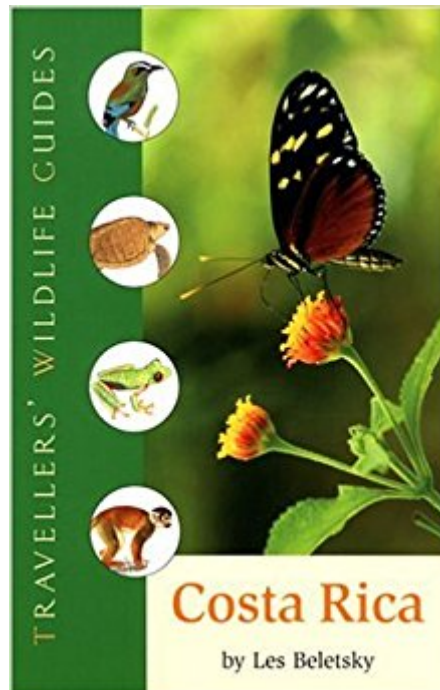


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# Travellers' Wildlife Guides Costa Rica



## Synopsis

The Travellers' Wildlife Guides are aimed at environmentally conscious travellers for whom some of the best parts of any trip are glimpses of wildlife in natural settings. The purpose of this series is to enhance enjoyment of a trip and enrich wildlife sightings by providing identifying information on the most frequently encountered animals in each of the represented countries. With stunning color illustrations and photographs of amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds, this series is unique in that it aims to aid the visitor in identifying all types of vertebrate land animals while providing current information on the conservation statuses of the animals. Not only for travellers, the Travellers' Wildlife Guides are for all those fascinated by wildlife and concerned about our environment. Most travellers to Costa Rica want to experience its lush tropical forests and catch glimpses of exotic wildlife; toucans and parrots, hummingbirds and hawks, monkeys and big cats, frogs and toads, crocodiles, and (yes) snakes. Here is all the information you will need to find, identify and learn about Costa Rica's magnificent wildlife. --Identification, distribution, and conservation information on Costa Rica's frequently spotted animals. --Full-color illustrations of nearly 350 of Costa Rica's most common amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. --Up-to-date information on the ecology, behavior, and conservation of the families of animals to which the pictured species belong. --Information on habitats and on the most common plants you will encounter. --Brief descriptions of Costa Rica's most frequently visited parks and reserves. --Information on ecotourism in general and on conservation in Costa Rica. Easy-to-carry, entertainingly written, beautifully illustrated-you will want to have this book as constant companion on your journey.

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## Customer Reviews

Les Beletsky is the author of numerous wildlife guides including Ecuador (co-author) in the same series.

My husband and I traveled to Costa Rica for two weeks in March 2007. We purchased this book to take with us. This is a good book. Its candid and informative text provides a good background for travelers unfamiliar with Costa Rica's ecology and natural history. The colored species index offers an excellent variety of Costa Rican wildlife. The only downsides are that the book is rather bulky (not great for taking out into the field with you) and the species index does not include butterflies (which we saw a lot of). If you are a casual wildlife observer interested in a mix of animal species, this book is for you! It was perfect for us!

Costa Rica here I come!!! worked perfectly for my trip!!!

Les Beletsky's "Costa Rica (Traveller's Wildlife Guide)" was a delightful and much-used companion on our recent tour in Costa Rica; and we are still reading it, now that we are home. Since we are especially interested in wildlife, we really enjoyed the beautiful, clear bird and animal illustrations and descriptions. We carried it with us on every bus and boat excursion, and it enabled us to identify many of the birds we saw. We found the comments about the parks and ecosystems in which the animals can be found to be very helpful. The only shortcoming is that the plant descriptions are so brief and the plant illustrations are not in color. The habitat photos are outstanding. Looking at them reminds us of the amazing variety of scenery we saw in Costa Rica.

As other reviewers, I found the contents well done but I will be challenged taking it out in the field (read jungle) due to its size and weight (4 stars instead of 5). Since I have not used it in such fashion yet I cannot comment as to how the separation of photos in the back from the text will complicate. I doubt it will be a problem for me as for most field sightings I will use the photos for I.D. and reference the details later.

Buy this book if you're looking for a good general overview of the Costa Rican wildlife. It's a great reference guide for the basics, but won't supply a checklist for birders. Great info inside.

I didn't read the description very carefully, and was hoping to get a pocket sized wildlife guide. Alas, it is much too detailed for me and too heavy for me to carry around while hiking. But, if you want in depth info on the wildlife, this is for you. My fault, not the books.

This a great guide and gives you all you could that you need for a visit to that wonderful country, or at least I think so, as I plan to visit CR in January and use this book as one of my guides. I have read through about half of it carefully and find it wonderfully complete, for my purposes.

I found my edition a bit outdated as the name of the new National Park I'll be staying in isn't even listed. I did love the color plates and will be using them as part of a pocket field guide.

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