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Stewart L. Udall : Arizona: Wild Free before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arizona: Wild Free:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Grand Canyon State By C.H. If you're as interested in nature as I am, you must buy this book! This wonderful book has every animal in it that I hoped it would have. If you look on page 105, you will see the javalina, or collared peccary. They are known to eat prickly pear cactus, spines and all! On the previous page is the gila (pronounced heela) monster, one of only two poisonous lizards in the world. On that same page is a desert tortoise. On page 144, a Gambel's Quail stands atop a saguaro! Page 100 shows you a ring-tailed cat, or ringtail, on the limb of a tree. On the front of the book are two bald eagles--the symbol of America. Among my favorite desert scenes are pages 106 107; here we see a desert mule deer standing amidst saguaro cactus. A burrowing owl is eating a centipede on page 28. A chuckwalla is squeezing its way between rocks on page 98. Arizona's state bird, the cactus wren, and the elf owl, are on page 90. There is a coatimundi on page 95, a member of the raccoon

family (like the ringtail). Page 76 features one of my favorite animals of the desert--the roadrunner. There are also raccoons, coyotes, a Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, a Gila Woodpecker, and a Black-Tailed Jackrabbit in this book. Others include a horned lizard and a mountain lion, or cougar. There is a long-nosed bat in the latter half of this book, along with a kit fox. I really LOVE this book, and STRONGLY suggest you buy it--if you love nature!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful guide to Arizona wildlife
By Angel Lee
This beautiful book is packed with photographs information on Arizona's diverse ecosystem including forests, deserts, grasslands wetlands. It truly captures the amazing variety of wildlife and terrain in the state. An adorable ringtail peeks out from a limb a toad stares into the night. Pelicans crowd around the Colorado River an egret takes flight. Observe a squirrel chewing on grass and an owl eating a centipede. See a hummingbird drinking nectar from a beautiful flower and a prickly pear cactus in bloom. The desert turns a lush green after a storm. Dense pine forests are home to deer, elk bears, and numerous birds populate the wetlands. There is an excellent close-up map of Arizona showing the different regions. The photos come from many contributors and all are informatively captioned. This is a wonderful way to get to know all that nature offers in Arizona.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great pictures
By Kindle Customer
Pictures are all large and great looking. I didn't count them, but I thought they emphasized animal pictures over landscapes (although there are both.) Lots of closeups of animals in action. Pictures are organized by habitat as opposed to locations in Arizona.

Wild and Free. The phrase describes Arizona's legacy of lands preserved in their natural state. And the creatures that roam these pristine places. And the spirit lifting people as they connect with nature. Arizona Wild and Free takes you to such places, introduces you to such creatures, and takes your spirit soaring as if on the wings of an eagle. Through more than 100 color photographs and essays by former Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, you roam over grasslands, deserts, forests, and wetlands, and you grow enriched from the spiritual treasures cached in wildness.

From the Publisher
What, exactly, makes Arizona a special place?... It's the stunning variety of climates, scenery, and wildlife, contends Stewart L. Udall, author of the book Arizona Wild and Free. Join him and Arizona Highways contributing photographers on a journey through the Grand Canyon State's wide-open spaces in this exceptional coffee-table book. You'll trek through verdant grasslands, warm, deserts, dense forests, and teeming wetlands and discover the fascinating wild animals that call these places home. Includes more than 100 full-color photographs.