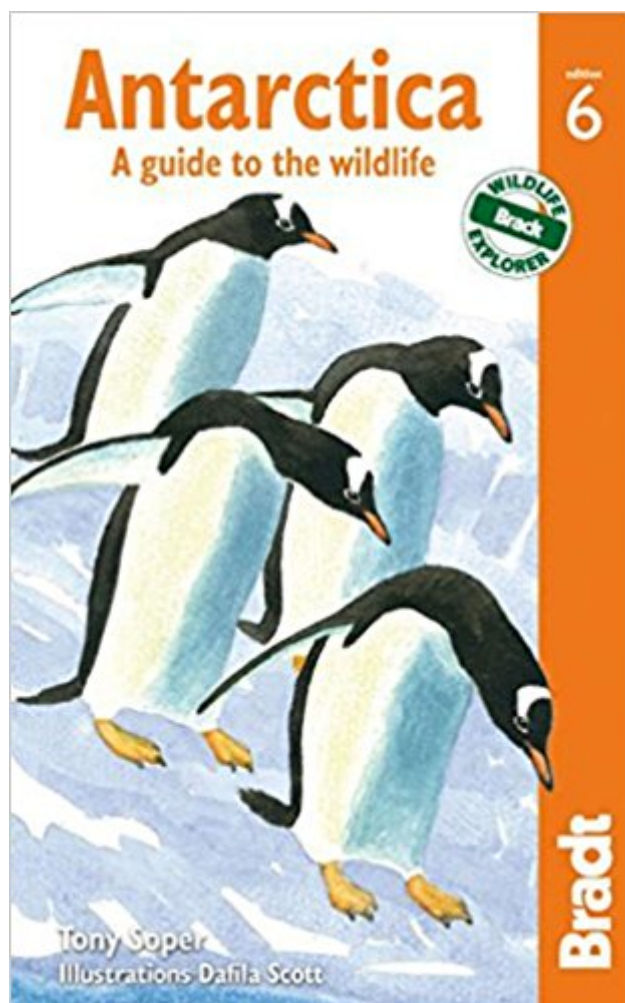


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# Antarctica: A Guide To The Wildlife (Bradt Guides)



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Antarctica continues to be one of the most lusted-after destinations on the planet. Visitors will see massive tabular icebergs newly breaking from continental ice shelves as well as a cornucopia of penguins, great whales and albatrosses. This updated edition of the guide provides full coverage of identification, breeding, feeding and the best locations to observe the varied species. Dafila Scott's illustrations are the perfect accompaniment to naturalist Tony Soper's immaculate text. Updated throughout, this edition is the most practical pocket wildlife guide to the region. 'Here, at last, is the book we have been waiting for.' - Sir David Attenborough

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Tony Soper has spent the last fifteen seasons in the Southern Ocean. As an expedition leader and ornithology lecturer on small ships, he's explored the islands and most of the continental coast of Antarctica, and has shared with visitors his enthusiasm for the extraordinary congregations

and complexity of the penguins, seals and great whales which summer there. Dafila Scott is an artist and zoologist, member of the Society of Wildlife Artists and is Scott of the Antarctic's grand-daughter.

This book is well organized and covers all you want to know for going/being there. The first part deals just with the places. Of course, the peninsula is well covered but so, also are Ushuaia, the Drake Passage, the South Shetland Islands, the Ross Sea, South Georgia and Falkland Islands. You will want to know the names of all the birds, mammals and so the second half is full of photographs with descriptions and a bit of information on each. Most often birds are shown both in flight and on the ground which can be helpful especially to the novice like me. I especially appreciate this when I return home and am trying to accurately label my own photographs. The seals and walrus all seem to be pictured dry and fluffy and while I'd like to have also one of them wet (again to help me identify my pictures), past experience in other places tells me this isn't going to cause me angst. There are good, simple but detailed enough maps at the very beginning. The authors, both zoologists, covered the different kinds of ice and ice bergs, the politics of Antarctica and finish the book with a short but important discussion about threats to conservation and the current effects of global warming as well as what may be in the future. This is a great little book to take with you. It is a bit on the hefty side but that is because the paper is of such high quality allowing the finest presentation of their wonderful photographs. My copy is the third edition published in 2015 so it is up to date in comments and descriptions. If you want more detail on the science, read Gabrielle Walker's "Antarctica" and James McClintock's "Lost Antarctica": both are great reads.

This is a great guide for a visit to the Antarctic peninsula ....it provides basic information on all of the species we saw plus just enough history to make this book really valuable for a traveler. And it is compact and easy to pack !

It was excellent, read it prior to my trip and also took it with me to Antarctica. Easy read, excellent narrative re: the wildlife, really informative and should be required reading for anyone interested in Antarctica or planning a trip to the continent.

This book is informative and well organized. it is helpful for pre-trip preparation.

Excellent handy book to use for quick look up of most commonly found animal life

There is a lot of information in this book about Antarctica and the illustrations are well done. A definite must for the traveler heading to Antarctica.

Great guide; just returning home and found it easy to read/identify what we saw.

Excellent, thorough presentation of animals and history of exploration.

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