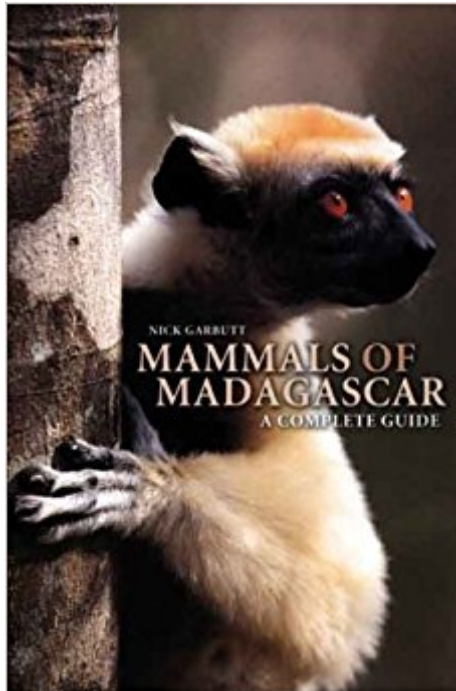




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# Mammals Of Madagascar: A Complete Guide



## Synopsis

The mammals that inhabit Madagascar are among the most extraordinary in the world. This portable guide offers a full survey and classification of all the Malagasy mammals, both endemic and introduced, including many new species only recently identified. With vivid color photographs, line illustrations, and maps, *Mammals of Madagascar: A Complete Guide* is an essential volume for any tourist or biologist who visits the island or wishes to. The guide provides descriptions of the physical and behavioral characteristics of each species as well as information about habitat and distribution. To further aid identification, the book lists top mammal-watching sites in the rainforests, deciduous forests, and spiny forest areas. Streamlined and completely updated, this book replaces Nick Garbutt's classic earlier work, *Mammals of Madagascar*, and takes its place as the definitive guide to the mammals of the world's fourth-largest island. Published in association with Christopher Helm/A & C Black Publishers Ltd.

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". . . Garbutt's new guide is a needed addition to the literature on Madagascar's fauna, as it provides abundant information, including superb photographs and species' distribution maps on the entire radiation of Madagascar's unique mammals." — Frank P Cuzzo, *The Quarterly Review of Biology*

Nick Garbutt is an award-winning wildlife photographer and author who has visited virtually all of the

major wildlife locations in Madagascar during annual visits since 1991. He contributes to publications worldwide, including National Geographic, Africa Geographic, Outdoor Photography, and BBC Wildlife and has twice been the winner of the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition.

I was lucky enough to spend 5 weeks in the charming land in 1990 and am delighted at the completeness of this book. When I went there in '90 only about 30 species of lemurs were known and since then many more have been discovered. This book details all of them and provide info. about the other fascinating mammals found there.

Why does anyone go to Madagascar? To see lemurs, of course. Well, this small, beautiful book describes every one of the more than 100 of them, with wonderful photos, and then tells you all about the other native mammals - the bats, the tenrecs - the whole lot. What more could you want? (Actually, a book of the chameleons that was as wonderful).

Whether you are traveling in a guided group or as an individual this book is a necessity for any person travelling in Madagascar, covering all species of Lemurs and where they can be found.

Very comprehensive, including specific info about the creatures, and about the sites at which to observe the mammals. Maps. The bibliography is also extensive-and current.

Will revise my review when we return. We expect that this book will be very helpful. Appears to be very comprehensive.

Enough depth to cover everything, but really compelling pictures. There are some things we don't want to miss on our trip now.

This book was fairly helpful in reading up about the mammals once we were back in the hotel room in the evenings. It wasn't of much use in the field, which I had hoped it would be, but it did give detailed information after we had seen the animals in the park during the day. probably worth purchasing if you are going to Mada.

Ecotourists visiting Madagascar are really lucky. After the excellent "Birds of the Indian Ocean

Islands: Madagascar, Mauritius, Réunion, Rodrigues, Seychelles and the Comoros, an excellent, affordable field guide to mammals is now finally available! It's hard to know where to start praising this book, but perhaps most importantly, it really IS complete, describing all mammal species found in Madagascar. The species accounts are incredibly detailed, not only providing extensive info on each species' appearance, behaviour, habitat & distribution, but even telling you where to go to see each one! Of course excellent photographs (except for a few obscure rodents and bats) and very detailed range maps accompany each species as well. Additionally, there are highly informative chapters on the various habitats found in Madagascar, on conservation issues, and finally detailed descriptions of the country's top mammal-watching sites, with lists of the most important species to be expected, access, facilities, best season to visit... For those seriously interested, there is an incredibly long bibliography listing as well. If I really had to make one complaint about this book, it would be that the format is a bit too large to be convenient for carrying in the field. I wish it could be smaller and thicker, but this size may have been necessary to accommodate several impressive full-page sized photographs.

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