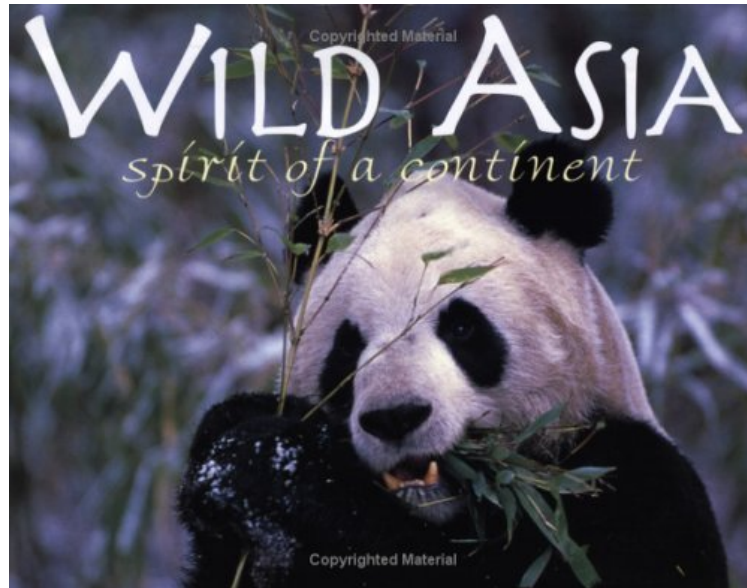


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The diverse wildlife of Asia, including a newly discovered species, captured by world-class photographers.

From Library Journal This photographic essay is a tribute to the wildlife and natural habitats of Asia. The earth's largest continent offers a wide range of climates and geographic areas, from rainforests and tropical islands to barren deserts and the frozen Arctic. Each area has its own indigenous plants and animal and insect species, which are beautifully recorded here by two leading natural history and wildlife photographers, Art Wolfe and Konrad Wothe. The photographs are accompanied by brief but informative captions, and each chapter begins with a captivating essay about the area. What results is chiefly a visual tour, but the careful reader will get a good feel for the vast geography and geology of Asia. Throughout the text is a concern for the environment and the vanishing and endangered wildlife habitats. Asian wildlife is rarely photographed to the extent found here, and this book introduces some rare and unusual species. Release of this volume will be accompanied by a major publicity campaign and a ten-part Wild Asia series on the Discovery Channel. Thus, the book will attract considerable attention and is recommended for purchase where interest warrants. DDeborah Emerson, Monroe Community Coll., Rochester, NY Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Though published to accompany an upcoming documentary series on the Discovery Channel, Wild Asia stands alone as an introduction to the tremendous diversity in the flora and fauna of Asia. The largest of the continents (bigger than North, Central and South America combined), Asia is also the youngest, consisting of several large fragments that collided over geologic time to create one. This vast area experiences the widest climactic extremes on the planet, which coupled with the varied terrain supports an enormous range of wild plants and animals. The book explores the continent region by region. Showcased in all of their richness are areas as disparate as the Himalayas, home of the world's highest peaks and one of its rarest animals, the snow leopard; the Indian subcontinent, ruled by the monsoon rains; and the deserts of Mongolia, where roam the last wild horses and camels. The magnificent photographs are the strength of the book, picturing species both familiar (tigers, elephants, Komodo dragons) and unfamiliar (Rafflesia, the world's largest flower) in the vast diversity of the continent. Good photographs of Asian plants and animals can be difficult to come by, and the beautiful landscape portraits further sell a book that will fill a gap in most libraries' natural history collections. Nancy Bent Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved