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THE GUINNESS BOOK OF MAMMALS - John A. Burton

Guinness Superlatives Ltd. ISBN 0-85112-305-8

This book contains 160pp and is intended to cover fifty species of British Mammals. Each species is represented by a colour photograph. These are generally very good. The accompanying notes contain relevant information - size, description, behaviour food etc. , but is confused by line drawings often of different though related species. I feel it would have been better to either confine this book to the photographed species or to more distinctly separate those included.

The line drawings do not do justice to the quality of the book which is a pity. Generally, however, this book contains much useful information for beginners (particularly the concept of nomenclature) and would make a worthwhile present for young, enthusiastic amateurs.

At £4.50 this book would make a useful addition to a museum library where identification on an educational basis is required.

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