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New Mexico-Arizona 2014 Book Awards Honors a Conservation Reference Used By Specialists and Citizen Naturalists Dedicated to Protecting Wildlife

HUMBOLDT, AZ – March 1, 2015 – Winner of the 2014 New Mexico-Arizona Book Award, this book by Garry Rogers lets everyone contribute to wildlife conservation.

In <u>Arizona Wildlife Notebook</u> (\$12.95, Amazon) Dr. Garry Rogers calls on his 25 years of environmental teaching and research to create a tool for recording and monitoring wildlife. The book includes complete species lists for 12 animal groups: amphibians, ants, birds, butterflies, moths, dragonflies, fish, grasshoppers, lizards, mammals, snakes, and turtles.

This book doesn't just list the species--it gives the state Game and Fish Department's conservation rank, it lists field guides used to identify species, and it names principal organizations concerned with the species' conservation. With *Arizona Wildlife Notebook*, Rogers helps wildlife specialists and amateurs:

- Keep track of wildlife sightings
- Learn which species are threatened and endangered
- · Report sightings to proper institutions
- Find events staged by wildlife organizations

"When I speak to students and non-specialists about wildlife, they are less interested in where to see animals than in how to protect them," says Rogers. "They know wild animals are disappearing, and they want to act—what can they do to help? The Notebook helps them enter the battle to save Earth's wildlife."



<u>Garry Rogers</u> is a former professor of physical geography at Columbia University in New York. He has published four books and dozens of peer-reviewed articles and conference abstracts. He is President of the <u>Agua Fria Open Space Alliance, Inc.</u>, and Curator of the <u>Nature Conservation blog</u>. Kirkus Reviews awarded the Kirkus Star to his Eco-SciFi novel, *Corr Syl the Warrior*, and Arizona librarians selected the novel for the 2014 OneBookAZ teen-fiction program.

Arizona Wildlife Notebook (\$12.95, 168 pages, 6 x 9, paperback, ISBN: 978-1496079954) is available at neighborhood and online bookstores. During March, 2015, a free copy can be downloaded that is formatted for adding text on computers, tablets, e-Book readers, and phones (http://garryrogers.com/free-wildlife-notebook). For more information, please visit http://garryrogers.com/nature.

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