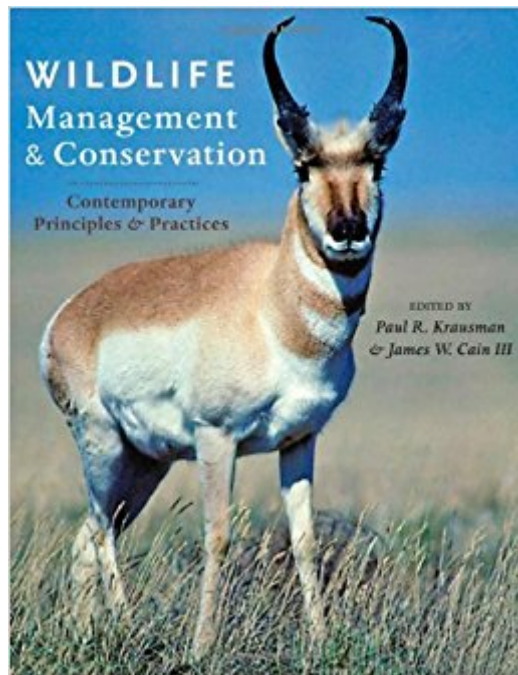




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- The definitions of wildlife and management
- Human dimensions of wildlife management
- Animal behavior
- Predator–prey relationships
- Structured decision making
- Issues of scale in wildlife management
- Wildlife health
- Historical context of wildlife management and conservation
- Hunting and trapping
- Nongame species
- Nutrition ecology
- Water management
- Climate change
- Conservation planning

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covering important topics in wildlife management. Including topics such as structure decision-making and climate change makes this book particularly timely. This volume meets its objective to serve as a textbook for undergraduate courses and, as a reference, many will find it useful and interesting in both capacities." (Beth Gardner Quarterly Review of Biology)

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This textbook was a collaborative effort among the staff at the University of Montana. It is a well written text and is easy to understand when reading. The concepts are interpreted to make sense and it makes it much easier to read and actually pay attention.

Good book, great info and perfect upgrade to older materials

Bought for course.

Easy to follow

I adopted this textbook for my Spring 2014 wildlife management course after reviewing a copy last fall. I have waited until halfway through the semester to get some feedback from my students before I wrote this review. I believe this is an excellent choice for an undergraduate wildlife management class. The editors have compiled an up-to-date and comprehensive collection of chapters written by leaders in the field. Textbooks I have used in the past have not presented enough information about the human context of wildlife management; almost half of this text explores human dimensions, including an entire chapter on structured decision making. My contacts in state and federal natural resource management agencies are pleased to see this chapter included. The middle chapters deal with classic wildlife management issues such as population dynamics, nutrition, water, predator/prey interactions, habitat, and animal behavior. I was very impressed with the amount and depth of materials that the authors covered with each including a broad review of the literature. The comprehensive nature of this textbook becomes apparent when

students reach the last 2 chapters that cover conservation planning and population management. There, the materials covered in the earlier chapters are applied and illustrated with numerous management examples. I use a mid-semester student questionnaire to gauge student progress and to adaptively evaluate my classes. Student responses about this textbook were overwhelmingly positive and included comments such as, "the chapter had lots of interesting examples," "I really enjoyed reading about the pioneers of wildlife management such as Richard Dolbeer," and "the chapter on animal behavior helped me to see why I needed to understand evolution." Overall, I believe this is a great choice as a textbook for an undergraduate wildlife management class. If you are teaching a wildlife management course to undergraduates, I suggest that you get your hands on a review copy and see if it will meet your needs. My review is based on using the hardback edition, not the e-edition.

Perfect condition when arrived! Spine is a bit weak and after only a few uses is already cracked but still a good book

I anticipated this text as an official textbook of The Wildlife Society, as I teach a course that could use it. I've been using dated textbooks. After reviewing it, I actually decided to teach my course without a text rather than use this book. I just could not see a clear, constant narrative throughout the text. A nice new chapter on structured decision-making looks good. Individual chapters look fine. But, as one might expect from a text in which each chapter was written by a separate group of authors, there is no narrative arc, no ties that bind. I expect it will see more use as a reference book than a textbook. An example of the shortfalls I encountered: the introduction to wildlife management focuses only on North American management approaches. A wealth of comparisons of other methods (including direct ownership of wildlife) in other countries can be very instructive for students who now have the world at their fingertips.

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