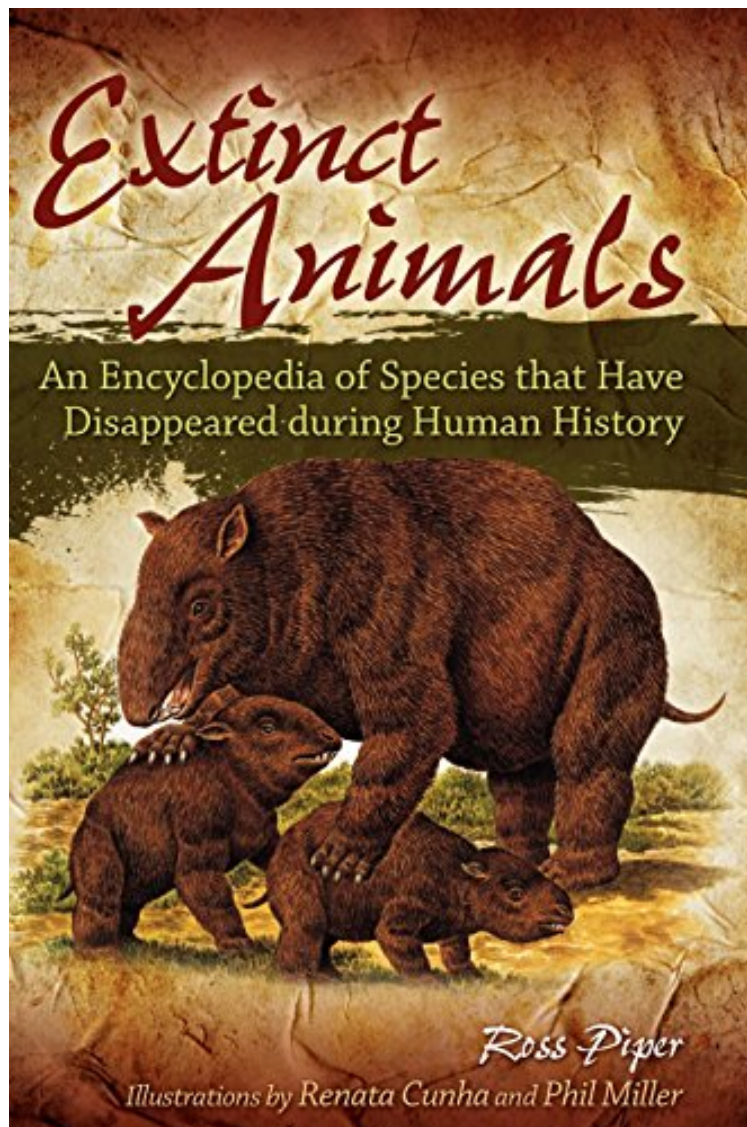


(Download pdf ebook) Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History

## Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History

*Ross Piper*

*audiobook / \*ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#2723616 in Books Ross Piper 2009-03-20 Original language: English PDF # 1 10.00 x .56 x 7.011, 1.42 #File Name: 0313349878204 pages Extinct Animals An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History | File size: 29.Mb

**Ross Piper : Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining but a bit wishy-washy  
By Kevin McDonald  
This book is fun to read and has great photos. I especially liked the description of the lighthouse cat that single-handedly wiped a species of bird. However, the reader can tell that the author is not a professional scientist. According to this book almost every animal over the last 50,000 years died due to a combination of human hunting and climate change. However, aside from being too timid to take sides, the author really doesn't give evidence to justify the oft-repeated statement. In short, the book doesn't have the data, statistics and evidence I'm used to getting from professional paleontologists. Nonetheless, it was really meant to be an entertaining read, and it certainly is. I finished it in a few days.  
10 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A remarkable and highly recommended work of scholarship  
By Midwest Book Review  
Little recognized by the general public, but well known to professionals in the botanical and zoological sciences, we are in the midst of one of the world's great extinction events with animal and plant species dying out due primarily to human activities. Nicely illustrated by Renata Cunha and Phil Miller, "Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia Of Species That Have Disappeared During Human History" is a compendium of just such animal species as compiled by zoologist, independent researcher and natural history enthusiast Ross Piper. Organized chronologically into seven sections beginning with 'Fewer Than 100 Years Ago' to 'More Than 50,000 Years Ago', each of these individual chapters list now extinct species that ranging from the better known Passenger Pigeon, Great Auk, and Dodo, to the more obscure Horned Turtle, Australian Thunderbird, and Megatooth Shark. Of special interest is the information presented concerning the extinction of the Neanderthal and Homo Erectus (two competing hominid species that having survived for millions of years became extinct within a millennia of encounter Homo Sapiens -- us -- between 10,000 and 12,500 years ago). Enhanced with the inclusion of a Glossary; a Selected Bibliography, a listing of Selected Museums in the United States, Canada, and Worldwide; and an Index, "Extinct Animals" is a remarkable and highly recommended work of scholarship that is fully accessible to the non-specialist general reader, as well as academia.  
4 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating!  
By CritWitt  
I thought this was very well written and just fascinating. It is presented in readable language for the average joe--not heavy handed or too academic. The only thing I didn't like was that all of the measurements were metric. Otherwise, loved it :)

Everyone is familiar with the dodo and the woolly mammoth, but how many people have heard of the scimitar cat and the Falkland Island fox? Extinct Animals portrays over 60 remarkable animals that have been lost forever during the relatively recent geological past. Each entry provides a concise discussion of the history of the animal how and where it lived, and how it became extinct as well as the scientific discovery and analysis of the creature. In addition, this work examines what led to extinction from the role of cyclical swings in the Earth's climate to the spread of humans and their activities. Many scientists believe that we are in the middle of a mass extinction right now, caused by the human undermining of the earth's complex systems that support life. Understanding what caused the extinction of animals in the past may help us understand and prevent the extinction of species in the future. Extinct Animals examines the biology and history of some of the most interesting creatures that have ever lived, including: The American Terror Bird, which probably became extinct over 1 million years ago, who were massive predators, some of which were almost 10 feet tall; the Rocky Mountain Locust, last seen in 1902, formed the most immense animal aggregations ever known, with swarms estimated to include over 10 trillion insects; the Giant Ground Sloth, which was as large as an elephant; and the Neandertals, the first Europeans, which co-existed with prehistoric Homo sapiens. Extinct Animals includes illustrations many created for the work that help the reader visualize the extinct creature, and each entry concludes with a list of resources for those who wish to do further research.

From School Library Journal  
Grade 10 Up  
The great auk, the dodo, the passenger pigeon these recently extinct animals get most of the press, but, as Ross points out, they are just the tip of the iceberg. Noting claims that possibly a million or more species have vanished in the last century alone, he highlights 65 creatures that are presumed extinct. Grouping his two- to four-page entries into chronological chapters, the author goes backward in time, beginning with the golden toad, the Eskimo curlew, and five others that were last seen less than 100 years ago, and ending more than 50,000 years ago with the likes of the megatooth shark and the giant ape. Homo erectus and its near relatives are included, too. Each entry opens with a taxonomic classification and brief overview; goes on to describe physical features, range, ecological niche, and likely fate; includes a small, drab photo or drawing; and closes with a bulleted list of extra facts and leads to further reading. Though the book has a dense, utilitarian look that will keep casual browsers away, the prose is clear and even lively at times ("Fortunately for the pronghorn antelope, the American cheetah died out around 10,000 years ago"). The level of detail makes this a more rewarding resource for serious students of extinction's causes which are many and often hard to pin down than Don Lessem's *Dinosaurs to Dodos: An Encyclopedia of Extinct Animals* (Scholastic, 1999).  
John Peters, New York Public Library  
Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "The prose is exceptionally well crafted, always including interesting facts or stories about the departed species." - ARBAonline  
"Extinct Animals is a remarkable and highly recommended work of scholarship that is fully accessible to the non-specialist general reader, as well as academia." - Midwest Book - MBR Bookwatch". . . the prose is clear and even lively at times ('Fortunately for the pronghorn antelope, the American

cheetah died out around 10,000 years ago'). The level of detail makes this a more rewarding resource for serious students of extinction's causes which are many and often hard to pin down than Don Lessem's *Dinosaurs to Dodos: An Encyclopedia of Extinct Animals* (Scholastic, 1999)." - *School Library Journal*"These 65 species are fascinating, evocative, and important to know about as representative of the history of the earth. The information is interesting and well documented, and the author writes clearly and intelligently." - *Booklist*"This book is recommended for public and college libraries and high schools where there is a strong interest in extinct species." - *Catholic Library World*"Anyone with an interest in zoology or general users interested in animals of the past will enjoy this book; a good addition for public libraries." - *Reference s*About the Author ROSS PIPER is an independent scholar. His life-long interest in natural history, especially animals, led to academia and he went on to gain a 1st class degree in Zoology from the University of Wales, Bangor and a PhD in entomology from the University of Leeds. Currently, he lives in Hertfordshire, England. This is his sixth book.