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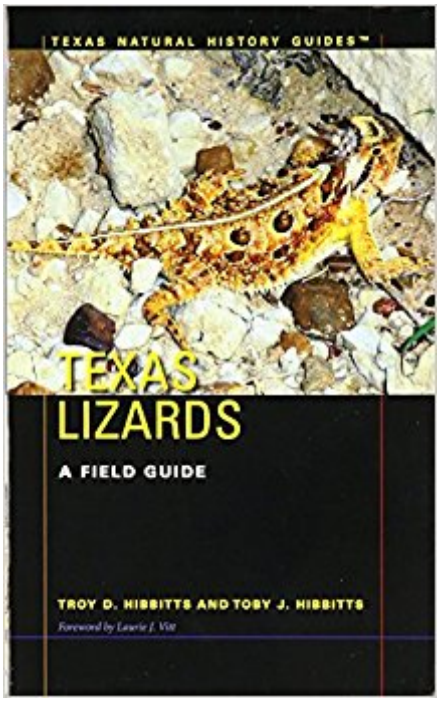

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Synopsis

"Texas offers the opportunity to observe lizard diversity like no other part of the country," writes Laurie J. Vitt in the foreword to Texas Lizards. From the moist eastern Piney Woods to the western deserts, lizards can be found in every part of Texas. The state has forty-five native and six naturalized species of lizards, almost half of the 115 species that live in the continental United States. Yet Texas lizards have not received full coverage in regional field guides, and no other guide dedicated solely to the state's lizards has ever been published.Texas Lizards is a complete identification guide to all fifty-one native and established exotic lizard species. It offers detailed species accounts, range maps, and excellent color photographs (including regional, gender, and age variations for many species) to aid field identification. The authors, two of the state's most knowledgeable herpetologists, open the book with a broad overview of lizard natural history, conservation biology, observation, and captive maintenance before providing a key to Texas lizards and accounts of the various lizard families and species. Appendices list species of questionable occurrence in Texas and nonestablished exotic species. Informational resources on Texas lizards, a map of Texas counties, a glossary, a bibliography, and indexes of common and scientific names round out the volume.

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This guide is so much more than most field guides. The maps are extremely detailed. There are

multiple pictures for each species. The supporting text isn't dry. It's educational, full of insight and how guides should be. Taxonomy has been thoughtfully discussed. Conservation of species is also mentioned. The pages are sturdy, thick and glossy. The pictures are all in color and are very good. This is a book all herpers should have in their library. It's an instant classic.

I teach a herpetology course at a private institution in Texas. This field guide series is required for my class. These guides are useful for both amateur and professional herpers.

This was a gift. He tells me it is perfect with all the different lizards it show and the description of each lizard has helped him learn a lot!

Only an arms length away so we may identify the creatures seen.

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