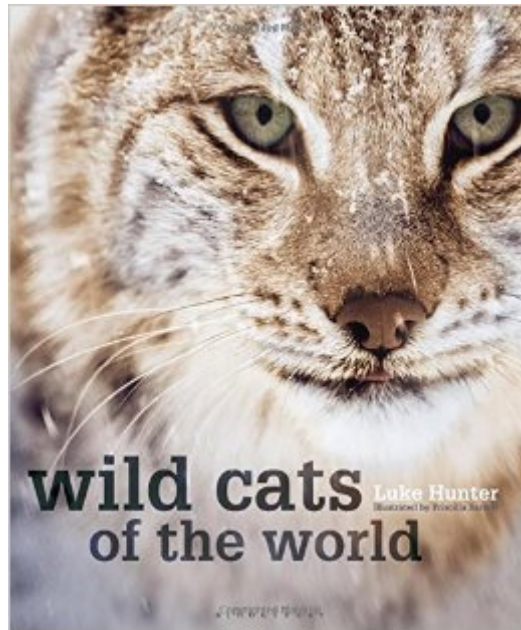


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# Wild Cats Of The World



## Synopsis

From the rabbit-sized Black-footed Cat of southern Africa to bear-killing Amur tigers of the Russian Far East, the 38 members of the Cat Family include some of the world's most fascinating and magnificent species on earth. Supremely adapted for the kill, all cats are obligate carnivores; they survive only by preying upon other animals, and they have become one of evolution's most successful predatory lineages of mammals. *Wild Cats of the World* explores the spectacular Cat Family in unprecedented depth. Drawing on thousands of scientific papers and direct observations in the field, each species is profiled at length, covering all aspects of felid behaviour and ecology. The book is profusely illustrated with colour plates, black-and-white sketches showing important aspects of cat life, and accurate images of every species' skull. Over 400 spectacular photographs are included, many of them showing extremely rare and little-known cats published here for the first time. Each profile includes an up-to-date range map and explains the most current science on how cats are classified and related to each other, including some very recent, surprising discoveries. Despite their great evolutionary success, the challenges facing felids in the modern world are profound. Only one, the ubiquitous domestic cat, does not require dedicated conservation action to ensure survival for the next century. The book also explores the current conservation issues facing wild cats, the increasingly perilous status of many species, and how they can be saved.

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When the book was announced, I had great expectation that it would be an update of the homonym book written by Mel & Fiona Sunquist in 2002, presenting not only color photographs and illustrations but also detailed information about ecology, systematics, morphology, evolution and genetics of Felidae. However, when I had my copy in hand, my expectations went up in smoke. The book is not bad, but is far from being an excellent and comprehensive book; it is beautifully produced, with very impressive pictures with excellent photos of the animals in wildlife and beautiful illustrations of different species, which have been used in the book "Field Guide of the Carnivores of the World" (written by the same authors), and the language used in the book was clearly made to achieve the non-specialist readers. Despite all this, there are some issues that can be corrected in a possible 2nd edition, for example, the scientific name of jaguarundi (the correct is *Panthera onca* and not *Panthera tigris*) and the correct authorship of the two *onca* species. The authorship of *Leopardus tigrinus* (Northern *Onca*) is the German naturalist Johann Christian Daniel von Schreber, who described the species in 1775 under the name of *Felis tigrina*. In the book, they put Schreber as the author of other species of *onca*, *Leopardus guttulus* (Southern *Onca*), but this latter species was originally described by Reinhold Friedrich Hensel in 1872, who name the species as *Felis guttula*. Moreover, contrary to the book, Trigo et al. (2013) are not the authors who described *L. tigrinus*, but they revalidated *L. guttulus* as a full species based on molecular characters (*L. guttulus* was traditionally considered as a subspecies of *L. tigrinus*).

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