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Snakes Of The Syrian Arab Republic / Ahmad E.Aidek, Yaman Omran (Et-Al.)
Frankfurt, Germany: Edition Chimaira, 2023
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310gm.

The snake fauna of Syria consists of 40 species belonging to eight families (Typhlopidae, Leptotyphlopidae, Boidae, Colubridae, Psammophiidae, Atractaspididae, Elapidae, and Viperidae). Previous and new records were added and mapped for all species. Distribution of all snake species was updated, covering 587 localities. Remarks on the ecology and habitats are given for each species. Conservation of the snake fauna of Syria is treated by identifying direct and indirect impacts. (Reptilia)
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A Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of Iran / Kamran Kamali
Frankfurt Contributions To Natural History Vol.86
Frankfurt, Germany: Edition Chimaira, 2020
576p.
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1330gm.

Zoological taxonomy and identification is always a moving target, especially now in Iran as more and more Iranian scholars are studying herpetology. At the international level, reviews of entire genera have begun, incorporating molecular techniques to determine evolutionary relationships and phylogeography. Kamran Kamali has taken on the immense task of preparing this field guide to the amphibians and reptiles of Iran. (Reptilia)
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Field Guide to the Amphibians and Reptiles of Israel / Avid Bar, Guy Haimovitch, Shai Meiri
Frankfurt, Germany: Edition Chimaira, 2021
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1220gm.

"Israel's positioning at the juncture of Asia, and Africa, and between the Sahara and Arabian deserts in the south, and Mediterranean and mountain regions in the north, make it zoologically very diverse. It packs a variety of landscapes, habitats, vegetation types, and fauna, into a small and easily accessible area. The reptile fauna of Israel is species rich, with nearly 90 species, and highly diverse, with representatives of 25 families. All this wealth can be easily seen, and all is found, within half a day of driving from the main population hubs of the greater Tel Aviv area or Jerusalem. This makes Israel one of the most attractive destinations for reptile enthusiasts and professional herpetologists alike. Amphibians, on the other hand, are less diverse due to Israel's arid to semi-arid climate and are represented by a total of 8 species– but again representing six families.

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