

## New *Free* Resource for Herp Education!

**A Primer on Reptiles and Amphibians** is a collection of interpretive bulletins designed to make learning and teaching about herps more accessible to the public. This book is being offered as a free download in the hope that it will become a useful resource in households and nations where textbooks are either not affordable or not prioritized.

This innovative *Conservation Through Education* project is designed to forge a connection between the reader and the creeping critters of the world. Turtles, frogs, lizards, salamanders, snakes, and crocodiles... these animals evoke fear and fascination. This Primer dispels myths and unlocks mysteries surrounding these diverse survivors that have mastered virtually every habitat on Earth. Tragically, these animals now face pressures of unprecedented severity, but there is still time to make a difference if more of us work together.

Each page of this collection is a self-contained introductory bulletin to a wide variety of topics, intentionally formatted to be easily printed and shared. Sections covered include living with wildlife, physiology, natural history, observation, conservation, herpetoculture, and more.

Please consider helping to spread the word about this exciting resource. The landing page is located at

**[learnaboutcritters.org/primer](http://learnaboutcritters.org/primer)**

If you have questions, feedback, or would like to take part in the distribution of this work, please send an email to [learnaboutcritters@gmail.com](mailto:learnaboutcritters@gmail.com) to discuss how we can work together to help more people to value and protect these wonderful animals.

**Thanks, and Happy Herping!**

*"A truly extraordinary and exceptional website and a most remarkable effort to put this amount of herpetological information together. I commend [the author's] thorough dedication to the teaching and welfare of herps."*

—Stan Trauth, Ph.D. Emeritus Professor of Zoology, Arkansas State University

*"I hope it gets, because it deserves, wide attention. It is a must-read for anyone, child or adult, interested or just curious about herps or nature."*

—Dr. Brian Crother, Professor of Biological Sciences,  
Southeastern Louisiana University



*"I'd be really excited to see this finished and distributed widely because to me it reads as a lot more accessible than most of what's out there, and that's really important for reaching new audiences and changing behaviors."*

—Andrew Durso, Technical and Scientific Publications  
Editor at Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry

*"A Primer on Reptiles & Amphibians" looks like an outstanding educational product. I can tell from my first look that [the author has] done an excellent job of covering a variety of herp topics everyone wonders about."*

—Dr. J. Whitfield "Whit" Gibbons, Professor  
Emeritus of Ecology, University of Georgia



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