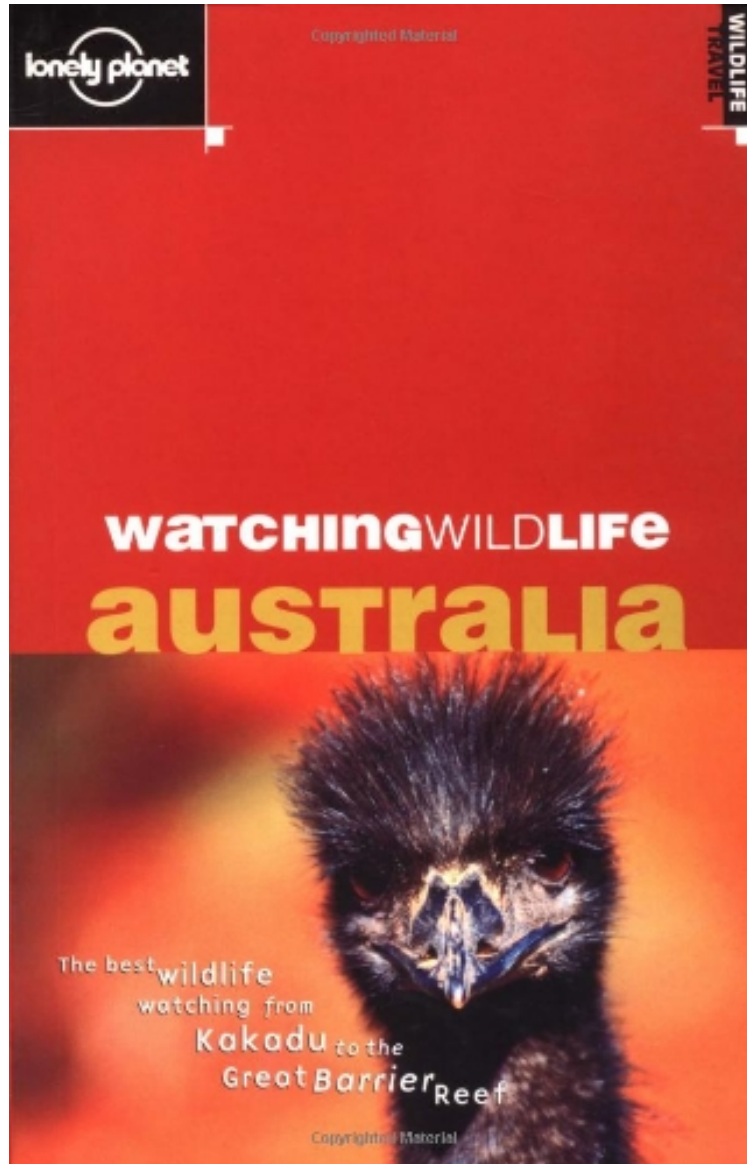


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**Jane Bennett : Watching Wildlife: Australia** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Watching Wildlife: Australia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic guideBy NelsThis is by far the most interesting and valuable travel guide I've ever come across. It's an incredibly rich source of information for anyone wishing to experience the natural world in Australia.The book has two basic sections: First, a state-by-state guide to specific places, such as national parks and other outstanding areas to see wildlife. And second, a fairly comprehensive

overview of Australia's birds, mammals, and other wild animals. Both sections are packed with useful and fascinating information, augmented with excellent maps and photos. As a committed nature geek who makes frequent and extended trips to Australia, I can't imagine traveling Down Under without this indispensable book. Thanks so much to the authors for doing a great job, and to Lonely Planet for publishing such a fine book. Very strongly recommended!

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The Only One - could be more accurate though  
By Laszlo Wagner  
This book is the only one available that describes Australia's national parks from a wildlife-watching point of view - other guides available in Australia concentrate on scenic spots and facilities for holidaymakers. As such, I found it invaluable in pointing out which parks to visit to see a good cross-section of the continent's unique wildlife, and where to try and spot any particular species. It describes both parks and selected species of Australian wildlife very attractively, with colour illustrations and inspiring text. Now for the shortcomings: The information given often turned out to be wishful thinking, making local park rangers laugh. Just to give two examples: this book claims common wombats are "abundant" in Giraween National Park of Queensland while rangers there said they were so rare they have only seen one in 10 years; it also claims koalas are "common" in Royal NP near Sydney when in fact they are extinct there. And these are two very popular, frequently visited parks! In general, the book tends to make seeing much of Australia's unique wildlife sound much easier than it actually is. My other complaint would be that there is almost no practical information of the sort generally provided by other Lonely Planet guides in this book: no information on public transport [hasn't everyone got a car? ;-)], and none on the costs of accommodation or tours. Then again, since as I said it is the only guide of its kind to watching wildlife in Australia, anyone interested in the topic is well advised to buy a copy. Just don't put too much trust into its accuracy - something that will hopefully improve in a next edition...

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best book I've found on Australian wildlife  
By JY Midwest  
I am surprised how few books there seem to be on Australian wildlife, and where to see various animals. This one is the best I've found. It has sections on habitats, parks and places (what you'll see in different places), and then a guide to the individual animals. It's small enough to take on a trip.

A guide to finding, identifying and understanding Australian wildlife. This text provides readers with the background on natural history, habitats and wildlife in action.

From the Publisher "Watching Wildlife Australia" is a treasure trove of practical clues that will help you plan an independent wildlife expedition. Whether you're an intrepid wilderness bushwalker, a local resident, a group tourist or a specialist familiar with another landscape looking for insights into new terrain "Watching Wildlife Australia" will give you a wildlife commentary to take on your journey. "Watching Wildlife Australia" is also a perfect addition to any nature lovers collection and a useful reference tool for students of any age. It will teach you to interpret what you see, whatever your mode of travel. discover what's there and where to find it pinpoint directions and inside tips for the top destinations use 65 full-color maps, from cities to national parks get the lowdown on planning, itineraries, watching techniques and gear get expert advice on photography, whale-watching, bird-watching, diving and night viewing read background on natural history, habitats and wildlife inaction