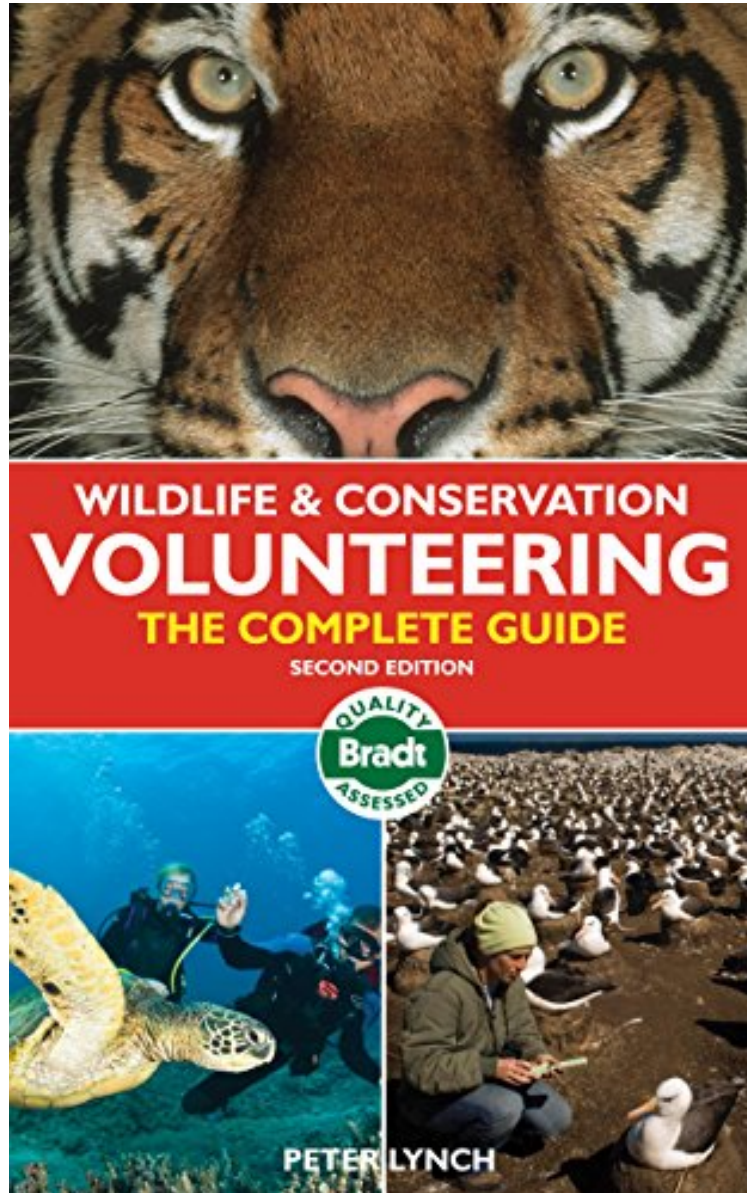


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Peter Lynch : Wildlife Conservation Volunteering: The Complete Guide (Bradt Travel Guide) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wildlife Conservation Volunteering: The Complete Guide (Bradt Travel Guide):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of my faves!By J1This has fewer listings than most other volunteer books I've read, but is much more in depth. Gives you a breakdown of the organization's history, where your volunteer money goes, as well as safety ratings and preparatory advice. Excellent!3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very good but UK-focusedBy Elizabeth CookI was disappointed to discover that the book is almost all UK-based organizations. I was annoyed by having to convert all the funding information to dollars, etc. It is a great book but not so great for U.S. customers.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wildlife Lovers! This is for you!By Jane StanfieldWildlife Lovers! This is for you!When I saw the pre-publication announcement for Wildlife Conservation Volunteering, The Complete Guide by Peter Lynch, I was very eager to hold it in my hands.Many of the organizations listed were new to me as they are predominantly based in the U.K. Besides covering the standard information of the type of projects offered and the price, Mr. Lynch delves deep into the administrative operations of the agencies with discussions on background, credibility, organization, where the money goes (ranging from no information to 70% support going to the projects), pre-departure preparation, environment, safety, demonstrable achievement and post-trip follow up. At the start of the discussion of each agency, there is an easy to read graphic showing the scores on the above mentioned indicators. I found it very helpful in comparing one agency with another.As I had experience with several of the agencies, I was interested to see how they rated in the categories. My first agency scored between 3.75 - 5.00 (5.00 being the highest score) with most scores above 4.25. The 3.75 scores were for where the money goes (66% to the projects) and post-trip follow up. My second agency had a range of 1.25-4.25 with their highest score for in-the-field experience and the lowest scores for achievements and money (only 30% spent in the country and none on the actual projects). As I reviewed the discussion for the agencies I had used, I felt that the evaluations were fair and level handed.While I had expected the book to include a compilation of agencies that focused on wildlife and conservation issues, I was thrilled to see the chapter and flow chart devoted to how to locate the best placement for your interest. There were many helpful charts with room for notes for potential volunteers to determine which species they prefer, what country they want to visit and where they choose to spend their time and money. Also valuable is the Country Guide in Appendix #1 that organizes the countries covered first by region and then by name. In the appendix, each country is analyzed for important travel issues such as carbon footprint, wealth indicators, risks and environmental issues and helpful information such as time zones and seasons as well as visas.The only downside to any book that covers wildlife and conservation volunteering is that not all countries were represented. Mr. Lynch is already planning the next edition and he requests that his readers send him information on other agencies to be included.Thank you Mr. Lynch. Well done. I look forward to your next edition.Jane StanfieldAuthor of Mapping Your Volunteer Vacation

Peter Lynch investigates volunteer organizations and rates them according to a range of verifiable criteria, including their scientific usefulness. Their credibility is assessed in terms of: accolades and endorsements, organization, financial records, evidence of environmental benefit and scientific outcomes. This updated guide includes long- and short-term opportunities from roughing it in tents, through simple permanent accommodation to quasi-luxury. First-hand accounts by volunteers provide insight into the day-to-day life of being a volunteer.

This timely and important guide is a must-read for anyone who wants to contribute properly and positively to wildlife conservation.' Kate Humble, TV presenter 'A comprehensive guide which helps to identify and explore the issues surrounding volunteering, whilst also providing a reliable and objective assessment of the companies offering volunteering experiences.' Justin Francis, founder, responsibletravel.com 'An extremely useful starting point for any conservation volunteer faced with the tricky task of finding a project that is appropriate for them and also genuinely contributes to wildlife and environmental conservation.' Richard Hammond, greentraveller.co.uk 'This guide is an extremely useful reference' BBC WildlifeAbout the AuthorPeter Lynch is a freelance travel writer. He has been on several conservation volunteer expeditions and is the author of the first edition of Bradt's Wildlife and Conservation Volunteering.