



## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Galapagos: A Natural History 2nd ed.

*by M.H. Jackson*

My husband met Michael Jackson (no, not the singer) in 1985 while teaching in Calgary. He had been doing his master's research in Galapagos at the University of Calgary and decided to turn his research into what has become the most popular general guidebook on the Galapagos. Recent new publications have taken some limelight away, but his remains the most general publication available. We met him again in Galapagos – he now teaches at a private school in Victoria, BC. (Heather's hometown).

### The Song of the Dodo: Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinctions

*by David Quammen*

My favourite - a bit of a tome, but very well written, a pleasure to read, insightful, humorous. This book explains how islands play a key role in evolution and how patterns of extinction can also be uncovered by studying them in island ecosystems. My husband read it 3 times while living in the Galapagos. This is our favourite book!

### Mr. Darwin's Shooter

Roger McDonald

Another of our favourites. Not a "Galapagos" book per se, but very nicely done. In this richly detailed novel based on the life of Syms Covington, Charles Darwin's hard-working shipboard assistant and later his house-servant, Roger McDonald shines a light on a man forgotten by history, capturing the breathtaking excitement of the historic voyage of the *Beagle* and brilliantly illuminating the scientific, religious, and social controversies that exploded around Darwin's watershed theories.

### Galapagos at the Crossroads

*By Carol Ann Bassett*

A portrait of today's Galápagos depicts a deadly collision of economics, politics, and the environment that may destroy one of the world's last Edens.

### A Sheltered Life: The Unexpected History of the Giant Tortoise

*by Paul Chambers*

For millennia these mighty beasts lived in isolation on remote oceanic islands such as the Galapagos,

Seychelles and Mauritius. The twentieth century saw the establishment of wildlife reserves in the Galapagos and elsewhere but it was too late for many species. Paul Chambers shows how modern genetics has been able to track down members of what were once believed to be extinct populations of these magnificent creatures.

Annie's Box: Charles Darwin, his Daughter and Human Evolution

*by Randal Keynes*

Recounts the personal tragedy that lay behind Darwin's revolutionary understanding of man's place in nature. Taking the story of Darwin's daughter as his starting point, Randal Keynes brings together science and humanity in a ground-breaking book that makes a major contribution to our understanding of Charles Darwin.

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Birds, Mammals and Reptiles of the Galapagos Islands

*by Rob Still and Andy Swash*

The innovative, simple-to-use format of this new publication will help visitors to Galapagos to identify any bird, mammal or reptile they encounter. The text covers key identification features of each species, and the 53 remarkable colour plates have been produced using the latest digital image technology. A full species checklist by island and habitat is included.

Flowering Plants of Galapagos

*by Conley K McMullen*

This splendid book provides the visitor to Galapagos with a compact plant guide. Fully illustrated in colour and covering 390 species, the book will be invaluable to both the non-specialist and the expert.

Galapagos Diary

*by Herman Heinzl and Barnaby Hall*

Collaboration between renowned illustrator Heinzl and photographer Hall has resulted in a fresh and engaging guide to the archipelago's bird life. Colour photographs, illustrations, maps and an insightful text.

Galapagos Wildlife - a Visitors Guide

*by David Horwell and Pete Oxford*

The authors of this guide were both naturalist guides in Galapagos. Their knowledge and insight have enabled them to produce a lively and informative book, illustrated with full colour plates and with detailed maps describing all the main visitor sites.

Guide to the Birds of Galapagos

*by Isabel Castro and Antonia Phillips*

Fully illustrated in colour with paintings by Antonia Phillips. The birds are grouped in families, with several illustrated on each page for easy comparison. A good, not too bulky, field guide.

Wildlife of the Galapagos (Collins Safari Guides)

*by Julian Fitter, Daniel Fitter and David Hosking*

This guide covers over 350 commonly-seen species including birds, mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, plants, and coastal and marine life, and is illustrated with over 550 colour photographs, maps and drawings. Daniel is an old friend.

Evolution's Workshop: God and Science on the Galapagos Islands

*by Edward J. Larson*

A history of the generations of scientists who have travelled to Galapagos.

Galapagos: The Islands That Changed the World

*by Paul D. Stewart*

An overview of the geology, human history and biodiversity of the islands.

The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate Portrait of Charles Darwin and the Making of His Theory of Evolution (Great Discoveries)

*by David Quammen*

A portrait of Darwin's homecoming from his five-year trip on the *Beagle* focuses on how he gained enough confidence and evidence to publish a book that would displace humankind from its privileged position as a special creation.

Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species, A Graphic Adaptation

*by Michael Keller and illustrated by Nicolle Rager* The book tackles the life of Darwin, the main themes of *On the Origin of Species* (often in Darwin's words) and the public reception to its publication in lavish, full-color panels.

Galapagos. Both Sides of the Coin.

*by Pete Oxford*

The author collaborated with Graham Watkins, director of the Charles Darwin Research Station, for this photographic celebration of Galapagos birds, mammals, reptiles and landscapes. Flip the book over for an illustrated, no-holds-barred human history.

Darwin in Galapagos, Footsteps to a New World.

*by Greg Estes*

The definitive account of Darwin's five-week visit to the Galapagos. Greg is an old friend.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE REPORTS

For a better and authoritative understanding on conservation concerns in the Galapagos, UNESCO's World Heritage Centre presents all of its reports on its website. See:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1/documents/>

For more suggestions on specific species, please see:

<http://people.rit.edu/rhrsbi/GalapagosPages/Bibliography.html>