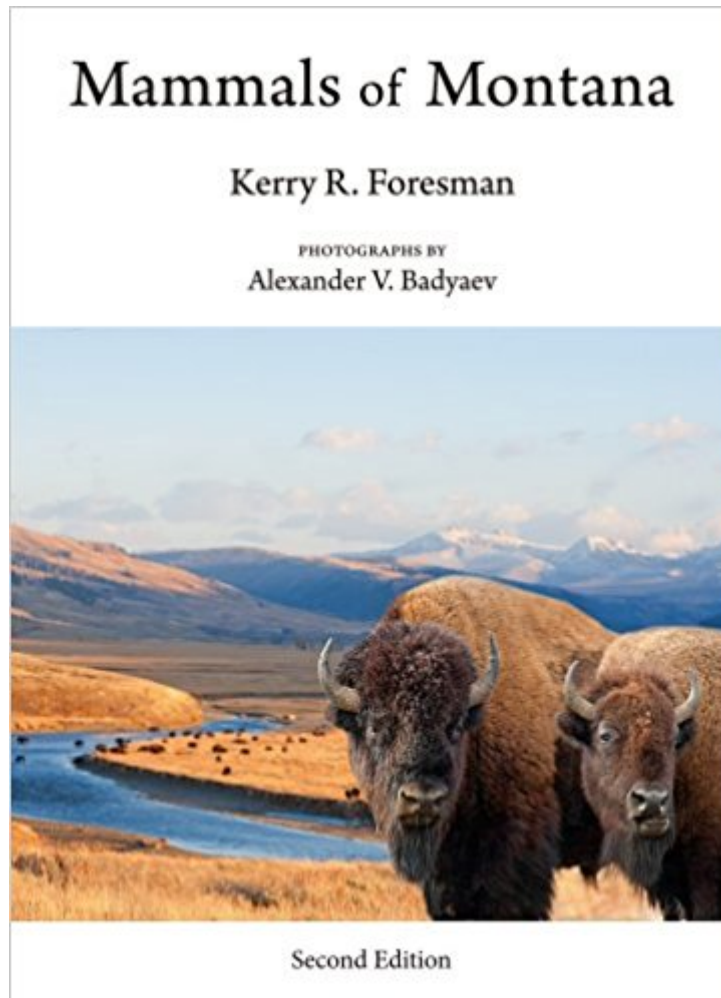


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# Mammals Of Montana



## Synopsis

Mammals, named after the presence of mammary glands, nurse their young and have fur, but that's where their similarities end. Some dig underground homes, some live in social groups, some hunt underwater, some fly through the night skies. This comprehensive guide details the taxonomy, ecology, behavior, reproductive biology, and distribution of all 109 mammal species in Montana, from the pygmy shrew, one of the tiniest mammals in the world, to the bison, the largest land mammal in North America. Whether you want to distinguish between the 15 species of bats that live in or migrate through the state or are simply trying to identify the squirrel in your backyard, *Mammals of Montana* is for you. This second edition features more than 500 color photographs, many by renowned wildlife photographer Alex Badyaev. Scattered throughout the species descriptions are interesting and curious facts about these wild creatures. Learn which shrew is venomous, how the pika survives winter in its alpine habitat without hibernating, and what animal squeezes through vole tunnels in search of dinner. Author Kerry Foresman also covers the reintroduction efforts to save Montana species, such as the black-footed ferret and swift fox, from extinction, and he cautions how climate change may push others, such as the northern bog lemming and wolverine, to the brink.

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Fantastic book. Living in Montana one needs to have this book in their library. Perfect reference book that can live in the camper, car, or tent. Recently purchased another copy for a friend as a birthday gift. On a trip, big horned sheep were sighted, and studied thanks to this well done book. Photos superb. Anxious to hit the road soon for more animals to look up!

Great reference specific to mammals in Montana..ONLY. The descriptions are short and the maps are great. Good reference for in the field, but if more in-depth information is needed on a particular species one will have to look elsewhere.

A good detailed reference for the layman. I am an avid hunter and conservationist. I recently moved to Montana and wanted a Montana specific animal guide. This book is exactly that. Well written, with great pictures and maps. The introduction is super with an overview of the different ecosystems found in the Treasure State. The glossary is good and so is the index. I would recommend to anybody and surely buy again.

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