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CONSERVATION

BIOGEOGRAPHY The Earth's  
ecosystems are in the midst of

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an unprecedented period of change as a result of human action. Many habitats have been completely destroyed or divided into tiny fragments, others have been transformed through the introduction of new species, or

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the extinction of native plants and animals, while anthropogenic climate change now threatens to completely redraw the geographic map of life on this planet. The urgent need to understand and

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prescribe solutions to this  
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complicated and interlinked set  
of pressing conservation issues  
has lead to the transformation of  
the venerable academic  
discipline of biogeography – the  
study of the geographic

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distribution of animals and plants. The newly emerged sub-discipline of conservation biogeography uses the conceptual tools and methods of biogeography to address real world conservation problems and

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to provide predictions about the fate of key species and ecosystems over the next century. This book provides the first comprehensive review of the field in a series of closely interlinked chapters addressing

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the central issues within this exciting and important subject.

Where the eastern and western currents of American life merge as smoothly as one river flows into another is a place called Nebraska. There we find the

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Platte, a river that gave sustenance to the countless migrants who once trudged westward along the Mormon and Oregon trails. We find the Sandhills, a vast region of sandy grassland that represents the

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largest area of dunes and the grandest and least disturbed region of mixed-grass prairies in all the Western Hemisphere. And, below it all, we find the Ogallala aquifer, the largest potential source of unpolluted

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water anywhere. ø These  
ecological treasures are all part  
of the nature of Nebraska. With  
characteristic clarity, energy, and  
charm, Paul A. Johnsgard guides  
us through Nebraska?s  
incredible biodiversity,

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introducing us to each  
ecosystem and the flora and  
fauna it sustains and inviting us  
to contemplate the purpose and  
secrets of the natural world as  
we consider our own roles and  
responsibilities in our connection

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Offers a unifying framework for community ecology by addressing how communities are assembled from species pools.

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**Biogeography offers an introduction to the study of the ecological and evolutionary processes that have shaped our present biosphere under the**

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**influence of glacial-  
interglacial cycles.**

**Written by an ecologist  
with paleoecological  
expertise, this book  
reviews the climactic  
changes that have**

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**occurred during the last  
2.6 million years, along  
with the responses of  
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**extant biodiversity, its  
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**patterns and community  
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role of climate on human  
evolution and the  
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for natural systems  
Describes the plants,**

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**animals, people, and  
climate that are a part  
of the rain forest  
ecosystem, and explains  
what threatens this  
biome.**

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**reference and sourcebook  
for California's  
remarkable ecological  
abundance provides an  
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each major ecosystem  
type—its distribution,**

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**structure, function, and  
management. A**

**comprehensive synthesis  
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diverse state,**

**Ecosystems of California**

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**covers the state from  
oceans to mountaintops  
using multiple lenses:  
past and present, flora  
and fauna, aquatic and  
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processes for a specific  
ecosystem, describes  
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discusses how that  
ecosystem may be altered  
in the future. This book**

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**also explores the  
drivers of California's  
ecological patterns and  
the history of the  
state's various  
ecosystems, outlining  
how the challenges of**

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**climate change and  
invasive species and  
opportunities for  
regulation and  
stewardship could  
potentially affect the  
state's ecosystems. The**

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**text explicitly**

**incorporates both human  
impacts and conservation  
and restoration efforts  
and shows how ecosystems  
support human well-  
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around the world for centuries but it*

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*is only relatively recently that invasion ecology has grown into a mainstream research field. This book examines both the spread and impact dynamics of invasive species, placing the science of invasion biology on a new, more rigorous, theoretical footing, and proposing a concept of*

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*biodiversity is unique, and why the conservation of this biodiversity is so important. It goes on to describe the two centuries of acute change since European settlement—the ultimate drivers of current changes in Australia's biodiversity and the observed changes in diversity at the*

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genetic, species and ecosystem levels. The discussion of climate change itself is organized around the global and the Australian scales, describing the climate changes that have already been observed over the last one to two centuries and outlining the range of projections for

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*Australia for the rest of this century. The ways in which climate change is already affecting Australia's biota and will potentially affect it in future are described in considerable detail. The book then focuses strongly on how to reduce the vulnerability of Australia's biodiversity to climate*

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*change, beginning with a description of current management principles, and an analysis of the current set of conservation strategies and tools and the current policy and institutional landscape for biodiversity conservation. Building on a set of fundamental ecological principles,*

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*the focus then shifts to ways in which adaptive capacity can be enhanced—modified and new management approaches, innovative governance systems and a much larger resource base. Finally, a set of five key messages and policy directions pulls together the major*

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*conclusions arising from the  
assessment.*

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a thorough and comprehensive  
exploration of the varied scientific*

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*disciplines and research that are essential to understanding the subject. The text has been praised for its solid background in historical biogeography and basic biology, that is enhanced and illuminated by discussions of current research. This new edition incorporates the exciting*

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*changes of the recent years, and presents a thoughtful exploration of the research and controversies that have transformed our understanding of the biogeography of the world. It also clearly identifies the three quite different arenas of biogeographical research: continental biogeography,*

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*the conditions of life on the planet,  
and the Biological Engine, evolution,  
which responds to these changes by  
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Explains what Earth's biomes  
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conserving our biomes and the

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life forms that inhabit each one.

The ocean has absorbed a significant portion of all human-made carbon dioxide emissions. This benefits human society by moderating the rate of climate change, but also causes

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unprecedented changes to ocean chemistry. Carbon dioxide taken up by the ocean decreases the pH of the water and leads to a suite of chemical changes collectively known as ocean acidification. The long

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term consequences of ocean acidification are not known, but are expected to result in changes to many ecosystems and the services they provide to society. Ocean Acidification: A National Strategy to Meet the

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Challenges of a Changing Ocean reviews the current state of knowledge, explores gaps in understanding, and identifies several key findings. Like climate change, ocean acidification is a growing global

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problem that will intensify with continued CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and has the potential to change marine ecosystems and affect benefits to society. The federal government has taken positive initial steps by developing a

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national ocean acidification program, but more information is needed to fully understand and address the threat that ocean acidification may pose to marine ecosystems and the services they provide. In

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In addition, a global observation network of chemical and biological sensors is needed to monitor changes in ocean conditions attributable to acidification.

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and characteristics of the desert  
biome."

The exponentially increasing amounts of biological data along with comparable advances in computing power are making possible the construction of

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quantitative, predictive  
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biological systems models. This  
development could revolutionize  
those biology-based fields of  
science. To assist this  
transformation, the U.S.  
Department of Energy asked the

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National Research Council to recommend mathematical research activities to enable more effective use of the large amounts of existing genomic information and the structural and functional genomic

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information being created. The resulting study is a broad, scientifically based view of the opportunities lying at the mathematical science and biology interface. The book provides a review of past

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successes, an examination of opportunities at the various levels of biological systems — from molecules to ecosystems — an analysis of cross-cutting themes, and a set of recommendations to advance

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connection that are applicable to  
all agencies funding research in  
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From Individuals to Ecosystems

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Rising temperatures are affecting organisms in all of Earth's biomes,

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but the complexity of ecological responses to climate change has hampered the development of a conceptually unified treatment of them. In a remarkably comprehensive synthesis, this book presents past, ongoing, and future ecological

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responses to climate change in the context of two simplifying hypotheses, facilitation and interference, arguing that biotic interactions may be the primary driver of ecological responses to climate change across all levels of biological organization. Eric Post's

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synthesis and analyses of ecological consequences of climate change extend from the Late Pleistocene to the present, and through the next century of projected warming. His investigation is grounded in classic themes of enduring interest in

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ecology, but developed around novel conceptual and mathematical models of observed and predicted dynamics. Using stability theory as a recurring theme, Post argues that the magnitude of climatic variability may be just as important as the magnitude and

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direction of change in determining whether populations, communities, and species persist. He urges a more refined consideration of species interactions, emphasizing important distinctions between lateral and vertical interactions and their

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disparate roles in shaping responses of populations, communities, and ecosystems to climate change.

A definitive guide to the depth and breadth of the ecological sciences, revised and updated The revised and updated fifth edition of Ecology:

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From Individuals to Ecosystems – now in full colour – offers students and practitioners a review of the ecological sciences. The previous editions of this book earned the authors the prestigious ‘Exceptional Life-time Achievement Award’ of the

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British Ecological Society – the aim for the fifth edition is not only to maintain standards but indeed to enhance its coverage of Ecology. In the first edition, 34 years ago, it seemed acceptable for ecologists to hold a comfortable, objective, not to

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say aloof position, from which the ecological communities around us were simply material for which we sought a scientific understanding. Now, we must accept the immediacy of the many environmental problems that threaten us and the responsibility

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of ecologists to play their full part in addressing these problems. This fifth edition addresses this challenge, with several chapters devoted entirely to applied topics, and examples of how ecological principles have been applied to problems facing us

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highlighted throughout the remaining nineteen chapters. Nonetheless, the authors remain wedded to the belief that environmental action can only ever be as sound as the ecological principles on which it is based. Hence, while trying harder than ever to help

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improve preparedness for addressing the environmental problems of the years ahead, the book remains, in its essence, an exposition of the science of ecology. This new edition incorporates the results from more than a thousand recent studies into a

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fully up-to-date text. Written for students of ecology, researchers and practitioners, the fifth edition of Ecology: From Individuals to Ecosystems is an essential reference to all aspects of ecology and addresses environmental problems of the future.

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This open access book describes the serious threat of invasive species to native ecosystems. Invasive species have caused and will continue to cause enormous ecological and economic damage with ever increasing world trade. This multi-

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disciplinary book, written by over 100 national experts, presents the latest research on a wide range of natural science and social science fields that explore the ecology, impacts, and practical tools for management of invasive species. It covers species of

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all taxonomic groups from insects and pathogens, to plants, vertebrates, and aquatic organisms that impact a diversity of habitats in forests, rangelands and grasslands of the United States. It is well-illustrated, provides summaries of the most

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important invasive species and issues impacting all regions of the country, and includes a comprehensive primary reference list for each topic. This scientific synthesis provides the cultural, economic, scientific and social context for addressing

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environmental challenges posed by invasive species and will be a valuable resource for scholars, policy makers, natural resource managers and practitioners.

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Organism Traits, Community

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Structure, and Ecosystem Properties  
Concepts of Biology

Glencoe Biology, Student Edition  
Understanding Our Environment

Biotic Communities

Biological diversity, the variety of living  
organisms on Earth, is traditionally

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viewed as the diversity of taxa, and species in particular. However, other facets of diversity also need to be considered for a comprehensive understanding of evolutionary and ecological processes. This novel book demonstrates the advantages of adopting a functional approach to

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diversity in order to improve our understanding of the functioning of ecological systems and their components. The focus is on plants, which are major components of these systems, and for which the functional approach has led to major scientific advances over the last 20 years. Plant

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Functional Diversity presents the rationale for a trait-based approach to functional diversity in the context of comparative plant ecology and agroecology. It demonstrates how this approach can be used to address a number of highly debated questions in plant ecology pertaining to plant

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responses to their environment, controls on plant community structure, ecosystem properties, and the services these deliver to human societies. This research level text will be of particular relevance and use to graduate students and professional researchers in plant ecology,

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agricultural sciences and conservation  
biology.

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fauna, and climate of the marine  
biomes

Describes the earth's desert regions  
and the plants and animals that inhabit  
them.

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Lord Rutherford has said that all science is either physics or stamp collecting. On that basis the study of forest biomass must be classified with stamp collecting and other such pleasurable pursuits. Japanese scientists have led the world, not only in collecting basic data, but in their

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attempts to systematise our knowledge of forest biomass. They have studied factors affecting dry matter production of forest trees in an attempt to approach underlying physical principles. This edition of Professor Satoo's book has been made possible the help of Dr John F.

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Hosner and the Virginia Poly technical Institute and State University who invited Dr Satoo to Blacksburg for three months in 1973 at about the time when he was in the final stages of preparing the Japanese version. Since then the explosion of world literature on forest biomass has continued to be

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fired by increasing shortages of timber supplies in many parts of the world as well as by a need to explore renewable sources of energy. In revising the original text I have attempted to maintain the input of Japanese work - much of which is not widely available outside Japan - and to

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update both the basic information and, where necessary, the conclusions to keep them in tune with current thinking. Those familiar with the Japanese original will find Chapter 3 largely rewritten on the basis of new work - much of which was initiated while Dr Satoo was in Blacksburg.

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examine urban forests in cities around the world. It will ask questions about the history, composition, structure, and management of trees in urban areas. Data for this book was collected in 33 cities across broad

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geographical areas known as  
biomes. Constraints and  
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forest composition, design, and  
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characteristics of these biomes  
will be examined. The book will

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also address the cultural and historical factors that influenced the characteristics of urban forests around the world.

This book presents an in-depth discussion of the biological and ecological geography of the

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oceans. It synthesizes locally restricted studies of the ocean to generate a global geography of the vast marine world. Based on patterns of algal ecology, the book divides the ocean into four primary compartments, which are

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ecology as the basis for applying the ecosystem concept in contemporary environmental science and ecology, this second edition of this highly successful volume has been updated to reflect the latest research. It

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incorporates a strengthened theme in the use of functional ecology in explaining how ecosystems work and how the ecosystem concept may be used in science and applied science, and coverage of the interactions

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between humans and ecosystems has been substantially bolstered with the addition of chapters on human impacts and large scale impacts on ecosystems, and global environmental change and the consequences for

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accessible synthesis of both  
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applications, and will be a  
valuable resource for students of  
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and geography.

The emergence of landscape

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ecology during the 1980s represents an important maturation of ecological theory. Once enamored with the conceptual beauty of well-balanced, homogeneous ecosystems, ecologists now

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assert that much of the essence of ecological systems lies in their lumpiness. Patches with differing properties and behaviors lie strewn across the landscape, products of the complex interactions of climate,

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disturbance, and biotic processes. It is the collective behavior of this patchwork of eco systems that drives pattern and process of the landscape. is not an end point This realization of the importance of patch dynamics

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in itself, however. Rather, it is a passage to a new conceptual framework, the internal workings of which remain obscure. The next tier of questions includes: What are the fundamental pieces that compose a landscape? How

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are these pieces bounded? To what extent do these boundaries influence communication and interaction among patches of the landscape? Will consideration of the interactions among landscape elements help us to understand

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