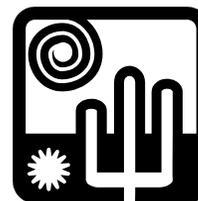


DESERTS & DESERT LIFE

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I. SONORAN DESERT – FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS)

Coyote Raid in Cactus Canyon (Easy A763CO)

Arnosky, Jim. (2005)

Four young coyotes harrass the animals in a desert canyon until they run into a rattlesnake.

AZ Gecko's Arizona Adventure (Easy C4663A)

Chapman, Karla. (1995)

When AZ Gecko sets out on a day's adventure with Sally Sidewinder, they meet other desert friends.

Cactus Hotel (Easy G9449CA)

Guiberson, Brenda Z. (1991)

Describes the life cycle of the giant saguaro cactus, with an emphasis on its role as a home for other desert dwellers.

Soft Child (Easy H4175S)

Hayes, Joe. (1993)

When his warning rattle fails to protect Soft Child from the other desert creatures, the Sky God equips him with a powerful way to defend himself.

Bedtime in the Southwest (Easy H6915BE)

Hodgson, Mona Gansberg. (2004)

Various desert animals have different ways of trying to avoid bedtime.

Way Out in the Desert (Easy M36682W)

Marsh, T.J. (1998)

A counting book in rhyme presents various desert animals and their children, from a mother horned toad and her little toadie one to a mom tarantula and her little spiders ten. Numerals are hidden in each illustration.

Desert Seasons (Easy M6365D)

Mike, Jan. (1990)

Takes the reader through the seasonal changes of the desert flora and fauna.

The Seed and the Giant Saguaro (Easy W2592SE)

Ward, Jennifer. (2003)

A packrat, carrying fruit from the giant saguaro, is chased by various desert animals and inadvertently helps spread the cactus's seed. Includes information on saguaros.

II. SONORAN DESERT – NONFICTION

Efrain of the Sonoran Desert – A Lizard's Life Among the Seri Indians

(JNF 970.3 S485AS)

Astorga, Amalia. A Seri Indian Elder. (2001)

Tells how the small tribe of Seri Indians in northern Mexico has, for many years, protected lizards which are considered endangered in other environments.

Desert Giant – The World of the Saguaro Cactus (JNF 583.56 B299D)

Bash, Barbara. (1989)

Documents the life cycle and ecosystem of the giant saguaro cactus and the desert animals it helps to support.

Saguaro Cactus (JNF 583.56 B532S)

Berquist, Paul. (1997)

Describes the size, life, and potential age span of the saguaro cactus and its effect on other desert life.

Journey into the Desert (JNF 508.3154 B878J)

Brown, John. (2002)

Words and photographs guide the reader through a visit to the Sonoran Desert, examining the landscape, climate, plants, and animals found in this region of Mexico and the southwestern United States.

Along Sandy Trails (JNF 577.54 C592A)

Clark, Ann Nolan. (1969)

A Papago Indian girl and her grandmother go for a walk and observe plants and animals of the Arizona desert.

This Place is Dry! (JNF 979.1 C653T)

Cobb, Vick. (1989)

Surveys the living conditions in Arizona's Sonora Desert for the people and unusual animals that live there. Also describes the engineering accomplishment of Hoover Dam.

Here is the Southwestern Desert (JNF 577.54 D925H)

Dunphy, Madeleine. (1995)

Natural history and ecology of the Sonoran Desert.

One Day in the Desert (JNF 577.54 G348O)

George, Jean Craighead. (1983)

Explains how the animal and human inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, including a mountain lion, a roadrunner, a coyote, a tortoise, and members of the Papago Indian tribe, adapt to and survive the desert's merciless heat.

Sonoran Seasons: A Year in the Desert (JNF 577.54 J558S)

Jernigan, Gisela. (1994)

Learn about changes that take place in the desert throughout the year.

A Saguaro Cactus (JNF 583.56 G796S)

Green, Jen. (1999)

Describes the various animals that live in and around the giant Saguaro cactus in the Sonoran Desert.

101 Questions About Desert Life (JNF 577.54 J118O)

Jablonsky, Alice. (1994)

Read about desert plants and desert animals.

Storm on the Desert (JNF 577.54 L638S)

Lesser, Carolyn. (1997)

Describes the animal and plant life in a desert in the American Southwest and the effects of a short but violent thunderstorm.

Sing Down the Rain (JNF 970.3 T645MO)

Moreillon, Judi. (1997)

The Tohono O'odham Indians who live in the Sonoran Desert prepare for the rains necessary to provide fruit for the Saguaro Wine Ceremony, their most important harvest celebration.

Saguaro Moon: A Desert Journal (JNF 577.54 P917S)

Pratt-Serafini, Kristin Joy. (2002)

When her family moves to the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, Megan keeps a nature journal in which she describes the desert, the changes that occur throughout the seasons, and how these affect the plant and animal inhabitants.

Cactus Desert (One Small Square) (JNF 577.54 S587C)

Silver, Donald M.

A dazzling cast of creatures interacting with each other and their ecosystem, along with suggestions for teaching activities.

A Living Desert (JNF 577.54 S745L)

Spencer, Guy. (1988)

Describes the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert of the American Southwest.

Our Desert Backyard (JNF 591.754 U588O)

Unruh, Chris Orr. (1981)

This book has short articles on Arizona wildlife. Each animal from bats to bears, busy birds, reptiles and others has at least one page devoted to facts, characteristics and most have an illustration.

A Desert Scrapbook: Dawn to Dusk in the Sonoran Desert (JNF 577.54 W949D)

Wright-Frierson, Virginia. (1996)

The author/artist describes many of the animals and plants and their surroundings that she has sketched in the Sonoran Desert.

Welcome to the Sea of Sand (JNF 577.54 Y54W)

Yolen, Jane. (1996)

Natural history and ecology of the Sonoran Desert.

III. DESERT ANIMALS – FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS)

Alejandro's Gift (Easy A3339A)

Albert, Richard E. (1994)

Lonely in his house beside a road in the desert, Alejandro builds an oasis to attract the many animals around him.

The Cactus Flower Bakery (Easy A419CA)

Allard, Harry. (1991)

A nearsighted armadillo meets an ostracized snake in the desert and, not realizing what kind of animal she is, helps her open a bakery.

Roadrunner's Dance (Easy A5366RO)

Anaya, Rudolfo A. (2000)

Because Rattlesnake has taken over the road and will not let any of the people or animals in the village use it, Desert Woman enlists the aid of the other animals to create a strange new creature with the necessary tools to overcome Rattlesnake.

Coyote Raid in Cactus Canyon (Easy A763CO)

Arnosky, Jim. (2005)

Four young coyotes harrass the animals in a desert canyon until they run into a rattlesnake.

Desert Voices (Easy B358D)

Baylor, Byrd. (1981)

Desert inhabitants describe the beauty of their home.

We Walk in Sandy Places. (Easy B358W)

Baylor, Byrd. (1976)

When animals cross the desert their tracks leave behind a story in the sand.

The Dawn Seekers (Easy H217D)

Hamilton, Carol. (1987)

Quentin, a nocturnal rat who has never seen the color green, accompanies two other desert animals on a perilous quest for new experiences in the daytime desert.

Coyote and Badger: Desert Hunters of the Southwest (Easy H6733CO)

Hiscock, Bruce. (2001)

Fictionalized natural history about how coyotes and badgers hunt together.

Bedtime in the Southwest (Easy H6915BE)

Hodgson, Mona. (2004)

Various desert animals have different ways of trying to avoid bedtime.

How Jackrabbit Got His Very Long Ears (Easy I654H)

Irbinskas, Heather. (1994)

Because he doesn't listen carefully to what the Great Spirit tells him about each of the animals he is supposed to lead to their desert homes, Jackrabbit causes much unhappiness with his careless answers to the animals' questions.

Desert Song (Easy J738DE)

Johnston, Tony. (2000)

As the heat of the desert day fades into night, various nocturnal animals, including bats, coyotes, and snakes, venture out to find food.

Cleo and the Coyote (Easy L6682CL)

Levy, Elizabeth. (1996)

A city dog named Cleo and a coyote named Tricky have an adventure together in the desert and discover how much they have in common.

The Tortoise and the Jackrabbit (Easy L9154TO)

Lowell, Susan. (1994)

Many of the animals that live in the southwestern desert witness the race between slow but steady Tortoise and the quick, overconfident Jackrabbit.

Coyote Dreams (Easy N9724C)

Nunes, Susan. (1988)

At night coyotes come quietly to the garden wall, bringing with them their desert world of sand, sagebrush, lizards, and rocks.

Camel Caravan (Easy R6432C)

Roberts, Bethany. (1996)

Tired of carrying their burdens in the desert, the camels sneak away from the caravan and have exciting adventures as they explore other ways to travel.

Dig, Wait, Listen: A Desert Toad's Tale (JNF 597.87 S275D)

Sayre, April Pulley. (2001)

A spadefoot toad waits under the sand for the rain, hears the sounds of other desert animals, and eventually mates and spawns other toads.

Fixing the Crack of Dawn (Easy S5874F)

Silverman, Erica. (1994)

Surrounded by the desert animals that live near her home, Lisa searches for the crack of dawn so that she can fix it.

Kissing Coyotes (Easy V368KI)

Vaughan, Marcia K. (2002)

Jackrabbit brags to the other animals that he is so brave that he can do all kinds of things, including kiss a coyote.

IV. DESERT ANIMALS – NONFICTION

A Walk in the Desert (JNF 577.54 A752W)

Arnold, Caroline. (1990)

Describes some of the plants and animals that live in the desert.

Watching Desert Wildlife (577.54 A752WA)

Arnold, Caroline. (1994)

Although the desert may seem to be a barren and lifeless place, it is full of plants and animals that have adapted to the harsh environment.

Watching Desert Wildlife (JNF 577.54 A752W)

Arnosky, Jim. (1998)

Cactus Poems (JNF 811.54 A812C)

Frank Asch. (1998)

A celebration of the odd and awesome aspects of the 4 American deserts – the Sonoran, the Mohave, the Great Basin and the Chihuahuan. Contains notes on desert life.

Look Who Lives in the Desert! Bouncing and Pouncing, Hiding and Gliding, Sleeping and Creeping (JNF 591.754 B558L)

Bessesen, Brooke. (2004)

Skillfully blended illustrations, humor, and rhyme with fascinating facts and photographs highlighting a delightful crew of desert animals.

Looking at Animals in Hot Places (JNF 59.754 B988L)

Butterfield, Moira. (2000)

Presents various animals that live in such hot places as deserts, rain forests, and grasslands. Describes how they adapt to their environments.

Desert Animals (JNF 591.90954)

Chinery, Michael. (2002)

An introduction to the animals of the desert and how they live, including the camel, jumping jerboa, and bearded lizard.

Desert Babies (JNF 591.754 D221D)

Darling, Kathy.

Photographs and brief text describe a variety of baby animals, some of whom are endangered, who make their homes in the desert.

A Night and Day in the Desert (JNF 577.54 D519N)

Dewey, Jennifer Owings. (1991)

Depicts the unique environment of the desert, with its plant and animal life and special climatic conditions.

Around One Cactus: Owls, Bats, and Leaping Rats (JNF 591.754 F852A)

Fredericks, Anthony. (2003)

A child sees a saguaro cactus by day but there are no animals until after he leaves, when various creatures come out to play and prey. Also includes "field notes" which provide more facts about desert animals.

The Moon of the Wild Pigs (JNF 599.734 G347M)

George, Jean Craighead. (1968)

Peccaries and desert animals.

A Picture Book of Desert Animals (JNF 591.9095 G532D)

Gise, Joanne. (1991)

Describes a variety of desert animals, including the cactus wren, kangaroo rat, and scorpion.

Desert (JNF 591.9095 G669D)

Hirschi, Ron. (1992)

Text and illustrations explore the variety of animal life found in the desert.

Agave Blooms Just Once (JNF J558A)

Jernigan, Gisela. (1989)

Illustrated verses present plants and animals of the desert from A to Z.

One Green Mesquite Tree (JNF J558O)

Jernigan, Gisela. (1988)

Introduces the numbers one through twenty in rhymed text and illustrations describing various plants and animals of the desert.

A Walk in the Desert (577.54 J687W)

Johnson, Rebecca. (2001)

Describes the climate, soil, plants, and animals of North American deserts and the ways in which the plants and animals depend on each other and their environment to survive.

Desert Mammals (JNF 591.754 L253D)

Landau, Elaine. (1996)

The Living Desert (JNF 577.54 M823L)

Moore, Randy. (1991)

Describes the different types of deserts found throughout the world, discussing climate, plant and animal life, and the influence of humans.

The Desert Alphabet Book (JNF 577.54 P168D)

Pallotta, Jerry. (1994)

Desert biology.

In the Desert (Nature's Footprints) (577.54 P359N)

Pearce, Q.L. (1990)

Briefly describes the behavior of such desert animals as the tortoise, prairie dog, gila monster, and coyote.

Grasslands and Deserts (JNF 591.74 R129G)

Radley, Gail. (2001)

Discusses through short essays and poems, ten endangered species that live in grasslands or deserts, including scientific information about each, reasons for its endangered status, and descriptions of efforts to protect it.

Animals of the Desert (JNF 591.754 S264A)

Savage, Stephen. (1997)

Describes the desert environment and some of the various birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles that live there.

In the Desert (Look Once Look Again) (JNF 577.54 S399I)

Schwartz, David M. (1998)

Introduces, in simple text and photographs, the characteristics of various animals that live in the desert. Includes a coyote, gecko, rattlesnake, mouse, scorpion, and tarantula.

Desert Animals (JNF 591.754 S814D)

Steele, Christy. (2002)

Discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of various animals tht live in the desert biome. The roadrunner -- The giant desert hairy scorpion -- The camel -- The gila monster -- What will happen to desert animals? -- Quick facts.

Desert Trip (JNF 577.54 S822D)

Steiner, Barbara. (1996)

Relates the experiences of a young girl and her mother as they backpack in the desert where the child learns about the plants, animals, birds, and rock formations.

Desert Discoveries (JNF 591.754 W124D)

Wadsworth, Ginger. (1997)

Describes the behavior of thirteen different animals--including jackrabbits, roadrunners, tarantulas, and rattlesnakes--during a day in the desert.

V. ARIZONA DESERT ANIMALS with a Dewey Decimal call number so you can find the shelf location for each animal.

Bats	599.4	Jackrabbits	599.322
Black Bears	599.78	Kangaroo Rats	599.35
Bighorn Sheep	599.7358	Lizards	597.95
Bobcats	599.7356	Mexican Gray Wolf	599.77
(Burrowing) Owls	598.97	Mockingbirds	598.841
Cactus Wren	598.833	Mourning Doves	598.65
Chuckwallas	597.95	Mountain Lions	599.7524
Coatis	599.763	Peccaries (Javelina)	599.734
Coyotes	599.7725	Porcupines	599.3234
Desert Mule Deer	599.7357	Prairie Dogs	599.367
Desert Tortoises	597.92	Pronghorns	599.735
Elf Owls	598.97	Rattlesnakes	597.96
Fennec (Desert Fox)	599.776	Ringtails	599.763
Gambel's Quail	598.61	Roadrunners	598.74
Geckos	597.95	Rock Squirrels	599.3232
Gila monsters	597.95	Scorpions	595.46
Golden Eagles	598.9	Skunks	599.768
Great Horned Owls	598.97	Spadefoot Toads	597.87
Gray Foxes	599.775	Tarantulas	595.44
Harris Ground Squirrels	599.3232	Vultures (Buzzards)	598.92
Hawks	598.916	White-tailed Deer	599.735
Horned Lizards	597.95	Woodpeckers	598.72
Hummingbirds	598.764	Wood Rats (Pack Rats)	599.35

VI. DESERTS and PEOPLE – FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS)

I'm in Charge of Celebrations (Easy I3358IM)

Baylor, Byrd. (1986)

A dweller in the desert celebrates a triple rainbow, a chance encounter with a coyote, and other wonders of the wilderness.

Lost (Easy J6873L)

Johnson, Paul Brett. (1996)

Because he never gives up hope that his beagle, lost in the desert, will be found, the young master keeps something special in his pocket for his dog.

Desert Dog (Easy J738DD)

Johnston, Tony. (2001)

A tough silent dog works in the desert, taking care of his goats.

Clementina's Cactus (Easy K25CL)

Keats, Jack Ezra. (1999)

After a rainstorm, Clementina and her father discover a surprise in the prickly skin of the cactus that they've watched growing in the desert.

Why Cowboys Sleep With Their Boots On (Easy K7376W)

Knowlton, Laurie Lazzaro. (1995)

A hardworking cowboy who wears his clothes to bed sleeps so soundly he isn't aware how, during each night, he is losing an item of clothing.

Ali, Child of the Desert (Easy L847SAL)

London, Jonathan. (1997)

On a trip to the Moroccan market town of Rissani, Ali becomes separated from his father during a sandstorm.

The Bone Keeper (Easy M13566BO)

MacDonald, Megan. (1999)

The Bone Woman searches the desert gathering bones to create a wondrous creature.

VII. DESERTS and PEOPLE – FICTION (CHAPTER BOOKS)

Danger in The Desert (JUV F4636D)

Fields, Terri. (1997)

Two brothers attempt to survive in the desert outside Scottsdale, Arizona, after they are abandoned there following a carjacking.

The Dawn Seekers (JUV H217D)

Hamilton, Carol. (1987)

Quentin, a nocturnal rat who has never seen the color green, accompanies two other desert animals on a perilous quest for new experiences in the daytime desert.

Real (JUV H7474RE)

Holman, Felice. (1997)

In 1932, while exploring the California desert, Colly finds a Cahuilla Indian boy and his grandmother, who are trapped in a Forever Day that they are constantly repeating from their lives in 1774.

Medicine Walk (JUV M469ME)

Mayhar, Ardath. (1985)

After his father's heart attack and the resulting crash of their small plane, Burr must travel alone through forty miles of summer desert with little food and water.

The Turquoise Toad Mystery (JUV M1491TU)

McHargue, Georgess.

After 13 year-old Ben and his pet coati Frito join a group of archaeologists looking for Indian artifacts in the Arizona desert, they help expose a ring of thieves.

Lost in the Devil's Desert (JUV S6295L)

Skursynski, Gloria. (1982)

Eleven-year-old Kevin finds himself alone and lost in the Utah desert, with only his wits to help him survive.

VIII. DESERTS (GENERAL) – NON-FICTION

Life in the Deserts (JNF 577.54 B167L)

Baker, Lucy. (1990)

Describes the desert environment and the different types of plants and animals that live there.

Desert (The Story of the Earth) (JNF 577.54 B458D)

Bender, Lionel. (1989)

Tells the story of a typical desert – how the desert and its landscape features are formed.

Cactus in the Desert (JNF 583.47 B977C)

Bush, Phyllis S.

Explains how cactus plants survive in the desert where there is very little water.

Deserts and Wastelands (JNF 577.54 D621D)

Dixon, Dougal. (1984)

Describes different types of deserts and waste lands around the world and how humans and animals survive in the harsh environment.

It Could Still Be A Desert (Rookie Read About Science) (JNF 577.54 F785I)

Fowler, Allan. (1997)

Describes the characteristics of deserts, the animals and plants that live in them, and their constantly changing nature.

People of the Deserts (JNF 577.54 L222P)

Lambert, David. (1999)

Describes the geography and ecology of desert regions and the history of human activity in some of the major deserts around the world.

Desert Trek – An Eye-Opening Journey Through the World's Driest Places

(JNF 577.54)

Le Rochais, Marie-Ange. (2001)

Find out about the variety of vegetation, wildlife, and civilizations in deserts throughout the world.

Death Valley – A Day in the Desert (JNF 577.540979 L665D)

Levinson, Nancy. (2001)

Describes the desert habitat of Death Valley and the plants and animals that live there.

The Spread of Deserts (JNF 577.54 M163S)

McLeish, Ewan. (1989)

Examines the nature of deserts, how and why they spread, and the effect of desertification on the human population.

Desert Trek (JNF 577.54 M659D)

Milner, C. (1989)

Facts on: wildlife, desert people, dangers, survival.

Hot Deserts (World Habitats) (JNF 577.54 P665H)

Pipes, Rose. (1998)

Introduces some notable deserts around the world, including the Sahara Desert in Africa, the Sonoran Desert in North America, and the Simpson Desert in Australia.

Deserts of the Southwest (577.540979 M945D)

Ruth, Maria Mudd. (1999)

Examines the deserts of the Southwest, their ecosystems, and their responses to temperature and weather.

Deserts (577.54 S596D)

Simon, Seymour. (1990)

Describes the nature and characteristics of deserts, where they are located, and how they are formed.

Deserts (New True Book) (JNF 577.54 S857D)

Stille, Darlene. (1999)

Presents a general description of deserts and describes specific desert plants, animals, people, and activities.

IX. TEACHER RESOURCES

Deserts: An Activity Guide for Ages 6-9 (JNF 372.357 C346)

Castaldo, Nancy F.

Activities for the study and teaching of desert ecology.

Discovering Deserts (JNF 372.357 D611)

National Wildlife Federation. (1999)

Text and activities introduce the formation and life forms of deserts and how life survives there.

Crafts for Kids Who are Wild About Deserts (JNF 745.5 R824CDE)

Ross, Kathy. (1998)

Provides instructions for twenty projects, creating such things as a cactus puppet, tortoise treasure keeper, egg carton rattlesnake, oasis stamp licker, sand art necklace, and more.

Draw Desert Animals (JNF 743.6 D817DD)

DuBosque, D.C. (1997)

Offers step-by-step instructions for drawing various desert animals.