



Kimberley Society

Book Note

***The Kimberley: endemic frogs, reptiles, birds & mammals* by Craig Ward with Ian Morris.**

Published by Sevale Pty Ltd, 2017. 188 pages, 295 x 210 mm, soft cover, mainly full-page, full colour images. Foreword by Chris Done. Available from [eternalendemism](http://eternalendemism.com) or selected bookshops. RRP \$49.95.

This is the second in a series of books planned by the authors to present wonderful images of endemic animals – the first was on the Wet Tropics. The photographs of all the Kimberley's endemic frogs, reptiles, birds, and mammals are nothing short of spectacular, and there are enough equally spectacular images of the wonderful Kimberley landscape to give context.

There is a short Introduction that covers aspects of this biodiversity hotspot, including the land, sea, and adjacent islands, as well as comments on threats and conservation. The book is arranged into chapters for each of the animal groups with a few pages devoted to general description of the group, followed typically by a two-page spread with a full-page photograph of each endemic species and a facing page with text description, scientific and common names, conservation status, and photographer credit.

There are many creatures here that will be unknown to most people and it is quite remarkable that the photographers have managed to obtain such incredible pictures of such rare or elusive critters.

There is a useful Glossary, a detailed Bibliography, and a comprehensive Index.

Anyone with an interest in Kimberley fauna will want a copy of this book on their shelf.

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