



Kimberley Society

Book Note

Icons of the Kimberley: An A to Z for Guides and Travellers by Russell Guého. Russell Guého / Northern Habitat, Broome, 2003, 124 pages. ISBN 0 646 426 12 5. RRP \$26.50.

Readers who were impressed by Len Zell's book, *A guide to the Kimberley Coast Wilderness*, will appreciate *Icons of the Kimberley*. It is similar in appearance, and it has an informative commentary accompanying 100 full colour images that range from wildlife, landform and rock art through to one that shows the Ivanhoe Crossing.

Anyone who is planning a trip into an unfamiliar part of the region will find the book particularly useful. The contents page lists the 78 locations that have been identified as icons; and each of those locations has been assigned a numeral that is displayed on a foldout regional map. Smaller but more detailed maps are provided for the three areas described as the East, North/Central, and South/Central Kimberley.

While the book focuses on natural history and sustainable tourism, it also carries lots of information about the accessibility of individual places. In the South/Central Kimberley area, for example, the Springvale Track (Icon No. 62) is described as 'the eastern half of a fantastic adventure drive that meets with and continues along the Tablelands Track'. Readers are advised that the track is four-wheel drive only and that, before they embark on it, they should make contact with the various stations through which it passes. A note in the 'Who to contact' section at the end of the book discusses how to contact station owners. It also mentions the need to initiate such contact well in advance of any planned travel.

At the time of writing, *Icons of the Kimberley* was available from selected book retailers or from Northern Habitat, PO Box 2550, Broome, WA 6725.

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