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pbk, \$17.50 (reviewed in CHOICE August 2009).

Over the years Allaby has produced several important dictionaries in the natural and earth sciences. In the third edition of this popular zoology dictionary (2nd, CH, Mar'04,), the author has increased the number of entries in the areas of cytology, behavioral ecology, and conservation biology, while still maintaining core coverage in ecology, animal behavior, evolution, earth history, zoogeography, genetics, physiology, and taxonomy. Definitions of taxonomic groups are provided down to the family level. All entries have been reexamined and revisions undertaken when necessary. No terms have been removed. New entries include "alarm pheromone," "Fick's laws," "shock disease," and "synanthrope." Besides the expanded coverage, this edition also includes more illustrations, and for selected entries, links to Web sites for further explanation. In the print version, though, this last feature is not particularly convenient. Selected entries have the icon titled "See Web Links," but do not list a URL. This reviewer had to look several times before finding, in small print prior to the title page, an explanation that included a link to a site hosted by the publisher. With so much information freely available online, suggesting purchase of a print dictionary is problematic. Academic institutions are better served by subscribing to Oxford Reference Online (CH, Sep'02, 40-0005), which includes several other Allaby dictionaries. Summing Up: Recommended. Academic libraries supporting lower-level undergraduates and above.

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