



Eyewitness Encyclopedia of Nature 2.0



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SUBJECTS

Science

This CD-ROM for Macintosh and Windows allows students to explore a variety of wildlife and nature topics. Information is displayed in movies, still photographs, maps, and text, some with accompanying narration. All topics can be accessed from a main menu page; however, subsequent screens are structured to allow access to the information from different contexts and directions. Principle topics include plants and fungi, reptiles, birds, fish, mammals, invertebrates, amphibians, insects, and prehistoric life. Other main headings include classifications, climate, ecology, the evolution of different species, and efforts at conserving endangered wildlife and habitats. Features include an extensive index, highlighted vocabulary words with text definitions, games, bird calls, and specific information on a number of species. A connection to the internet is also available for further research.

Grade Level
5 & up

Length
CD-ROM

Date Published
1997

What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other
Considerations
Strengths
Noted

The program was learner-centered in that the student could choose which direction or topics to pursue. The information itself was clear and concise, and the graphics were well received. However, the setup was confusing and it was not always clear what screens were available, or how to access them. Information was presented largely in an encyclopedic fashion, with little interaction. Some people might object to the presentation of evolution in this program.