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Vivian de Buffrénil, Armand J. de Ricqlès, Louise Zylberberg, Kevin Padian, 2021-06-24 *Vertebrate Skeletal Histology and Paleohistology* summarizes decades of research into the biology and biological meaning of hard tissues in both living and extinct vertebrates. In addition to outlining anatomical diversity, it provides fundamental phylogenetic and evolutionary contexts for interpretation. An international team of leading authorities review the impact of ontogeny, mechanics, and environment in relation to bone and dental tissues. Synthesizing current advances in the biological problems of growth, metabolism, evolution, ecology, and behavior, this comprehensive and authoritative volume is built upon a foundation of concepts and technology generated over the past fifty years. ***Evolution and Development of Fishes*** Zerina

Johanson, Charlie Underwood, Martha Richter, 2019-01-10 Fish or lower vertebrates occupy the basal nodes of the vertebrate phylogeny and are therefore crucial in interpreting almost every feature of more advanced vertebrates including amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Recent research focuses on combining evolutionary observations primarily from the fish fossil record with developmental data from living fishes in order to better interpret evolutionary history and vertebrate phylogeny. This book highlights the importance of this research in the interpretation of vertebrate evolution, bringing together world-class palaeontologists and biologists to summarise the most interesting current and cutting-edge topics in fish evolution and development. It will be an invaluable tool for researchers in early vertebrate palaeontology and evolution and those particularly interested in the interface between evolution and development. ***Feeding in Vertebrates*** Vincent Bels, Ian Q.

Whishaw, 2019-04-23 This book provides students and researchers with reviews of biological questions related to the evolution of feeding by vertebrates in aquatic and terrestrial environments. Based on recent technical developments and novel conceptual approaches, the book covers functional questions on trophic behavior in nearly all vertebrate groups, including jawless fishes. The book describes mechanisms and theories for understanding the relationships between feeding structure and feeding behavior. Finally, the book demonstrates the importance of adopting an integrative approach to the trophic system in order to understand evolutionary mechanisms across the biodiversity of vertebrates. ***Ruling Reptiles***

Holly Noelle Woodward Ballard, James O. Farlow, 2023-09-05 Modern crocodylians (crocodiles, alligators, caiman) of Central and South America and gharials of India have evolved over 250 million years from a fully terrestrial bipedal ancestor. Along with birds, crocodylians are the only living members of Archosauria, the group including nonavian dinosaurs. *Ruling Reptiles* features contributions on a broad range of topics surrounding crocodylian evolution and biology, including osteology, osteohistology, developmental biology, myology, odontology, functional morphology, allometry, body size estimation, taphonomy, parasitology, ecology, thermophysiology, and ichnology. It demonstrates how the wide variety of these studies can also provide crucial insights into dinosaurian biology and evolution. Featuring the latest findings and interpretations, *Ruling Reptiles: Crocodylian Biology and Archosaur Paleobiology* is an essential resource for zoologists, biologists, and paleontologists.

Lampreys: Biology, Conservation and Control Margaret F. Docker, 2019-06-03 This book published in two volumes

provides the most comprehensive review of lamprey biology since Hardisty and Potter's *The Biology of Lampreys* published more than 30 years ago. This second volume offers a synthesis of topics related to the lamprey gonad: e.g. lamprey sex ratios, sex determination and sex differentiation, sexual maturation and sex steroids, the artificial propagation of lampreys, post metamorphic feeding and the evolution of alternative feeding and migratory types, the history and status of sea lamprey control in the Laurentian Great Lakes and Lake Champlain and an overview of contributions of lamprey developmental studies for understanding vertebrate evolution.

Evolution of Nervous Systems Georg F. Striedter, Theodore H. Bullock, Todd M. Preuss, John Rubenstein, Leah A. Krubitzer, 2016-11-23. *Evolution of Nervous Systems* Second Edition Four Volume Set is a unique major reference which offers the gold standard for those interested both in evolution and nervous systems. All biology only makes sense when seen in the light of evolution and this is especially true for the nervous system. All animals have nervous systems that mediate their behaviors; many of them species specific, yet these nervous systems all evolved from the simple nervous system of a common ancestor. To understand these nervous systems we need to know how they vary and how this variation emerged in evolution. In the first edition of this important reference work over 100 distinguished neuroscientists assembled the current state of the art knowledge on how nervous systems have evolved throughout the animal kingdom. This second edition remains rich in detail and broad in scope, outlining the changes in brain and nervous system organization that occurred from the first invertebrates and vertebrates to present day fishes, reptiles, birds, mammals, and especially primates including humans. The book also includes wholly new content, fully updating the chapters in the previous edition and offering brand new content on current developments in the field. Each of the volumes has been carefully restructured to offer expanded coverage of non-mammalian taxa: mammals, primates, and the human nervous system. The basic principles of brain evolution are discussed, as are mechanisms of change. The reader can select from chapters on highly specific topics or those that provide an overview of current thinking and approaches, making this an indispensable work for students and researchers alike. Presents a broad range of topics ranging from genetic control of development in invertebrates to human cognition, offering a one-stop resource for the evolution of nervous systems throughout the animal kingdom. Incorporates the expertise of over 100 outstanding investigators who provide their conclusions in the context of the latest experimental results. Presents areas of disagreement and consensus views that provide a holistic view of the subjects under discussion.

Brains Through Time Georg F. Striedter, R. Glenn Northcutt, 2020. This book encourages readers to view similarities and differences in various species as fundamental to a comprehensive understanding of nervous systems.

Stone Tools in Human Evolution John J. Shea, 2017. An exploration of how the evolution of behavioral differences between humans and other primates affected the archaeological stone tool evidence.

Evolutionary Cell Processes in Primates M. Kathleen Pitirri, Joan T. Richtsmeier, 2021-09-14. Many complex traits define the human condition, including encephalization and bipedalism. The specific molecular signals and cellular

processes producing these traits are the result of dramatic evolutionary change At the same time conservation of many of these developmental programs underlie both structure and function Novel methodologies and techniques allow analysis of the collective behavior of cells cell shapes tissues and organs This volume demonstrates the essential role of cellular mechanisms in the evolutionary increase in the size and complexity of the primate brain In addition and concordant with encephalization this book documents changes in the muscles and bones associated with the appearance of bipedalism Genetic changes are the basis of these evolutionary changes but transformation of genetic information into phenotypic outcomes occurs at the level of the cell and this is the focus of the book The goal is to encourage others to adopt evolutionary cell biology as a novel and necessary approach to the genotype phenotype map of the diversification of primates human variation and human evolution The contributors to this book utilize advances in genetic analysis visualization of cells and tissues and the merging of evolutionary developmental biology with evolutionary cell biology to address questions central to understanding the human and primate evolution Key Features Explores mechanisms underlying trait distribution dispersal variation and evolution through the direct testing of hypotheses especially with respect to patterns of encephalization certain sensory modalities and growth and life history specializations Documents the advantages for anthropologists to work at the level of cells focusing on how genes provide instructions for cells to make structure and how environmental influences affect the behavior of cells Illustrates the role cell biology plays with respect to encephalization neocortical expansion variation in facial morphology locomotion and dexterity Describes novel methodologies and techniques allowing analysis of how the collective behavior of cells shapes tissues and organs Related Titles Ripamonti U ed Induction of Bone Formation in Primates The Transforming Growth Factor beta 3 ISBN 978 0 3673 7740 3 Gordon M S et al eds Animal Locomotion Physical Principles and Adaptations ISBN 978 0 3676 5795 6 Bianchi L Developmental Neurobiology ISBN 978 0 8153 4482 7

Zebrafish in Development and Disease Gokhan Dalgin, Rebecca Ann Wingert, Ryan M. Anderson, 2019-12-06 There are only a few vertebrate systems that can be used to model human diseases for biomedical discovery The zebrafish model provides key advantages over existing models Their externally developing embryos provide high throughput non invasive imaging chemical screening forward and reverse genetics and their regeneration capacity make zebrafish a valuable system for novel discovery Developmental studies using zebrafish has influenced discoveries in many human health related conditions This Research Topic covers all aspects of zebrafish studies providing developmental mechanisms to human health conditions The aim of the Research Topic was to foster a platform to bring all levels of zebrafish research including but not limited to development disease regeneration drug screening bioinformatics and Omics studies [Animal Locomotion](#) Malcolm S. Gordon, Reinhard Blickhan, John O. Dabiri, John J. Videler, 2017-05-25 *Animal Locomotion Physical Principles and Adaptations* is a professional level state of the art review and reference summarizing the current understanding of macroscopic metazoan animal movement The comparative biophysics biomechanics and bioengineering of swimming flying

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General Biology, Archosauria, Chelonia Ulrich Joger, 2024-08-06 With more than 10 000 known species recent reptiles excluding birds are the most specious tetrapod class Their diversity is high and many of them are frequently used as model organisms in phylogeographic and ecological studies On the other hand unique aspects of their biology are still being studied and important contributions to their understanding have just been issued These aspects include the evolution of viviparity and of venom glands metabolic regulation in poikilotherms their ecophysiological tolerance and neurobiological and sensorial capacities such as infrared imaging and chemosensitivity Genetic and developmental phenomena such as parthenogenesis and temperature dependent sex determination are also special to reptiles They are generally important for understanding evolutionary processes in vertebrates The latest results of worldwide research on dinosaurs and other fossil reptiles crocodiles and turtles conclude this first volume of Reptilia in the Handbook of Zoology

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Zoology and will be essential reading for mammalogists zoologists and conservationists alike

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Paleoneurology of Amniotes María Teresa Dozo, Ariana Paulina-Carabajal, Thomas E. Macrini, Stig Walsh, 2022-11-22 This book presents a detailed examination of the current state of knowledge in the field of paleoneurology in the main amniote groups reptiles birds and mammals and advances resulting from new non invasive technologies The study of fossil endocasts is an area of considerable current interest and has long been central to our understanding of the evolution of the brain development of senses and behavioral adaptations in diverse vertebrate groups and across vertebrates as a whole Recent advances in non invasive imaging have significantly increased the number of fossil taxa for which brain morphology is known and it may now be possible to quantitatively analyze the relative size of brain regions Providing a general overview of current perspectives and problems in evolutionary neuroanatomy this book is intended for a wide range of readers including undergraduate and graduate students teachers and anyone with a special interest in paleoneurology It is also useful as supplementary reading for courses in digital anatomy vertebrate comparative anatomy computed morphometrics paleontology neurology and radiology as well as evolution programs

Nature through Time Edoardo Martinetto, Emanuel Tschopp, Robert A. Gastaldo, 2020-07-27 This book simulates a historical walk through nature teaching

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