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#### Review

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"This is a very good field guide, with excellent illustrations."--**Don E. Wilson, curator emeritus, Smithsonian Institution**

"Timely, superb, and grounded in thorough research, this book displays the real diversity of the bovid species--in all its complexity and splendor."--**Fenton P. D. Cotterill, Stellenbosch University**

#### About the Author

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