

BOOK NOTICE

SULA VANDERPLANK, ANNY PERALTA GARCÍA, JORGE H. VALDEZ VILLAVICENCIO, & CARLOS A. DE LA ROSA. 2017. **Plantas y animales únicos de las islas del Pacífico de Baja California. Unique plants and animals of the Baja California Pacific Islands (Coronado, Todos Santos, San Martín, San Jerónimo, San Benito, Cedros, Natividad).** (ISBN-13: 978-1-889-878-51-5, pbk; Sida, Bot. Misc. 46). Botanical Research Institute of Texas Press, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, U.S.A. (**Orders:** shop.brit.org, 1-817-332-4441 ext. 264). \$20.00 US, 132 pp., color throughout, 6½" × 9".

From the publisher: Esta obra trata sobre los tesoros de las islas del Pacífico de Baja California, sus plantas y animales endémicos, aquellos que no se encuentran en ninguna otra parte del mundo.—This book is a guide to the real treasures of the Baja California Pacific Islands, their endemic plants and animals, found here and nowhere else on the earth.

Los autores del libro han identificado un total de 69 especies o subespecies endémicas de las islas que salpican la costa de Baja California: Islas Coronado, Todos Santos, San Martín, San Jerónimo, San Benito, Cedros, y Natividad. La biota endémica incluye 35 especies o subespecies de plantas, 15 reptiles, 8 aves, y 11 mamíferos, un número sorprendentemente alto para un grupo de islas tan cercanas a la costa y que subraya la singular naturaleza oceánica de estos ecosistemas insulares. La guía está escrita en lenguaje sencillo, y cada especie está documentada con fotos claras a todo color. Será una herramienta fundamental para cualquier investigador, naturalista, o conservacionista interesado en esta singular región de México.—The authors of this book have identified a total of 69 endemic species or subspecies from the islands that run along the coast of Baja California: Islas Coronado, Todos Santos, San Martín, San Jerónimo, San Benito, Cedros, and Natividad. The endemic biota comprises 35 species or subspecies of plants, 15 reptiles, 8 birds, and 11 mammals, a surprisingly large number for islands so close to the mainland, underscoring the unique oceanic nature of these insular ecosystems. The guide is written in simple language, and each species is represented with clear photos in full color. It will become a fundamental tool for any researcher, naturalist, or conservationist interested in this unique region of Mexico.

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