

Assumptions Inhibiting Progress in Comparative Biology

This book is a thought-provoking assessment of assumptions inhibiting progress in comparative biology. The volume is inspired by a list generated years earlier by Donn Rosen, one of the most influential, innovative and productive comparative biologists of the latter 20th century. His list has assumed almost legendary status among comparative evolutionary biologists. Surprisingly many of the obstructing assumptions implicated by Rosen remain relevant today. Any comparative biologist hoping to avoid such assumptions in their own research will benefit from this introspective volume.

Key Features

- Explores the impact of various assumptions of systematics and evolutionary biology
- Contributes to tangible progress in comparative biology by identifying ideas that hinder progress
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- Includes contributions from scholars actively working on fundamental principles of comparative biology

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