

# The Complete Capuchin

Capuchin monkeys are one of the most widely distributed genera of primates in Central and South America. Capuchins captivate the imagination of scientists and the lay public alike with their creative and highly variable behavior, their grace and power in action, and their highly developed social character. In this, the first scholarly book devoted to the biology of the genus *Cebus* (Primates: Platyrrhini), the taxonomy, distribution, life history, ecology, anatomy, development, perception, cognition, motor skills, and social and sexual behavior of these monkeys are summarized. The book also describes how humans have viewed, used, and studied these monkeys from ancient times to the present. The authors' explicitly organismic and inclusive treatment provides a picture in unparalleled detail of the capuchin over its lifetime for all those with an interest in these fascinating animals.



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