

ABOUT THE BOOK

Readers will be fascinated by the many ways animals use their tails: to move on land, swim, warn others, steer, hold onto things, keep warm, balance, fly, attract a mate, balance, and even to defend themselves! Apparently tails are not just for wagging when happy. Following *Animal Eyes*, *Animal Mouths* (NSTA/CBC Outstanding Trade Science Award), and *Animal Legs*, Mary Holland continues her photographic *Animal Anatomy and Adaptations* series by exploring the many ways animals use their tails.

This book includes a For Creative Minds section in the back of the book and a cross-curricular Teaching Activity Guide online. *Animal Tails* is vetted by experts and designed to encourage parental engagement. Its extensive back matter helps teachers with time-saving lesson ideas, provides extensions for science, math, and social studies units, and uses inquiry-based learning to help build critical thinking skills in young readers. The Spanish translation supports ELL and dual-language programs. The interactive ebook reads aloud in both English and Spanish with word highlighting and audio speed control to promote oral language skills, fluency, pronunciation, text engagement, and reading comprehension.

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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

For Creative Minds

Learn more about tails in the book's For Creative Minds Section. Topics include:

- How Animals Use Their Tails
- Match the Tail
- Tail Adaptations

The learning doesn't end in the For Creative Minds section; an extensive teaching activities guide is also available on Arbordalepublishing.com.

This book has been vetted for accuracy by the education staff at Walking Mountains Science Center in Avon Colorado.

Classification Information

Animal Tails will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: TBD
- Lexile: 770
- Fountas and Pinnell: O

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Nonfiction

- JNF003000 - Animals / General
- JNF051030 - Science & Nature / Anatomy & Physiology

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards this information is free and available on the book page, too!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Mary Holland is a naturalist, nature photographer, columnist, and award-winning author with a life-long passion for natural history. After graduating from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, Mary worked as a naturalist at the Museum of the Hudson Highlands in New York state, directed the state-wide Environmental Learning for the Future program for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, worked as a resource naturalist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and designed and presented her own "Knee-High Nature Programs" for libraries and elementary schools throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Her other children's books with Arbordale include *Otis the Owl*, *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer* (NSTA / CBC Most Outstanding Science Trade Book and Moonbeam Children's Book Award), *The Beavers' Busy Year*, *Animal Eyes*, *Animal Legs*, and *Animal Mouths* (NSTA / CBC Most Outstanding Science Trade Book). Mary's book *Naturally Curious: a Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England* won the 2011 National Outdoor Book Award for the Nature Guidebook category. Mary lives in Vermont with her lab, Emma. Visit Mary's blog at naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com.



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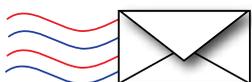
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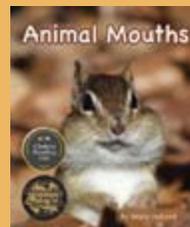


Animal Legs

"The design (black text set against a white background, along with numerous photos) makes this selection a good read-aloud option in a science unit covering animal anatomy." - *School Library Journal*

Animal Eyes

"Animal lovers will appreciate the stunning photographs; captivating visuals of



snakes, owls, and turtles dominate readers' attention while the text engages readers through vocabulary and questions."

- *Library Media Connection*



Animal Mouths

"As I read this book, I immediately thought of how much fun it would be to have a young audience and share the joy of the natural world!" - *NSTA Recommends*