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From Brand: UXL : Endangered Species 1 3v Set (Endangered Species (3 Vol.)) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Endangered Species 1 3v Set (Endangered Species (3 Vol.)):

Entries on 200 extinct, endangered, vulnerable, and threatened animals and plants describe the individual species, its habitat and current distribution, and efforts to protect and preserve it.

From School Library JournalGrade 5 Up-While this encyclopedia doesn't cover every species that is near extinction, it includes the ones most often given as assignments, such as the giant panda, snow leopard, rhinoceros, northern spotted owl, Venus's-flytrap, and pitcher plant. Over 200 entries are organized into three subject volumes: Mammals; Arachnids, Birds, Crustaceans, Insects, and Mollusks; and Amphibians, Fish, Plants, and Reptiles. Each entry begins with a range map, and most feature large black-and-white and full-color photos. The articles include a description of the species, its habitat and current distribution, why it is threatened, and the conservation methods, if any, being used to save it. Scientific terms are explained within the text. Each volume begins with the same front matter (an article on the causes of endangerment, an explanation of the taxonomic system, an introduction to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and a discussion of the Endangered Species Act of 1973) and ends

with the same annotated list for further research, Internet addresses, and organizations working to save endangered species. Occasionally, it is difficult, if not impossible, to locate the species' habitat on the map provided. Still, this will be a useful set for both school and public libraries. It is similar in format to *Encyclopedia of Endangered Species* (Gale, 1998), but written for a younger audience. Although less comprehensive than *The Endangered Wildlife of the World* (Marshall Cavendish, 1993) or the *Grolier Student Encyclopedia of Endangered Species* (Grolier, 1994), Nagel's offering makes a very affordable alternative.

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For middle-school students, UXL has published an impressive set describing 200 endangered species. Volume 1 covers mammals; volume 2 covers arachnids, birds, crustaceans, insects, and mollusks; and volume 3 covers amphibians, fish, plants, and reptiles. The animals and plants "were chosen to give a glimpse of the broad range of species currently facing endangerment." Entries for individual species are arranged alphabetically within each class and cover two to four pages. The most helpful feature of each entry is the fact box, which provides scientific phylum, class, order, family, status (according to the World Conservation Union [IUCN] and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and geographic range, along with a locator map. Essays cover biology, habitat, history, and conservation measures. Each volume contains a table of contents for the entire set, an overview of endangerment, an explanation of the classification system outlined in the fact boxes, information about IUCN, the text of the Endangered Species Act, a glossary, a list of materials for further research, and a cumulative index. The "Further Research" section is well annotated and includes a number of Web sites and organizations as well as books and will be useful for teachers. Throughout the set, large type and ample spacing give the impression of readability to a reluctant student. Although illustrations are smaller than those found in other sets, students will like the fact that many are in color.

For students at the upper range of the target audience, the 10-volume *Grolier World Encyclopedia of Endangered Species* [RBB S 1 93] and Marshall Cavendish's 11-volume *Endangered Wildlife of the World* [RBB My 1 93] are the closest competitors. Neither includes plants, but both cover many more animals, in entries that are often more in-depth and detailed. Arrangement in the Grolier set is geographical, demonstrating that the forces that threaten the world's wildlife are usually regional in scope. Many illustrations are full page and all are in color. The Marshall Cavendish set is arranged alphabetically by animal and is also lavishly illustrated. Because these sets were published several years ago, some of the information regarding status is now out of date. UXL's *Endangered Species* will be accessible to students in grades five and up and is recommended for school and public libraries.