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Editorial Review

Review

From the reviews of the second edition:

“In this second edition, Bailey ... clarifies original concepts, explains how boundaries of ecological units at the three scales can be mapped, contrasts genetic and empirical approaches to ecosystem classification, and discusses how climate change over time and human modifications influence ecosystem distribution and processes. ... The volume’s excellent illustrations include maps, redrawn two-color diagrams, and photos. Summing Up: Essential. Upper-division undergraduate through professional ecology and resource management collections.” (R. L. Smith, *Choice*, Vol. 47 (11), July, 2010)

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“‘Ecosystem Geography’ is the most clearly written and content-packed book I’ve ever read. Let me state that again: it is the most clearly written technical book I’ve ever read. I really admire Bob a lot. The latest edition of his book, ‘Ecoregions,’ has the simplest, best summary of climate change I’ve seen.” (David D. Diamond, Director, Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership (MoRAP), University of Missouri)

From the Back Cover

The first edition of this book, *Ecosystem Geography*, examined the distribution of ecosystems at different scales, and the processes that have differentiated them. It presented the principles for ecosystems mapping and explored the connections between ecosystem geography, conservation, and management. *Ecosystem*

Geography was written in 1996, at a time when few published materials on ecosystem geography were available, and none had systematically elaborated the principles underlying the mapping of ecosystems in a form accessible to advanced students and practitioners. This second edition, *Ecosystem Geography: From Ecoregions to Sites*, builds on the strengths of its predecessor, incorporating new information and clarifying concepts presented in the first edition. New sections address how ecoregion boundaries were determined, ecoregion redistribution under climate change, ecosystem processes (such as fire regimes), empirical versus genetic approaches to classification, and human modification to ecosystems, such as through the introduction of invasive species.

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