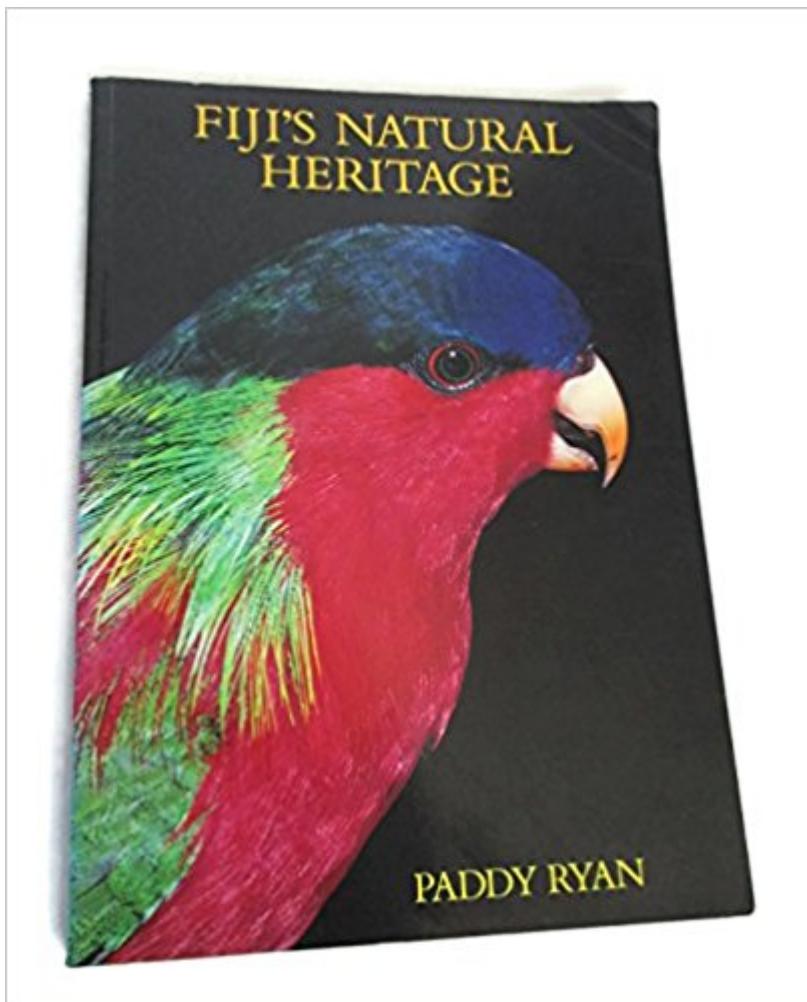


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Fiji's Natural Heritage is the acclaimed introduction to the flora, fauna and ecology of the Fiji Islands. First published in 1988, this superb new edition has been completely revised, expanded and redesigned. Written for the general reader as well as for the natural history enthusiast, Fiji's Natural Heritage is the only book that provides a comprehensive overview of Fiji's rich biodiversity. The Fiji Islands have a large number of endemic species. These and the introduced species are illustrated and described with their common, scientific and Fijian names given. Paddy Ryan's text is packed with fascinating biological facts and features, as well as many engaging anecdotes detailing encounters with his subjects including the grey reef shark, the crested and the banded iguana, the fiddler crab (which signals frantically to potential mates with its enlarged chela or claw), the frigate bird (an aerial pirate), and Fiji's national flower, the tagimaucia. Fiji's Natural Heritage is a major publication on the Pacific Islands. It will be one of the best value natural history and travel titles! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book is filled with color photos of common sites that tourists see and those that are rarely seen. These are the categories

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Fiji's Natural Heritage was the first comprehensive book on Fiji Natural History ever published. Paddy was fortunate enough to spend a great deal of time in Fiji as a child when his father worked there as a meteorologist. He has a special feel for Fiji and there's no doubt it occupies a special place in his heart. I believe the quality of his work is reflected in his visceral connection to the place. He once told me that the book was "highly recommended by Sir David Attenborough"--an accolade that he justifiably is quite proud of. You don't get a better endorsement than from Sir David. As a longtime visitor to Fiji and the author of [Fijiguide.com](#), I concur.

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