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# What On Earth?: 100 Of Our Planet's Most Amazing New Species



## Synopsis

A chameleon so tiny it can fit on your thumbnail? A spider named after David Bowie? A fungus that turns ants into zombies? *What on Earth? What on Earth?* is a compendium of the 100 coolest, weirdest, and most intriguing new species of this century as determined by the International Institute for Species Exploration. From animals to plants, fossils to bacteria, *What on Earth?* is an accessible, informative, and offbeat look at the creatures that also call our planet home, including:

- A dangerous cobra that can spit its venom almost ten feet
- A miniscule orchid that is less than a half-inch wide
- A rainforest mushroom named after the cartoon character Spongebob Squarepants
- A beautiful seahorse that changes colors to protect itself from predators
- A stick insect that is as long as a man's arm

Featuring visually striking images alongside surprising facts about each new species, *What on Earth?* is a testament to the incredible and ever-evolving diversity of our planet.

## Book Information

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Really a must have. This book is not only gorgeous and high quality color pics, but the information is the latest and up to date. It's told in an informative yet entertaining style. I can see this for young kids as well as adults. The book covers everything from animals to plants to newly discovered fossils. Quite amazing, great arm chair book!

From a spider as big as dinner plate to a miniature jellyfish with a deadly sting, *WHAT ON EARTH* highlights some of the most unique species on the planet -- and they are all new to science! Each

recently discovered plant or animal species is described through a paragraph of engaging text, a fact-box with basic information and supplemental photos. Wheeler and Pennak have done an exceptional job of presenting important scientific concepts and issues (the history of taxonomy, the importance of biodiversity, the critical nature of sustainability) complemented by fun facts (like why an ant was named after Google). You'll flip through WHAT ON EARTH intending to just browse but it will suck you in and you'll read it from cover-to-cover. An obvious choice for all lovers of nature, with so many fun facts and beautiful photos, this book will also hook those who aren't so wild about the outdoors. Who knew there were so many crazy creatures still being discovered!

This amazing book reminds us just how amazing the world is! Beautiful photos in a well done easy to read presentation.

Stunning new book that celebrates the beauty and diversity of life on earth. Photographs of new species described in the first part of this century are amazing

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