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A scientific milestone, this comprehensive illustrated guide to the characteristics, distribution, and ecology of freshwater fishes in South Carolina marks the first endeavor since 1860 to document this aspect of the state’s biodiversity. Freshwater Fishes of South Carolina is the result of long-term collaboration between a quartet of leading experts on the state’s freshwater fishes—Fred C. Rohde, Rudolf G. Arndt, Jeffrey W. Foltz, and Joseph M. Quattro. From mudminnows and topminnows to spotted sucker and lamprey, this guide offers diagnostic characteristics including size, markings, distinguishing features, and identification keys as well as information on biology, habitat, and distribution. Color photographs and detailed distribution maps accompany each description. The volume also includes a history of ichthyology in South Carolina, a chapter on methods for the collection and identification of fishes, and a chapter on conservation biology documenting species of concern and threats to their decline.

This handsome reminder of the rich biodiversity of South Carolina’s rivers, streams, and lakes serves not only as a vital scientific tool for marine researchers, students, resource managers, ecologists, and state policy makers but also as a valuable resource for sportsmen and natural history enthusiasts across the region.

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