



Süßwassergarnelen aus aller Welt [Freshwater Shrimps of the World].

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Turn to the centrespread on pages 42–43 and the diversity, colour and beauty of “Süßwassergarnelen” [freshwater shrimps]—as does the lengths the

authors went to in procuring colour photographs of this group—become apparent. *Freshwater Shrimps of the World* is a stunningly-illustrated book detailing members of the Superfamilies Atyoidea and Palaemonoidea. While geared towards the serious enthusiast, this book has detailed information on morphology, anatomy and systematics, which would be a useful reference for anyone working on these animals.

The first section describes in detail both the anatomy and morphology of shrimps with line drawings to supplement the text. The use of labeled line drawings to point out the parts and names of structures is a great step towards bringing taxonomy and nomenclature to the non-specialist. The second section discussing diseases and parasites would be of utility to the hobbyist.

The centerpiece of this book is the third section entitled “Species Descriptions”. Over 90 species are described in detail giving information such as synonyms, range, size,

characteristics and remarks. Under this last section, useful taxonomic and nomenclatural information is given. Each entry also has a list of references to a list of 127 scientific papers. All described species (save for two) are accompanied by at least one live colour photograph. The quality and sheer number of these photographs are what truly set this book apart. Habitat photos and line drawings of morphological details also accompany some entries. There are also several useful parts that make this book a good reference: the species descriptions are cleverly divided into taxonomic groupings by indistinct subheadings, information on systematics with keys from several sources and a summary of nomenclature of the *Caridina nilotica* species-group (pg. 75) which is useful when reading or researching work on this group published at different times.

The next two sections are geared towards the aquarist: “Shrimps in the Aquarium” and “Shrimp FAQ”. The book ends with a glossary and bibliography. The bibliography is very current but the scientific names were not italicized (an unfortunate oversight). There were also several unfortunate spelling errors, including the “Rattles Bulletin of Zoology”. The only real pity is that pages 42–43 are not on the covers. Nevertheless, this book would be a useful addition to the bookshelves of scholars and hobbyists.

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