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the interest in using bayesian methods in ecology is increasing however many ecologists have difficulty with conducting the required analyses mccarthy bridges that gap using a clear and accessible style the text also incorporates case studies to demonstrate mark recapture analysis development of population models and the use of subjective judgement the advantages of bayesian methods are also described here for example the incorporation of any relevant prior information and the ability to assess the evidence in favour of competing hypotheses free software is available as well as an accompanying web site containing the data files and winbugs codes bayesian methods for ecology will appeal to academic researchers upper undergraduate and graduate students of ecology

introduction to winbugs for ecologists introduces applied bayesian modeling to ecologists using the highly acclaimed free winbugs software it offers an understanding of statistical models as abstract representations of the various processes that give rise to a data set such an understanding is basic to the development of inference models tailored to specific sampling and ecological scenarios the book begins by presenting the advantages of a bayesian approach to statistics and introducing the winbugs software it reviews the four most common statistical distributions the normal the uniform the binomial and the poisson it describes the two different kinds of analysis of variance anova one way and two or multiway it looks at the general linear model or ancova in r and winbugs it introduces generalized linear model glm i e the extension of the normal linear model to allow error distributions other than the normal the glm is then extended contain additional sources of random variation to become a generalized linear mixed model glmm for a poisson example and for a binomial example the final two chapters showcase two fairly novel and nonstandard versions of a glmm the first is the site occupancy model for species distributions the second is the binomial or n mixture model for estimation and modeling of abundance introduction to the essential theories of key models used by ecologists complete juxtaposition of classical analyses in r and bayesian analysis of the same models in winbugs provides every detail of r and winbugs code required to conduct all analyses companion appendix that contains all code contained in the book and additional material including more code and solutions to exercises

this text is written to provide a mathematically sound but accessible and engaging introduction to bayesian inference specifically for

environmental scientists ecologists and wildlife biologists it emphasizes the power and usefulness of bayesian methods in an ecological context the advent of fast personal computers and easily available software has simplified the use of bayesian and hierarchical models one obstacle remains for ecologists and wildlife biologists namely the near absence of bayesian texts written specifically for them the book includes many relevant examples is supported by software and examples on a companion website and will become an essential grounding in this approach for students and research ecologists engagingly written text specifically designed to demystify a complex subject examples drawn from ecology and wildlife research an essential grounding for graduate and research ecologists in the increasingly prevalent bayesian approach to inference companion website with analytical software and examples leading authors with world class reputations in ecology and biostatistics

a fully updated and expanded edition of the essential primer on bayesian modeling for ecologists uniquely suited to deal with complexity in a statistically coherent way bayesian modeling has become an indispensable tool for ecological research this book teaches the basic principles of mathematics and statistics needed to apply bayesian models to the analysis of ecological data using language non statisticians can understand deemphasizing computer coding in favor of a clear treatment of model building it starts with a definition of probability and proceeds step by step through distribution theory likelihood simple bayesian models and hierarchical bayesian models now revised and expanded bayesian models enables students and practitioners to gain new insights from ecological models and data properly tempered by uncertainty covers the basic rules of probability needed to model diverse types of ecological data in the bayesian framework shows how to write proper mathematical expressions for posterior distributions using directed acyclic graphs as templates explains how to use the powerful markov chain monte carlo algorithm to find posterior distributions of model parameters latent states and missing data teaches how to check models to assure they meet the assumptions of model based inference demonstrates how to make inferences from single and multiple bayesian models provides worked problems for practicing and strengthening modeling skills features new chapters on spatial models and modeling missing data

2025 prose award finalist in environmental science applied statistical modelling for ecologists provides a gentle introduction to the essential models of applied statistics linear models generalized linear models mixed and hierarchical models all models are fit with

both a likelihood and a bayesian approach using several powerful software packages widely used in research publications jags nimble stan and tmb in addition the foundational method of maximum likelihood is explained in a manner that ecologists can really understand this book is the successor of the widely used introduction to winbugs for ecologists kerry academic press 2010 like its parent it is extremely effective for both classroom use and self study allowing students and researchers alike to quickly learn understand and carry out a very wide range of statistical modelling tasks the examples in applied statistical modelling for ecologists come from ecology and the environmental sciences but the underlying statistical models are very widely used by scientists across many disciplines this book will be useful for anybody who needs to learn and quickly become proficient in statistical modelling with either a likelihood or a bayesian focus and in the model fitting engines covered including the three latest packages nimble stan and tmb contains a concise and gentle introduction to probability and applied statistics as needed in ecology and the environmental sciences covers the foundations of modern applied statistical modelling gives a comprehensive applied introduction to what currently are the most widely used and most exciting cutting edge model fitting software packages jags nimble stan and tmb provides a highly accessible applied introduction to the two dominant methods of fitting parametric statistical models maximum likelihood and bayesian posterior inference details the principles of model building model checking and model selection adopts a rosetta stone approach wherein understanding of one software and of its associated language will be greatly enhanced by seeing the analogous code in other engines provides all code available for download for students at elsevier com books and journals book companion 9780443137150

bayesian data analysis in ecology using linear models with r bugs and stan examines the bayesian and frequentist methods of conducting data analyses the book provides the theoretical background in an easy to understand approach encouraging readers to examine the processes that generated their data including discussions of model selection model checking and multi model inference the book also uses effect plots that allow a natural interpretation of data bayesian data analysis in ecology using linear models with r bugs and stan introduces bayesian software using r for the simple modes and flexible bayesian software bugs and stan for the more complicated ones guiding the reader from easy toward more complex real data analyses in a step by step manner the book presents problems and solutions including all r codes that are most often applicable to other data and questions making it an

invaluable resource for analyzing a variety of data types introduces bayesian data analysis allowing users to obtain uncertainty measurements easily for any derived parameter of interest written in a step by step approach that allows for eased understanding by non statisticians includes a companion website containing r code to help users conduct bayesian data analyses on their own data all example data as well as additional functions are provided in the r package blmecco

this book presents modern bayesian analysis in a format that is accessible to researchers in the fields of ecology wildlife biology and natural resource management bayesian analysis has undergone a remarkable transformation since the early 1990s widespread adoption of markov chain monte carlo techniques has made the bayesian paradigm the viable alternative to classical statistical procedures for scientific inference the bayesian approach has a number of desirable qualities three chief ones being i the mathematical procedure is always the same allowing the analyst to concentrate on the scientific aspects of the problem ii historical information is readily used when appropriate and iii hierarchical models are readily accommodated this monograph contains numerous worked examples and the requisite computer programs the latter are easily modified to meet new situations a primer on probability distributions is also included because these form the basis of bayesian inference researchers and graduate students in ecology and natural resource management will find this book a valuable reference

emphasizing model choice and model averaging this book presents up to date bayesian methods for analyzing complex ecological data it provides a basic introduction to bayesian methods that assumes no prior knowledge the book includes detailed descriptions of methods that deal with covariate data and covers techniques at the forefront of research such as model discrimination and model averaging leaders in the statistical ecology field the authors apply the theory to a wide range of actual case studies and illustrate the methods using winbugs and r the computer programs and full details of the data sets are available on the book s website

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making statistical modeling and inference more accessible to ecologists and related scientists introduction to hierarchical bayesian modeling for ecological data gives readers a flexible and effective framework to learn about complex ecological processes from various sources of data it also helps readers get started on building their own statisti

bayesian statistics is currently undergoing something of a renaissance at its heart is a method of statistical inference in which bayes theorem is used to update the probability for a hypothesis as more evidence or information becomes available it is an approach that is ideally suited to making initial assessments based on incomplete or imperfect information as that information is gathered and disseminated the bayesian approach corrects or replaces the assumptions and alters its decision making accordingly to generate a new set of probabilities as new data evidence becomes available the probability for a particular hypothesis can therefore be steadily refined and revised it is very well suited to the scientific method in general and is widely used across the social biological medical and physical sciences key to this book s novel and informal perspective is its unique pedagogy a question and answer approach that utilizes accessible language humor plentiful illustrations and frequent reference to on line resources bayesian statistics for beginners is an introductory textbook suitable for senior undergraduate and graduate students professional researchers and practitioners seeking to improve their understanding of the bayesian statistical techniques they routinely use for data analysis in the life and medical sciences psychology public health business and other fields

the book introduces a series of state of art bayesian models that can be used to understand and predict spatially structured population dynamics in our changing world several chapters are devoted to introducing models that utilize detection non detection data count data combined count and capture recapture data and spatial capture recapture data respectively the book provides r code of metropolis hastings algorithms that allow efficient computing of these complex models the book is aimed at graduate students and researchers who are interested in using and further developing these models

encyclopedia of ecology second edition four volume set continues the acclaimed work of the previous edition published in 2008 it covers all scales of biological organization from organisms to populations to communities and ecosystems laboratory field simulation modelling and theoretical approaches are presented to show how living systems sustain structure and function in space and time new areas of focus include micro and macro scales molecular and genetic ecology and global ecology e g climate change earth transformations ecosystem services and the food water energy nexus are included in addition new international experts in ecology contribute on a variety of topics offers the most broad ranging and comprehensive resource available in the field of ecology provides foundational content and suggests further reading incorporates the expertise of over 500 outstanding investigators in the field of ecology including top young scientists with both research and teaching experience includes multimedia resources such as an interactive map viewer and links to a csdms community surface dynamics modeling system an open source platform for modelers to share and link models dealing with earth system processes

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a guide to data collection modeling and inference strategies for biological survey data using bayesian and classical statistical methods this book describes a general and flexible framework for modeling and inference in ecological systems based on hierarchical models with a strict focus on the use of probability models and parametric inference hierarchical models represent a paradigm shift in the application of statistics to ecological inference problems because they combine explicit models of ecological system structure or dynamics with models of how ecological systems are observed the principles of hierarchical modeling are developed and applied to problems in population metapopulation community and metacommunity systems the book provides the first synthetic treatment of many recent methodological advances in ecological modeling and unifies disparate methods and procedures the authors apply principles of hierarchical modeling to ecological problems including occurrence or occupancy models for estimating species distribution abundance models based on many sampling protocols including distance sampling capture recapture models with individual effects spatial capture recapture models based on camera trapping and related methods population and metapopulation dynamic models models of biodiversity community structure and dynamics wide variety of examples involving many taxa birds amphibians mammals insects plants development of classical likelihood based procedures for inference as well as bayesian methods of analysis detailed explanations describing the implementation of hierarchical models using freely available software such as r and winbugs computing support in technical appendices in an online companion web site

quantitative models are crucial to almost every area of ecosystem science they provide a logical structure that guides and informs empirical observations of ecosystem processes they play a particularly crucial role in synthesizing and integrating our understanding of the immense diversity of ecosystem structure and function increasingly models are being called on to predict the effects of human actions on natural ecosystems despite the widespread use of models there exists intense debate within the field over a wide range of practical and philosophical issues pertaining to quantitative modeling this book which grew out of a gathering of leading experts at the ninth cary conference explores those issues the book opens with an overview of the status and role of modeling in ecosystem science including perspectives on the long running debate over the appropriate level of complexity in models this is followed by eight chapters that address the critical issue of evaluating ecosystem models including methods of addressing uncertainty next come several case studies of the role of models in environmental policy and management a section on the future of

modeling in ecosystem science focuses on increasing the use of modeling in undergraduate education and the modeling skills of professionals within the field the benefits and limitations of predictive versus observational models are also considered in detail written by stellar contributors this book grants access to the state of the art and science of ecosystem modeling

environmental science ecology conservation and resource management is an increasingly quantitative field a well trained ecologist now needs to evaluate evidence generated from complex quantitative methods and to apply these methods in their own research yet the existing books and academic coursework are not adequately serving most of the potential audience instead they cater to the specialists who wish to focus on either mathematical or statistical aspects and overwhelmingly appeal to those who already have confidence in their quantitative skills at the same time many texts lack an explicit emphasis on the epistemology of quantitative techniques that is how do we gain understanding about the real world from models that are so vastly simplified this accessible textbook introduces quantitative ecology in a manner that aims to confront these limitations and thereby appeal to a far wider audience it presents material in an informal approachable and encouraging manner that welcomes readers with any degree of confidence and prior training it covers foundational topics in both mathematical and statistical ecology before describing how to implement these concepts to choose use and analyse models providing guidance and worked examples in both spreadsheet format and r the emphasis throughout is on the skilful interpretation of models to answer questions about the natural world introduction to quantitative ecology is suitable for advanced undergraduate students and incoming graduate students seeking to strengthen their understanding of quantitative methods and to apply them successfully to real world ecology conservation and resource management scenarios

a synthesis of contemporary analytical and modeling approaches in population ecology the book provides an overview of the key analytical approaches that are currently used in demographic genetic and spatial analyses in population ecology the chapters present current problems introduce advances in analytical methods and models and demonstrate the applications of quantitative methods to ecological data the book covers new tools for designing robust field studies estimation of abundance and demographic rates matrix population models and analyses of population dynamics and current approaches for genetic and spatial analysis each chapter is

illustrated by empirical examples based on real datasets with a companion website that offers online exercises and examples of computer code in the *r* statistical software platform fills a niche for a book that emphasizes applied aspects of population analysis covers many of the current methods being used to analyse population dynamics and structure illustrates the application of specific analytical methods through worked examples based on real datasets offers readers the opportunity to work through examples or adapt the routines to their own datasets using computer code in the *r* statistical platform population ecology in practice is an excellent book for upper level undergraduate and graduate students taking courses in population ecology or ecological statistics as well as established researchers needing a desktop reference for contemporary methods used to develop robust population assessments

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camera trapping is a powerful and now widely used tool in scientific research on wildlife ecology and management it provides a unique opportunity for collecting knowledge investigating the presence of animals or recording and studying behaviour its visual nature makes it easy to successfully convey findings to a wide audience this book provides a much needed guide to the sound use of camera trapping for the most common ecological applications to wildlife research each phase involved in the use of camera trapping is covered selecting the right camera type set up and field deployment of your camera trap defining the sampling design presence absence species inventory abundance occupancy at species level capture mark recapture for density estimation behavioural studies community level analysis data storage management and analysis for your research topic with illustrative examples for using *r*

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