



The Nature of Diversity: An Evolutionary Voyage of Discovery (2nd)

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The University of Chicago Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Nature of Diversity: An Evolutionary Voyage of Discovery (2nd), Daniel R. Brooks, Deborah A. McLennan, All living things on earth - from individual species to entire ecosystems - have evolved through time, and evolution is the acknowledged framework of modern biology. Yet many areas of biology have moved from a focus on evolution to much narrower perspectives. Daniel R. Brooks and Deborah A. McLennan argue that it is impossible to comprehend the nature of life on earth unless evolution - the history of organisms - is restored to a central position in research. They demonstrate how the phylogenetic approach can be integrated with ecological and behavioral studies to produce a richer and more complete picture of evolution. Clearly setting out the conceptual, methodological, and empirical foundations of their research program, Brooks and McLennan show how scientists can use it to unravel the evolutionary history of virtually any characteristic of any living thing, from behaviors to ecosystems. They illustrate and test their approach with examples drawn from a wide variety of species and habitats. The Nature of Diversity provides a powerful new tool for understanding, documenting, and preserving the...



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