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***Wild at Heart* author Janis Lindsey Huggins and the Town of Snowmass Village  
announce a FREE Natural History Pocket Guide to Snowmass Village  
AVAILABLE TODAY**

**(Snowmass Village, CO)** – Whether you're hiking or snowshoeing, there's now a pocket-size nature guide companion specific to trails in Snowmass Village. With seven ecosystems and over 40 miles of trails, Snowmass Village possesses an abundance of diverse wilderness and wildlife, and this new pocket guide is a great navigational tool through Snowmass' scenic wonder.

The Town of Snowmass Village commissioned Huggins to publish a condensed version of local ecology, plants and wildlife taken from her comprehensive field guide, *Snowmass Village: Wild at Heart*, which was a finalist in the 2006 Benjamin Franklin awards. Mayor Douglas Mercatoris says one of the main reasons for commissioning a small pocket sized guide was to bring attention to all the natural wonders in Snowmass Village.

"The pocket guide is full of fun and informative facts taken from *Wild at Heart*, and lists three of the more commonly seen plants, mammals, and birds for each trail described," say Huggins. "I hope the guide will encourage people to hike the trails in Snowmass Village and to discover the diversity of natural habitats here." The free pocket field guide will be available at Snowmass lodges, businesses or at Town Hall.

**Next project:** Janis Lindsey Huggins is working on publishing a pocket-sized color plant guide to over 500 local plants as another companion to *Wild at Heart*.

*Wild At Heart, the natural history book on Snowmass and the surrounding wilderness areas was named a finalist at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Benjamin Franklin Awards that recognize excellence in independent publishing. Named one of three finalists in the Nature/Environment category, Wild at Heart was singled out for being a unique, all-in-one guidebook. Wild at Heart is the first published comprehensive natural history guide to plants, birds, mammals, and ecology in the Snowmass and Aspen area, but it also can be used broadly by nature lovers throughout the state. Wild at Heart is available at local Roaring Fork Valley bookstores or by calling Who Press 970-948-9033.*

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