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CHECKLIST COMMITTEE

The Checklist Committee is charged with production of *Mammal Species of the World* (MSW, an up-to-date phylogenetic hypothesis of the classification of mammals. MSW is updated and a new edition published approximately every 10 years.

The first two printings of the Second Edition of *Mammal Species of the World* sold out, and a third printing was produced and shipped early in 1995. The Committee took advantage of the third printing to correct a number of minor infelicities, without making any taxonomic changes.

The general feeling within the committee is that a fourth edition should be produced sometime between 2001 and 2003. A decision on the target date will be made within the coming year, so that authors can begin the necessary updates.

The entire text is now available in easily searchable form on the Internet through the Smithsonian Home Page on the World Wide Web (<http://nmnhwww.si.edu/msw/>). The site can also be accessed from the new ASM home page as well (see Informatics Committee).

The Internet version is being augmented with color photographs of each species. If you have good photos of mammals, and would like to see them used for this purpose, send duplicate slides to the Committee Chairman at MRC 180, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

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