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I'm not always a great fan of Usborne books their splattered-spread approach to information probably has more to offer to habitual cereal-packet readers than to dedicated avenophiles* like me, but occasionally they hit on something which seems to do a good job and here is an instance. By pulling all grasslands - tropical and temperate - together, this book provides an illustration of the general principles of grassland ecology, be it Siberian or South American, as well as many particular embodiments of these principles. Heavily slanted towards the popular and picturesque, most of the space is devoted to mammals and most of the examples shown are African, so those looking for Saiga antelopes won't find much and those looking for Rheas won't find anything. But - and here's Usborne serendipity at its best - who knows how a baby kangaroo turns round in its mother's pouch, or how far a blackfooted ferret travelled in four and a half hours on 30th October 1982? I do, and I saw it here first! So here's a good Usborne ramble - not for looking things up in but for coming across them - with an aim more laudable than many and an achievement better than most. * Avenophile = Oat lover or porridge-freak.

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