1. Record Nr. UNINA9910253930103321 Autore Glaeser Georg Titolo The Evolution of Flight / / by Georg Glaeser, Hannes F. Paulus, Werner Nachtigall Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-57024-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] 1 online resource (XII, 248 p. 320 illus.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 576.8 Soggetti **Evolutionary biology** Life sciences Nature Environment Zoology Animal ecology **Evolutionary Biology** Popular Life Sciences Popular Science in Nature and Environment **Animal Ecology** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Formato Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Chapter 1: 400 Million Years of Flight Evolution -- Chapter 2: Nota di contenuto Photographs of animals in flight -- Chapter 3: From the perspective of the biophysicist -- Chapter 4: Criteria of evolution -- Chapter 5: Insects: The first flying animals -- Chapter 6: Birds: The "classics" among flying animals -- Chapter 7: Bats: Flying mammals -- Chapter 8: The fascination remains. Sommario/riassunto This book will take you on an exciting journey made up of texts and images. Spectacular, large-scale photographs printed on double pages and accompanied by explanatory texts will arouse the reader's curiosity about evolution's accomplishments in the world of flying: from the

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