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Catalogue
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Birds and Birdwatching

The Worshipful Companies

Images and Poems from the Norfolk Coast #2

Stuart Medland

A sparkling mixture of poetry, prose and colour photography about wildlife you find at the north Norfolk Coast. An enchanting souvenir and gift such that all may bring a bit of Norfolk home.



Stunning Photography, annotated Prose
and engaging Poetry
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It is a beautifully produced
collection of words and
pictures, telling some of the stories
of Norfolk's birds and other wildlife
in prose, poetry and images through

the year. – EDP Norfolk
Poems and images are entirely
complementary of a privileged and
unexpected meeting or insight. The
juxtaposition of word and picture upon
the page is therefore intended as
artwork in its own right. – Suffolk
Norfolk Life

Birding, Poetry
Dec. 2018
Hardcover
112pp £28
ISBN 9781908241603



Stuart Medland was a Primary School
Teacher in Norfolk for most of his life.
Now retired, he continues to follow his
passion for poetry and natural history,
from which his interest in photography
has sprung.

Rings in the Shingle

Images and Poems from the Norfolk Coast #1

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The book is a little gem and much more than a series of poems. The text is not heavy with facts and figures but has interesting anecdotes. - Dr Nick Carter, Former Director of Development at the BTO

Medland's account of his encounters with nature are knowledgeable as well as affectionate. He finds his spirit moved by what he witnesses each time he goes outdoors and sees birds and other animals in the great panorama of local landscape. - EDP Magazine

The poems are light and generally cheerful and as he explains in the introduction, are based around the photos he has taken. If you love poems, it is a charming Sunday afternoon read and will inspire you to take a trip to the coast. - BTO

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Bonkers Birding

John Lee

He just can't get enough. Birding is his life. Humorous and entertaining.



This is a personal tale of life's ups and downs, and reveals how our bonkers hobby can in fact stop us from going bonkers! – British Birds

I would thoroughly recommend this book to any keen birdwatcher. – BTO

This is such an easy read, an honest account of a life "obsessed" with birding, and moments that made me laugh out loud and others that made me tearful. I was probably in that "soon to arrive" group of birding blades on Shetland and I had goose bumps reading John's account of the Siberian Rubythroat as I was staring at the same bit of gravel! It is so well constructed and I'm sure most birders will connect with it. – Amazon review

This is quite engaging and clearly written giving an account of a birding 'career'. The very best bit for me is the intro written by the author's son... – Fatbirder

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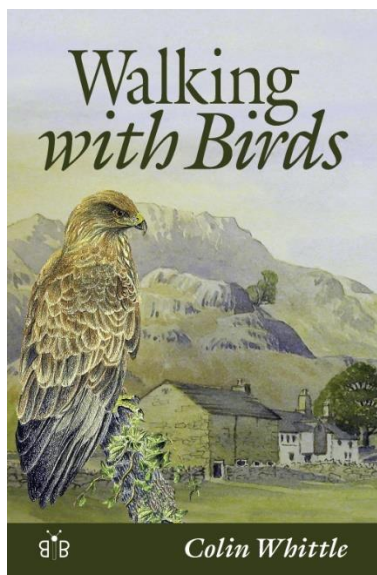
After obtaining an English degree, John Lee worked for the Royal Hong Kong police force before returning to the UK to complete an MBA. Currently he is Head of International Security at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. And still goes birding whenever possible!.

Walking with Birds

An Exploration of Wildlife and Landscape in a Cumbrian Valley

Colin Whittle

A nature walk through a Cambrian Valley



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Shortlisted for the Lakeland Book Award!

This is a highly personal journal of birdwatching, engaging and enjoyable. It's proof that close attention to a local patch can teach you a huge amount about birds and birding... It's also illustrated by the author with 16 beautiful watercolours making it a great book for dipping in and out of in quiet moments out in the field. -- *Bird Watching*

Artist and writer Colin Whittle has combined impressive visual and descriptive talents to produce this ornithological delight. - *The Westmorland Gazette*

Having started reading your book, I soon realised that it is actually wonderful bedtime reading. Your wonderfully evocative descriptions of your walks and vigils frequently move into poetry and I have been very impressed indeed. -- Bob Allen, Cumbrian Writer

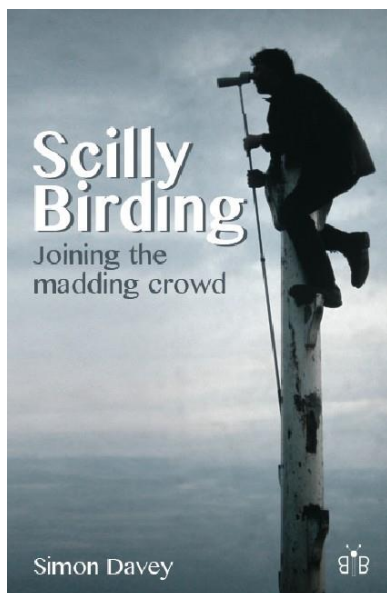
Colin Whittle originally studied English Literature. In his youth he developed an interest in the outdoors and natural history. After some years working in forestry, he became a freelance lecturer in natural history studies. The author is also a highly accomplished artist..

Scilly Birding

Joining the Madding Crowd

Simon Davey

A humorous account of a fortnight's birding on the Isles of Scilly.



This is the tale of the ups and downs of two Scilly weeks in October 1984. To some readers it will open up a strange new world of looking for rare birds and to others it will recall similar days of joy and/or (usually `and') frustration. It's a good read and will appeal to more than the committed birder.

The observations of birders are completely authentic. What a Scilly crowd we can be! – Mark Avery

This is an easy read and after the first page I felt I was actually there myself! – *British Birds*

I found myself enjoying the fresh and lively reading experience offered by the book's unique style – *Birdwatch*

If you are planning a Scilly season (mainly October) trip, take this book with you, it will be a great holiday read. – BTO

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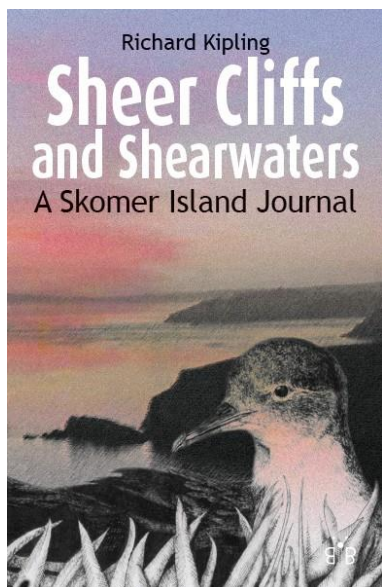
Simon Davey was born in Kent and educated at the King's School, Ely and Selwyn College, Cambridge. He became Keeper of Biology at the Hampshire County Museum Service and curator of the Red House Museum in Christchurch. As an independent consultant ecologist, he specialised in botanical surveys and leading natural history holidays to various parts of the world.

Sheer Cliffs and Shearwaters

A Skomer Island Journal

Richard Kipling

A captivating account of a wild seabird study on Skomer Island off the Welsh Coast.



I found it very difficult to put this book down. As the author guided me from week to week and season to season, I could close my eyes and hear the raucous mewling of the gulls and the constant smell of salt in the air. For those who have previously visited Skomer, this book will transport you back to that special place; for those who have never been but are intending to go, it will act as a delicious appetiser for the main course to come. It's a fascinating read and highly recommended. - Iolo Williams, Nature observer and TV Presenter

This book brings to life the island of Skomer, with beautiful descriptions of everything from the famous seabird colonies to Skomer voles and prehistoric settlements. Written as a diary, the book has a personal feel, really bringing the place to life, even if you've never been there! – Amazon review

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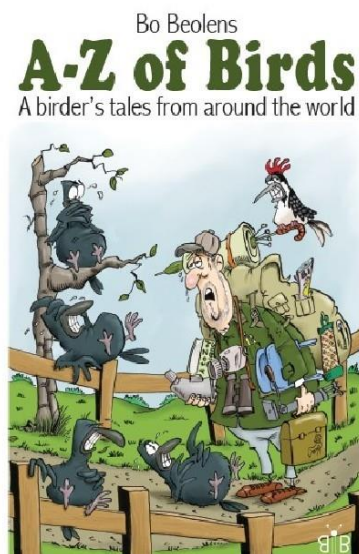
Richard Kipling, PhD, with a degree in Economics and Politics, followed his interest in natural history and studied Countryside Conservation and worked at Aber-ystwyth University. Presently, he is head of Research at the Sustainable Food Trust.

A-Z of Birds

A birder's tales from around the world

Bo Beolens

Twenty-six amusing birding anecdotes from around the world.



Bo Beolens has produced here a delightfully light-hearted fun book relating some of his birding encounters around the world..... The drawings by cartoonist Des Campbell contribute wonderfully to what is a great little book for dipping into. - Carole Showell, BTO

I thought birders were normal people until I read Bo's wonderful book. - Al Batt, US writer, birder and raconteur

...It's a hoot! - Wes Biggs, Florida Guide & Top Lister

... I enjoyed the tales of his adventures and amusing travails as he and his amazingly patient wife globetrotted. - M. Everett, *British Birds*

The author brings all of his trademark charm and humor to bear in a delightful alphabetical memoir, combining the lighthearted and the thoughtful to make a really appealing book. - Jim Wright, *Birding New Jersey*

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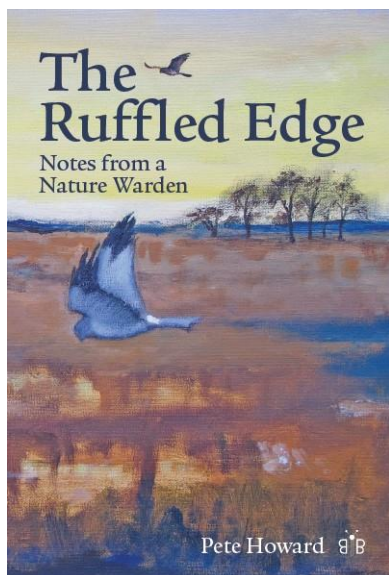
Bo Beolens was born in Brighton, UK, in 1949. He grew up in Kent, where he now lives, and was introduced to birding by his late father. He has lived in Scotland, Lancashire, Buckinghamshire and London pursuing a career as the Director of various charities. His interest in birds led Bo to travel the world, either under his own direction or accompanied by his wife Maggie.

The Ruffled Edge

Notes of a Nature Warden

Pete Howard

Memoirs of a conservationist, passionate about birds.



An absolute must read for anyone with interest in natural history and ornithology and conservation in particular. – Amazon review

An excellent book, with years of experience distilled into it. I couldn't put this book down and read it in a couple of days. I'm looking forward to hearing some more of his days as a warden.- Amazon review

RSPB nature wardens are on the sharp end of nature conservation, and Peter Howard seems to have had his fair share of excitement along with the hard work. *Birds*

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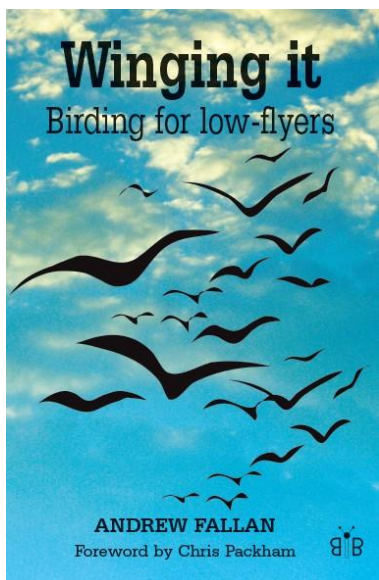
Peter Howard grew up in South Wales where an early love of fishing and hill-walking soon developed into a passion for natural history. After working as an English tutor, Press monitor, photographer and warehouse manager, he volunteered for many years' service in nature, finally becoming an RSPB Warden and Wildlife Surveyor.

Winging it

Birding for low-flyers

Andrew Fallan

Enjoyment and adventures of birdwatching from child- to adulthood.



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The book celebrates a pure and unpretentious approach to birding that many birders could gain something from. – *Birdwatch Magazine*

There is no birder out there who never gets it wrong, although there are a great many who would have you believe otherwise so it is refreshing to tag along with an average birder who can demonstrate that the richness and beauty of birding is all about the experience not the theory. Nice one Andrew. – Fatbirder

This is a short read, but an enjoyable one, and better than I expected. – *Birding World*

I do definitely concur with his thoughts on a proportion of the twitching fraternity. They actually put me off birding for a while in the same fashion that football thuggery put me off going to see the beautiful game. – Chris Packham

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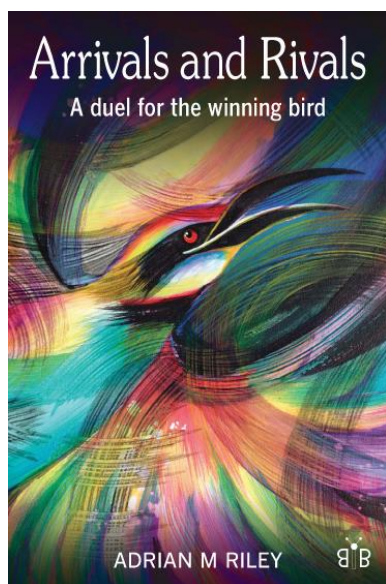
Andrew Fallan grew up in Essex in the 1970s and early 80s. As a young boy, a memorable close encounter with a Kestrel sparked a passion for birds and the natural world. Along the way Andrew also met that special lady with whom he continued to pursue his rekindled passion for birding and wildlife.

Arrivals and Rivals

A duel for the winning bird

Adrian M Riley

A rich and gripping tale about competitive birdwatching, full of humour and humanity.



Even non-birders who question what makes grown men sacrifice so much for often a fleeting glimpse of a bird as it flies away will find many of their questions answered. *Sunday Express*

...Never dull and very affordable, it is sure to be a book that many will be keen to read, and it will also inspire vigorous debate amongst the readers. Ultimately, isn't that the goal of every author? *Birdwatch*

Arrivals and Rivals is the title of Riley's addictive and highly enjoyable book, which charts his 78,000 mile odyssey along the highways and byways of the British Isles to see an incredible 380 species... and costing him the princely sum of £8,000. *Bird Watching*

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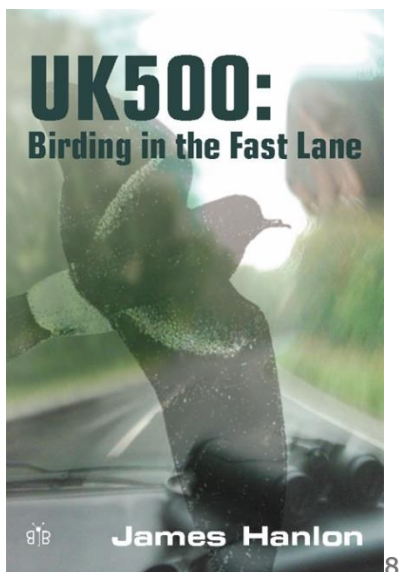
Adrian Riley was born in Birmingham, grew up in Shropshire and spent much of his working life at Rothamsted, the agricultural research station in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, where he pursued a professional career in entomology. Whilst he is the author of several books and other articles on insects, this is his first book on birds.

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Birding in the Fast Lane

James Hanlon

An anecdotal and humorous account of the author's missions to add new birds to his ever-increasing British life list, all before his 30th birthday.



I thoroughly enjoyed this book and wholeheartedly recommend it. It's great to see some nice field notes and it is evident that James is a talented artist and photographer; the Masked Shrike *L. nubicus* illustration in particular is superb. *British Birds*

The book is an easy read, is entertaining and well written. Amazon review

This book is a lovely read, with some great instructive information on the way. It captures the thrill of seeing new species and the disappointment of missing out; but all the way through it is written with a love of the subject (birds) which comes through with every sentence. The bird is only one part of the story. Amazon review

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James Hanlon grew up in East Ham where very early on he developed a keen interest in wildlife. By his mid-teens the author had established himself as a keen 'twitcher' and illustrator. After graduating in Zoology at Bangor University, he went backpacking to New Zealand, Australia and Bali.

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