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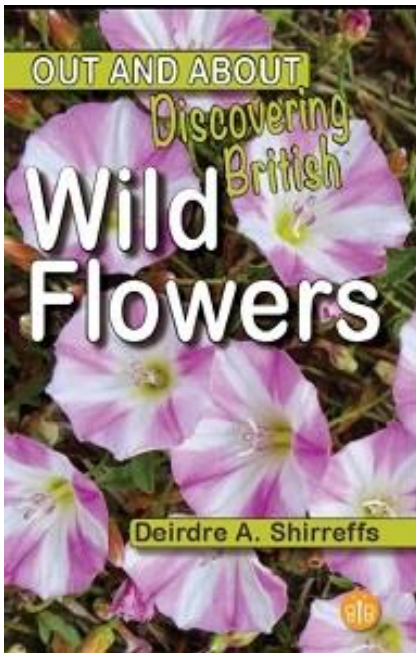
Children and YA

Out and About

Discovering British Wild Flowers

Deirdre A. Shirreffs

A cheerful photographic identification guide aimed at youngsters to help them discover wild flowers when out and about.



I like its clear detail and layout. The colour index will be a good starting point for a lot of uses of this book and it will guide them closer to their objective. ... A nice size also fitting in a lot of coat pockets. – Christine Walkden, British Television presenter and gardener

The organisation by habitat is very useful, the colour coding and the icons too, and the big photos make identification very easy, with the flower colour index at the end super useful. (And I love the ruler on the back cover!) – Anneliese Emmans Dean, award-winning author and poet

Many of us passionately believe that there is an urgent need to encourage future generations of botanists. This new book is designed to do just that. - John Warren, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI)

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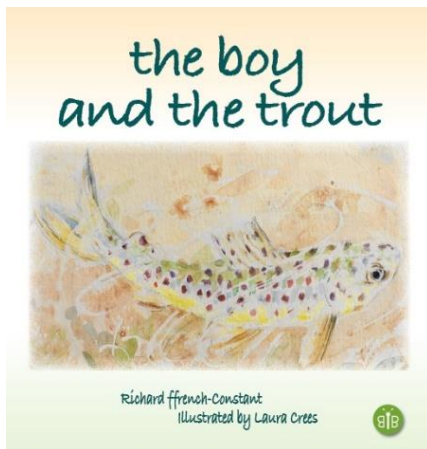


Dr Deirdre Shirreffs has always loved wild flowers, her mother teaching her the names of the plants as a small child. This eventually led her to take up botany at Aberdeen University, followed by a PhD in botany and later teaching the subject at schools and universities.

The Boy and the Trout

Richard French-Constant and Laura Crees

This is the story about Harry and his quest to catch the noble trout. Discover all the animals he sees on his fishing adventure and learn about the serene beauty of the chalk stream.



The Boy and the Trout is a simple story and picture book aimed at 4-7 year olds, beautifully illustrated throughout with coloured line drawings by Laura Crees.... A great way to inspire children to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. - The Wild Trout Trust

The illustrations, which play an essential role in any book for this age group, are excellent throughout.... A key message from this book is that patience can bring its rewards. - Andrew Kennedy, Just fish



Richard French-Constant works as a professional entomologist at the University of Exeter.

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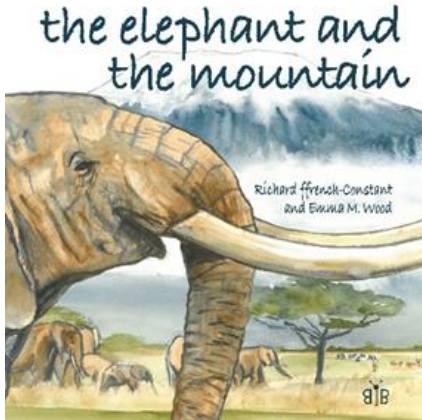


Laura Crees studied art at Southport College and then went on to specialise in illustration at Manchester Metropolitan University.

The Elephant and the Mountain

Richard French-Constant and Emma M. Wood

This is the story about African elephants in search for water in a changing world.



My 6-year-old daughter loves the book. She read it by herself and then told me and her Mum all about the story and the challenges that the elephants face. - Ross Piper, Zoologist and Explorer

Your book is lovely!

The story is real, interesting, very much in sync with the alarming situation we all face. I love the illustrations with its soft and warm pastel colours. They complement the story by telling themselves a part of the story.... It's well written with the right dosage of more difficult words and accessible ones. ...I am sure the African children would love it. - Sylvaine von Mende, Ministry of Education, Africa



Richard French-Constant works as a professional entomologist at the University of Exeter, Yet his first love has always been the animals of Kenya, the place where he was born.



With a first-class degree in Fine Art, Emma Wood travelled to South Africa to help on two game reserves. Now with a PhD in evolutionary ecology at the University of Exeter, she continues to visit Africa, this time to conduct research on the wildlife there.

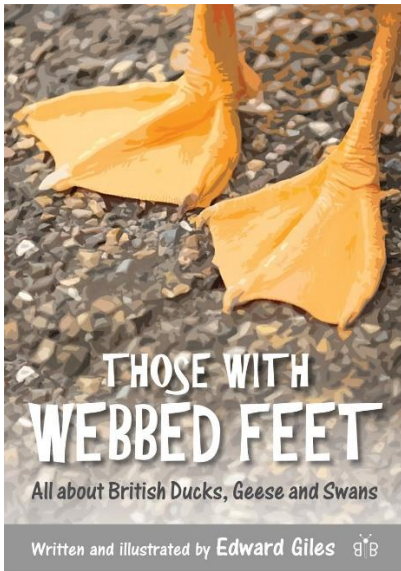
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Those with Webbed Feet

All about British Ducks, Geese and Swans

Edward Giles

An informative, entertaining and educational guide to the British ducks, geese and swans. Designed to enthuse and encourage young readers in their teens.



It is a cracker and we look forward to more from Edward Giles. - British Waterfowl Association

This is a delightful book aimed principally at younger readers who have an interest in either watching or keeping waterfowl! - The Biologist

This really quirky book ... is a fact-filled treasure trove which asks to be dipped into or read cover to cover. Edward's illustrations are gems in themselves. - Dr Nick Carter, Former Director of Development at BTO

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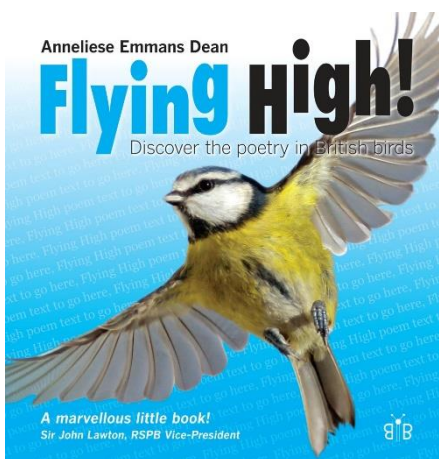
Edward Giles has always been excited about anything feathered, living on water and with webbed feet! At the age of thirteen, he started his own collection of waterfowl. Six years later, after graduating from university, he started this book to enthuse and encourage youngsters to start to enjoy wildlife.

Flying High!

Discover the poetry in British birds

Anneliese Emmans Dean

This unique guide to British birds is a colourful cocktail of entertaining poems, solid science and fabulous photos. A richly illustrated laughter-and-learning experience for children (and a rib-tickling read for grown-ups).



A marvellous little book. Made me chuckle, even laugh out loud, with pleasure! --Sir John Lawton, RSPB Vice President

With trademark good humour, Anneliese brings each species to life, capturing the essence and adding sparkle and shimmer. ... Highly recommended --Ben Darvill, BTO

This is a delightful book and one which will be enjoyed by young people of all ages. --Mark Avery

Glorious ... will delight children and young-at-heart adults alike ... What makes the book so special is the sheer joy, fun and enthusiasm Anneliese brings to her versions of common British birds. --York Press

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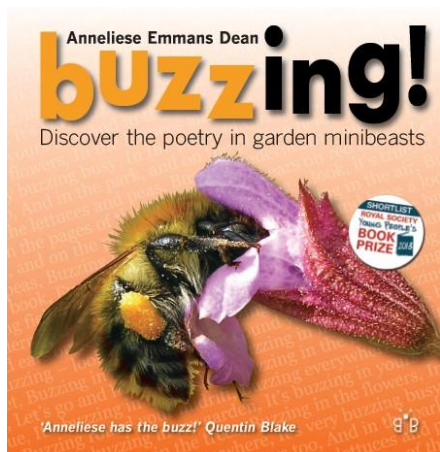
Anneliese Emmans Dean is an award-winning poet and performer, and a life-long lover of birds. She performs her 'edu-taining' poetry shows, in which she brings her *Flying High!* and *Buzzing!* books to life, in schools, theatres and festivals nationwide.

Buzzing!

Discover the poetry in garden minibeasts

Anneliese Emmans Dean

A potpourri of photos, facts and poetry about the small yet amazing animals that we find in our gardens. All young nature lovers will enjoy its sense of fun and wit.



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Winner of the NS Teachers' Book Award 2015. Nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.

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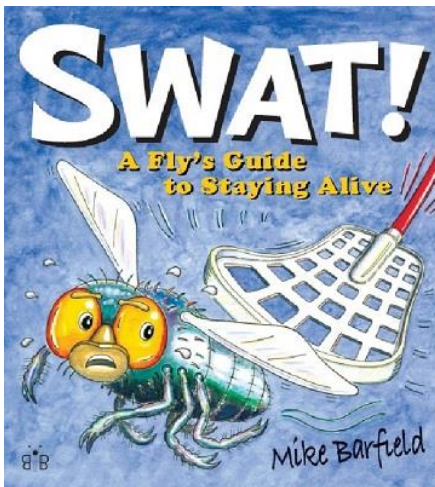
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SWAT!

A Fly's Guide to Staying Alive

Mike Barfield

An 'educational', cartoon-based natural history book with lots of jokes. fun and wit.



This amusing non-fiction children's book would make a delightful addition to any young child's bookshelves. – The Guardian

'An amusing and fast-paced story rooted in scientific fact that would make a welcome addition to any primary classroom.' – Primary Science.

Every page in it is covered in colourful cartoons and witty words...If you are young, or young at heart, buy this book! --The Bug Club Magazine

Mike presented his Show at Hay-on-Wye, Edinburgh Festival and Cheltenham Science Festival.

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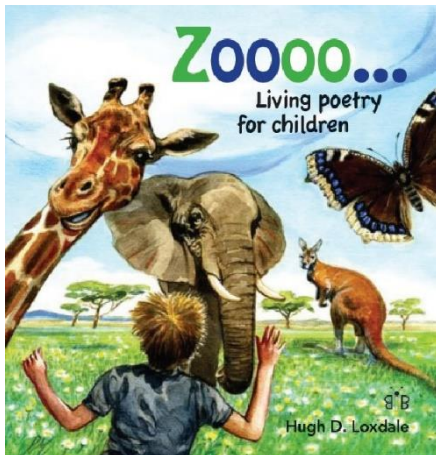
The award-winning Author, Mike Barfield, has a 1st Class Honours degree in Biology from King's College, London, and decided to embark on a career in writing, comedy, poetry and performance...and producing cartoons too.

Zoooo

Living poetry for children

Hugh David Loxdale

Humorous and adventurous poems about animals and plants. Illustrated with wonderful line drawings by the well-known German artist Rita Mühlbauer.



They would be a welcome addition to a classroom poetry shelf or a private child's collection. --Bernie Froggatt, Formerly Headteacher of an Infant School and School Inspector.

Whilst Loxdale's poems could stand alone they are beautifully partnered with Mühlbauer's artwork, each sublime with hidden gems in each. I thoroughly recommend *Zoooo...* to anyone, child or adult alike, with an interest in the natural world. --Jon Cracknell, Director of Animal Operations, Longleat

Hugh's poems are written to make children giggle, marvel and wonder at the natural world, and to understand it that bit better too. --Amazon review

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Hugh David Loxdale has been interested in natural history since the age of five and is a biologist by profession. He started writing poetry when he was seventeen. This is the author's ninth book of poetry.



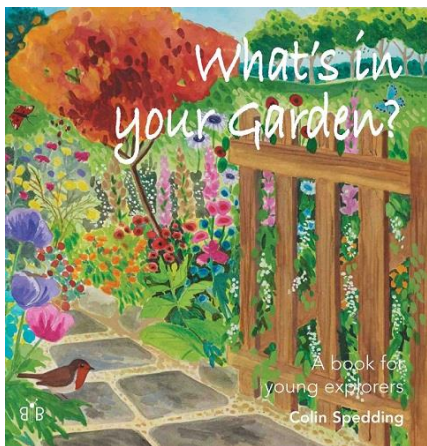
Rita Mühlbauer is a freelance artist and illustrator, living in Munich. She has drawn as long as she can remember, initially, as she says, angels, animals, plants and portraits of people.

What's in your Garden?

For the Young Garden Explorer

Colin Spedding

This book, illustrated throughout, is all about exploring and discovery for children, age 7-11years.



...I'm often asked to recommend books for young naturalists, and I shall certainly put this on my list. --Sir David Attenborough

There is so much information packed into one small book it would undoubtedly complement the delivery of outdoor science at key stage 2. I would also recommend it as a useful tool for teachers; I personally really enjoyed reviewing it and discovered some new and exciting facts in the process. --Kathy Schofield, Primary Science

All in all this is a lovely little book and one that is small enough to pop in your rucksack and take out for your travels in the countryside. --Anusha Edwards, The Biologist, March 2011

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88pp £7.99
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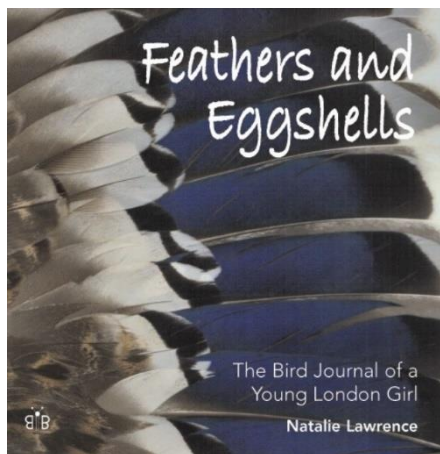
Professor Sir Colin Spedding had dedicated his long career to the study of biology, including animal welfare. He had a passionate interest in the ecology of living things. He is also very dedicated to the education of young people, showing them the organisation and complexity of living things, including their beauty.

Feathers and Eggshells

The Bird Journal of a Young London Girl

Natalie Lawrence

In this book, the teenage author reveals her passion for wild birds using drawings, photos, prose and poetry.

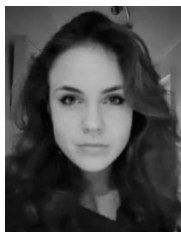


I absolutely loved everything about this book and only wish that it had been around to inspire me as a young teenager. -- Jenny Steel, author, gardener and wildlife photographer

This book sees Natalie's skills blossoming. Most of all, it is a love affair with the place and the wildlife that have enchanted her since she was a child. I hope you too will be inspired by the heartfelt passion of Feathers and Eggshells. --Derek Niemann, RSPB

The original project won the Kate Springett Prize and was runner-up in the RSPB Young Birder of the Year Competition. Natalie has also twice won the Amateur Entomologist Society Anson Award, and written several articles for the RSPB teenage magazine Wingbeat.

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Natalie Lawrence was first drawn to the natural world around the age of six, a love that she has retained ever since. She studied natural sciences at University Cambridge and obtained a PhD.

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
ExploreNorfolkUK.co.uk

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
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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

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.



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

Birding, Poetry
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72pp £18
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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

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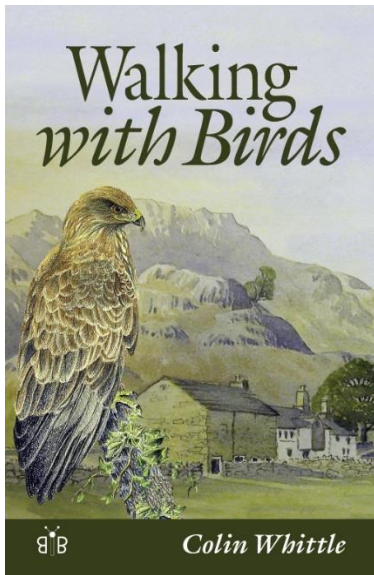
After obtaining an English degree, John Lee worked for the Royal Hong Kong police force before returning to the UK to complete an MBA. Currently he is Head of International Security at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. And still goes birding whenever possible!.

Walking with Birds

An Exploration of Wildlife and Landscape in a Cumbrian Valley

Colin Whittle

A nature walk through a Cambrian Valley



Birding
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304pp £9.99
ISBN
9781908241351



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

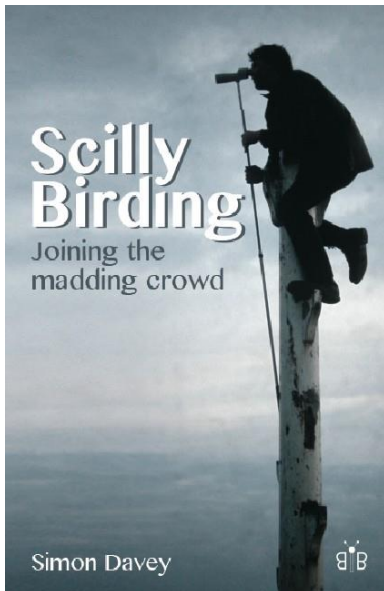
Colin Whittle originally studied English Literature. In his youth he developed an interest in the outdoors and natural history. After some years working in forestry, he became a freelance lecturer in natural history studies. The author is also a highly accomplished artist..

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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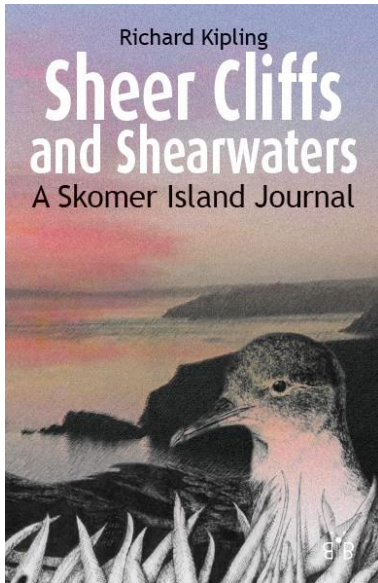
Simon Davey was born in Kent and educated at the King's School, Ely and Selwyn College, Cambridge. He became Keeper of Biology at the Hampshire County Museum Service and curator of the Red House Museum in Christchurch. As an independent consultant ecologist, he specialised in botanical surveys and leading 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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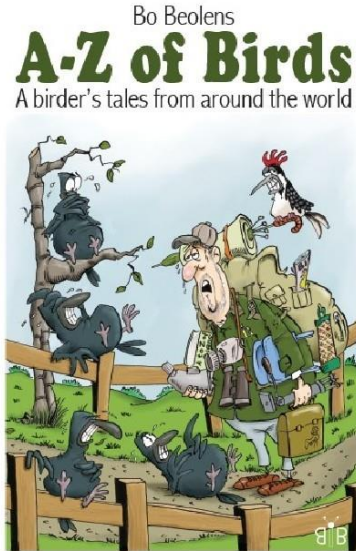
Richard Kipling, PhD, with a degree in Economics and Politics, followed his interest in natural history and studied Countryside Conservation and worked at Aber-ystrwyth University. Presently, he is head of Research at the Sustainable Food Trust.

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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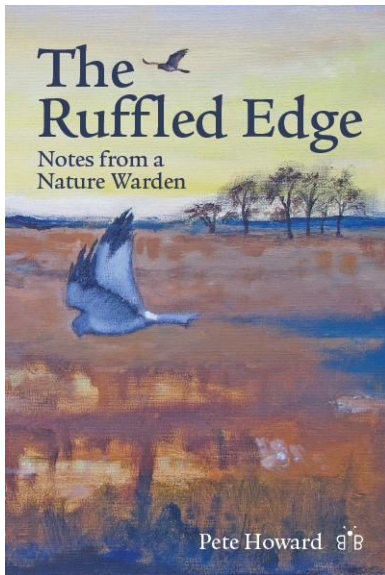
Bo Beolens was born in Brighton, UK, in 1949. He grew up in Kent, where he now lives, and was introduced to birding by his late father. He has lived in Scotland, Lancashire, Buckinghamshire and London pursuing a career as the Director of various charities. His interest in birds led Bo to travel the world, 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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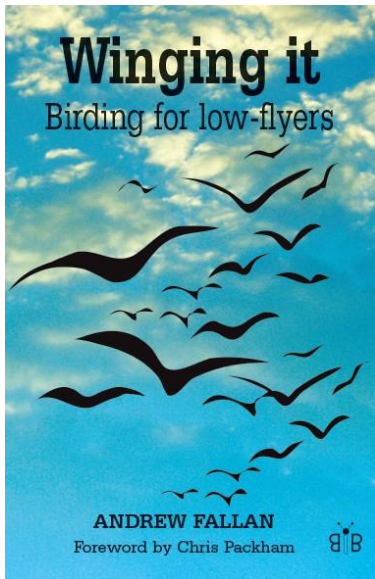
Peter Howard grew up in South Wales where an early love of fishing and hill-walking soon developed into a passion for natural history. After working as an English tutor, Press monitor, photographer and warehouse manager, he volunteered for many years' service in nature, finally becoming an RSPB Warden 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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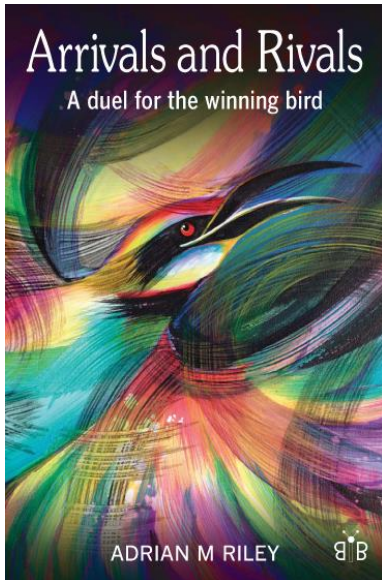
Andrew Fallan grew up in Essex in the 1970s and early 80s. As a young boy, a memorable close encounter with a Kestrel sparked a passion for birds and the natural world. Along the way Andrew also met that special lady with whom he continued to pursue his rekindled passion for birding and wildlife.

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*

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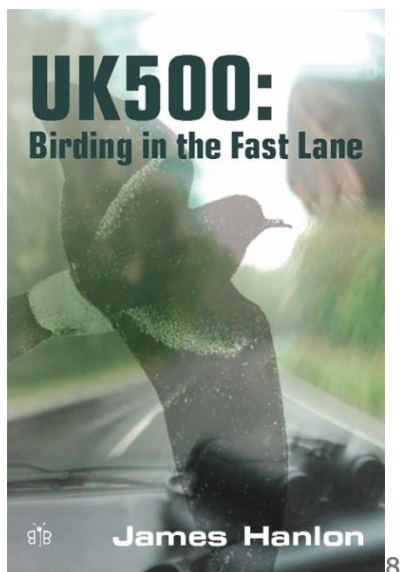
Adrian Riley was born in Birmingham, grew up in Shropshire and spent much of his working life at Rothamsted, the agricultural research station in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, where he pursued a professional career in entomology. Whilst he is the author of several books and other articles on insects, this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

UK500

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.

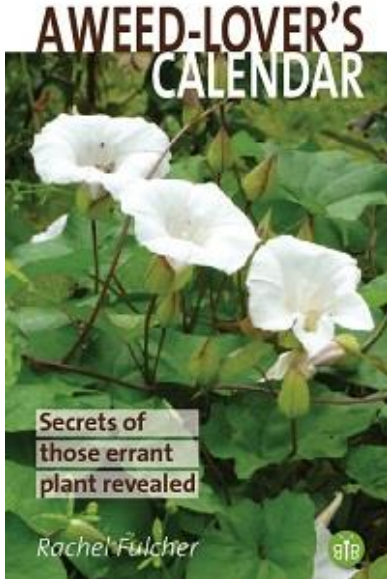
Flora and Gardening

A Weed-Lover's Calendar

Secrets of those errant plants revealed

Rachel Fulcher

Discover the hidden pleasures of weeding!



Whether you love or hate your weeds you'll find lots to interest you in this book and it gives some fascinating insights which might just make you look a little more kindly on at least some of the wild plants on your patch. - Kitchen Garden

Gardening
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Rachel Fulcher is a specialist in complementary health, and an established author in this field. She is passionate about the environment and, in addition to gardening, spends much of her spare time campaigning on behalf of nature, as an active member of Friends of the Earth..

Making Garden Meadows

How to create a natural haven for wildlife

Jenny Steel

A practical guide to creating a beautiful native wildflower meadow, in even the smallest of garden.

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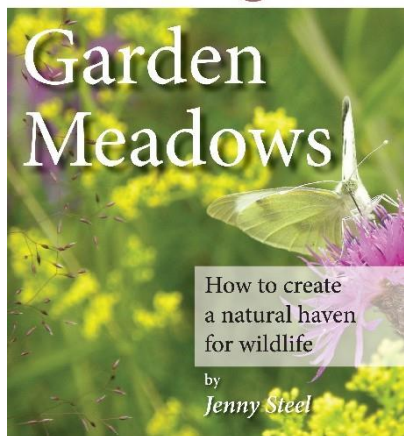


Making

Garden Meadows

How to create
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for wildlife

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Jenny Steel



Jenny Steel's book shows how to create a meadow area that is full of wildflowers and wildlife. *The English Garden*

Making Garden Meadows contains many useful tips on how to create a meadow, choosing the site, seed mixes to use, sowing and maintenance. *Garden News*

This compact book exudes the enthusiasm of the author and is both an excellent read as well as a useful handbook. Prof Valerie Brown

For gardeners wanting to go one step further, *Making Garden Meadows* provides key information on how to create a beautiful wild flower meadow from scratch – with tips on growing cornfield flowers, maintaining your meadow and developing wildflower plugs from seed. *Butterfly Magazine*

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Jenny Steel, a plant ecologist and natural history writer, grew up in the middle of Oxford. She has been passionate about wildlife and gardens ever since she was a child and has created wildlife gardens wherever she has lived.

Butterfly Gardening

How to encourage butterflies to your garden

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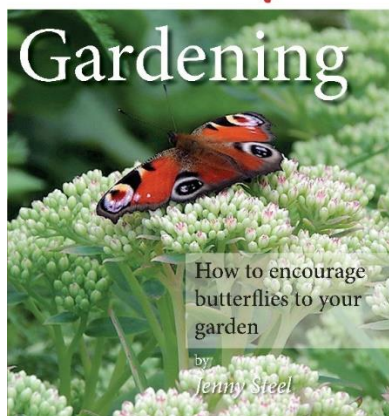
Step by step advice on how to encourage butterflies to your garden, providing shelter and avoiding the use of pesticides.

Gardening with Nature Series



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I found this book a joy to read and a gold mine of information. It should be considered a 'must have' for those gardeners who are keen to do their bit for nature and, in so doing, learn so much about these fascinating insects. Prof Valerie Brown

With the countryside under threat like never before, the UK's gardens will prove to be an increasingly important sanctuary for butterflies. Steel explains what to plant and where in order to provide the right food and shelter throughout the year. *Butterfly Magazine*

Lovely book, with excellent pictures taken by author, they help immensely in identification. Would recommend this book to all who want to learn about making their garden more friendly too butterflies. Amazon review

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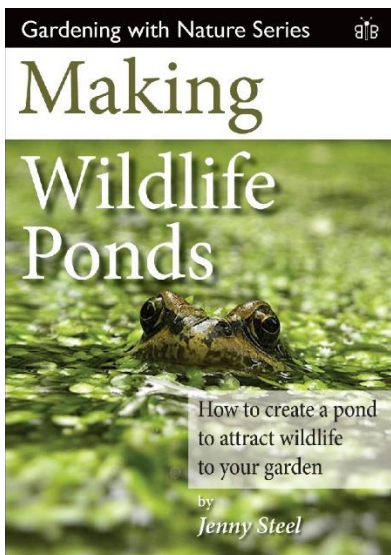
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Making Wildlife Ponds

How to create a pond to attract wildlife to your garden

Jenny Steel

Step by step advice on how create a pond and bringing it alive, including deciding on its right location, digging, lining, filling, and maintenance.



Written by a noted gardener and ecologist. Perhaps the most exciting thing about a wildlife pond is that you hardly need to do anything, except add water, to attract a variety of wildlife. - *Garden News*

Jenny Steel knows the facts and tells you the truth, how you can create a real wildlife pond teeming with wildlife. This booklet is a real eye-opener. I count myself so happy about finally having discovered this precious book. Amazon review

Not only was the book informative, it really has helped us step by step. Will be a book we refer back to time and again with our pond as it develops. Amazon review

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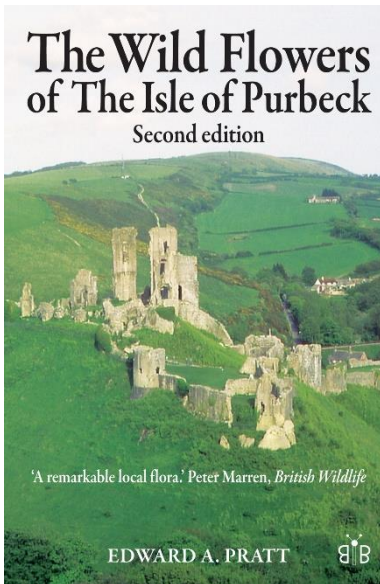
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The Wild Flowers of The Isle of Purbeck

Second Edition

Edward A. Pratt

This best-selling wildflower guide to the Isle of Purbeck.



A remarkable local flora. Peter Marren, *British Wildlife*

Ted enjoys his botany and this shows in his suggestions on how to get the most out of a day's hunting. There are some nice photographs to look at and clear maps that would aid one in walking around selected areas. *The Wild Flower Society Magazine*

The book contains a great amount of detailed information and is written in a very friendly and entertaining way, with advice such as 'Pale Flax drops its petals at midday - so it looks better in the morning!' *Dorset Wildlife Trust Magazine*.

Excellent Book! Amazon review

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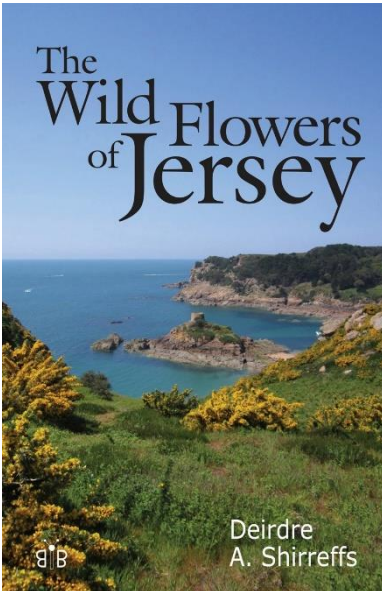


Edward Pratt first took an interest in wild flowers as a child and this continued when he was. Now retired in Swanage, he became a botanical volunteer for the National Trust, Durlston Country Park and the RSPB.

The Wild Flowers of Jersey

Deirdre A. Shirreffs

An introduction to the wild flowers, covering over 120 of the most interesting of them, including many Jersey specialities.



The Wild Flowers of Jersey is a fascinating pocket-sized reference book suitable for experts, walkers and casual readers alike. - *Jersey Evening Post*

The photography is excellent and the book is really to be recommended as an introduction to Jersey's flora. It will enhance any walk. - *RURAL Jersey Country Life*

Can't recommend this book enough to any wildflower enthusiasts. It's well written, with lovely pictures, all taken by the author. I love that common names & scientific names are given, and the local name too, as well as snippets of folklore & other details. Great for kids, adults, those with little wildflower knowledge or a lot, locals, holiday makers, as a gift. It doesn't cover every species found in Jersey, if it did, it wouldn't fit in your pocket! Amazon review

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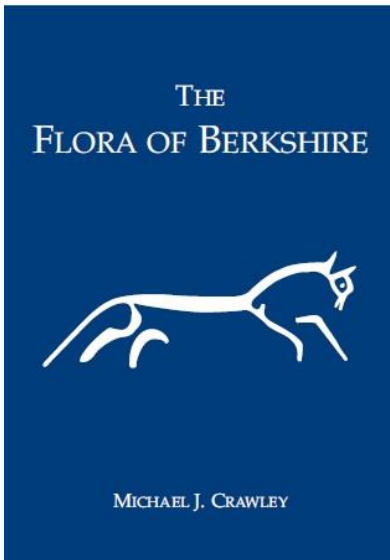
Deirdre Shirreffs has always loved wildflowers. She took up Botany at Aberdeen University, followed by a PhD in Botany. Deirdre has lived in Jersey for over 20 years, being well acquainted with the island and its flora.

The Flora of Berkshire

Including those parts of modern Oxfordshire that lie to the south of the River Thames

Michael J. Crawley

Comprehensive work by one of Britain's leading plant ecologists.



This bold and radical new Flora offers a spacious botanical portrait of a modern county in almost overwhelming detail, placing plants in their physical, biological and historical context. - Peter Marren *British Wildlife*

It's the book all amateur [and professional] botanists have been waiting for. There are full descriptions of the plants and their ecology and habitats, as well as accounts of localities, including nature walks and sites of interest with anecdotes concerning the history of the areas described. *Berkshire & Chilterns Life*

The author of this splendid new Flora of Berkshire says he has tried to produce a book that 'I should have liked to own when I first moved to Berkshire'. ...he has certainly provided us with wider and more varied information about plants of v.c.22 than is easily available elsewhere. *Wild Flower Magazine*

New book on Berkshire flora 'will improve understanding of plant life' *Newbury Weekly News*

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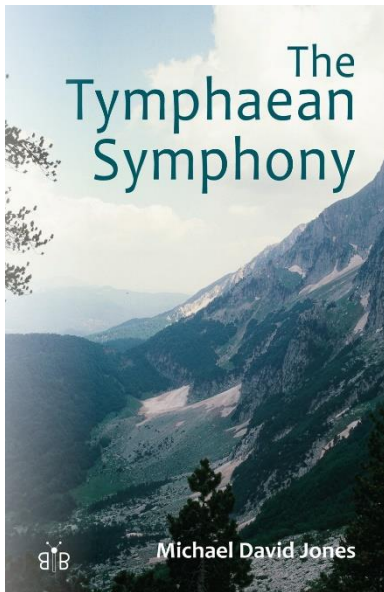
Michael J. Crawley, PhD, FRS, is Emeritus Professor of Plant Ecology at Imperial College London, based at Silwood Park, Ascot in Berkshire. He is the Botanical Society recorder for Berkshire and South Oxfordshire and has written a great many important scientific papers, book chapters and books on botanical themes.

The Tymphaean Symphony

Exploring the Nature of a Greek Mountain

Michael D. Jones

A naturalist's glorious account of the rich flora and wildlife of Tymphi in Zagori, north-west Greece.



This is not a guidebook; it is a travelogue in the very best tradition. You are left breathless at what the author has achieved and where he has been. ... *The Rock Garden*

Reading Michael David Jones' "Tymphaean Symphony" was like coming home to a lost paradise - the outstanding description of his journeys through the limestone mountains and his elaborate language, have sparked my desire of revisiting this unique region in the near future. - Brian Meakins, Environmental consultant and Grecophile

The author is that now rare phenomenon, a knowledgeable person who communicates knowledge, and in the process, enthusiasm, quietly and thus effectively. The writing is dense, shunning the meretricious and the superficial, but will appeal to anybody with, or desiring to gain, a deep love of natural history. - Trevor Davis, Amazon review

I found it magnificent. - A. Leontaritis

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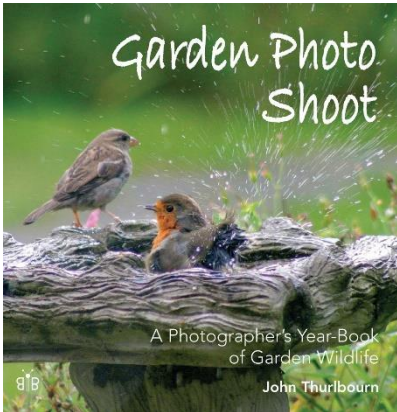
After a decade working as a museum-geologist and university tutor, Michael Jones spent 25 years organising and leading natural history expeditions, introducing others to the floristic and wildlife wonders of some of the world's wild places.

Garden Photo Shoot

A Photographer's Yearbook of Garden Wildlife

John Thurlbourn

A charming illustrated garden wildlife book.



My grandchildren love this book. As soon as they spot a small creature in my garden, they rush in to get it so they can find out what it is. - Prof. R. Perry, Harpenden.

An excellent little book. Keep it handy in your garden. Amazon Review

Great book, fantastic photographs. Amazon Review

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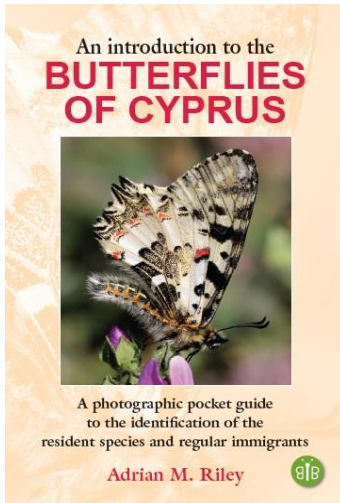
John Thurlbourn has been passionate about animals and natural history since a very young age. He first took an interest in photography about 30 years ago. Moving into his new home sparked his wish to make the back garden 'wildlife friendly' and to record all the animals visiting it, using both still and video photography. .

Insects and Nature Writing

An Introduction to the Butterflies of Cyprus

A photographic pocket guide

Adrian M. Riley



There is no doubt that this is a very useful guide. Most butterflies seen on the Island will be easily identifiable and the guide fits nicely into a pocket. There is some additional space for notes. The price is refreshingly reasonable. - John Tennent, *Atropos*

Were I ever to visit Cyprus, this book would be an essential companion. - Richard Harrington, *Antenna RES*

A welcome addition to the literature, with good explanations of the differences between species. Printing is good too. Exactly what was needed, a small carriable guide. - Dr Yiannis Christofides, Nature Guide in Cyprus

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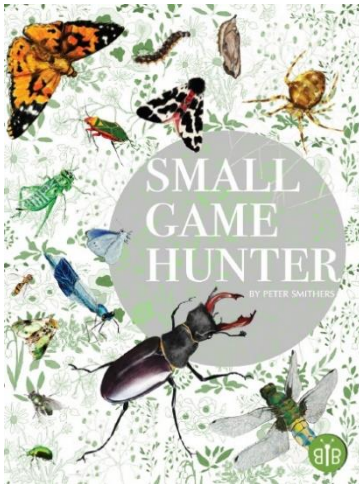


Adrian M. Riley is an acclaimed naturalist and author with passion for the natural world began in his Shropshire childhood and has shaped his life's work ever since. His career as a professional entomologist has lasted so far over 50 years and is still going.

Small Game Hunter

A captivating biography shaped by the author's lifelong encounters with insects and spiders

Peter Smithers



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This is an excellent little biography of a man that studied little things, but there is nothing small about his knowledge or life. - Erica McAlister, entomologist, presenter and museum curator at the Natural History Museum, London

This excellent little book, and the career it describes, are living proof of the truth of that argument 'the more you look, the more you see'. - *Niche*, British Ecological Society

I think Peter must keep a diary. Either that, or he's got a brilliant memory for anecdotes. They are well told. Many entomologists who have been in the game for as long as he has will have had equally fascinating experiences, but few are able to put them on paper so engagingly. - *Antenna*, Royal Entomological Society

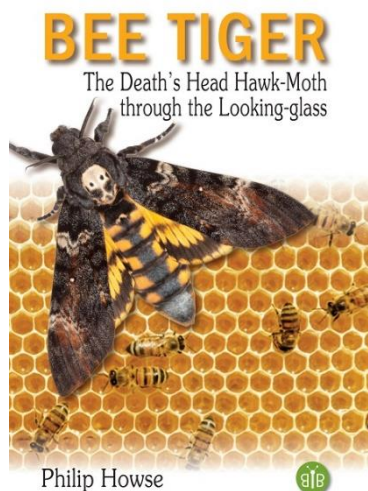
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Bee Tiger

The Death's Head Hawk-moth through the Looking-glass

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The Death's Head Hawk-moth story: perception and folklore

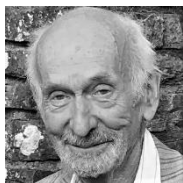


A bizarre but revealing lens through which to view human life, death, our relationship to the natural world and its relationship to us. - Charles Foster (author of *Being a beast*)

I enjoyed this book hugely, really a book about perception ... there is a lot that is explained, and a lot of areas opened up for further thinking. That has to be a good book. - Mark Avery, scientist, naturalist and author

I found this book fascinating, and there is far more in it than I can cover here. You really have to read it to find out. Norman L. Carreck, *BeeCraft*

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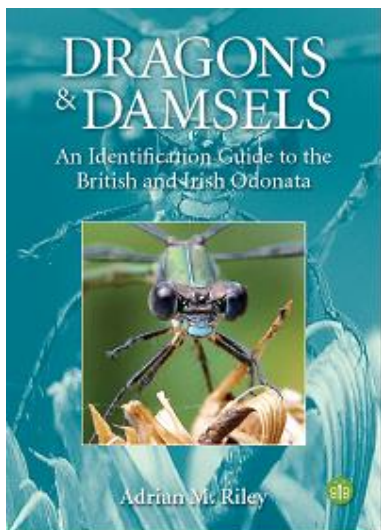
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Dragons and Damsels

An identification guide to the British and Irish Odonata

Adrian Riley

A comprehensive and user-friendly photographic identification guide to all species, sexes and forms of British and Irish dragon- and damselflies.



Adrian Riley's meticulous approach to each species, sex and colour-form throughout the book should leave no-one in doubt of an identification. There is no question at all that this new guide, with its fresh approach, detailed descriptions and clear photographs, will find a place on the bookshelf of many dragonfly watchers and recorders, no matter how experienced. – Dr Pam Taylor, British Dragonfly Society

... As might be expected from this author and this publisher, the book contains clear descriptions and excellent, relevant photographs, and I would highly recommend it to the general entomologist and the experienced odonatologist alike. - Dafydd Lewis, AES

What a beautiful book! - Geoff B., a happy customer

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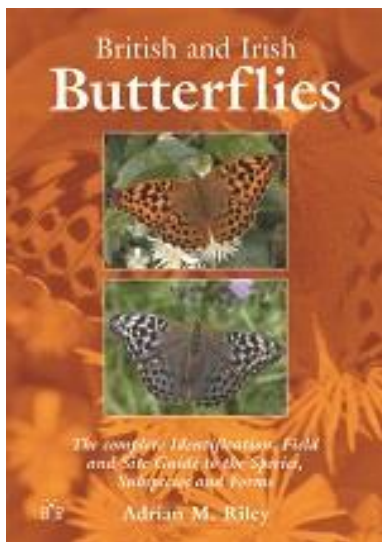
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British and Irish Butterflies

The complete Field, Identification and Site Guide to the species, subspecies and forms

Adrian Riley

A wonderful butterfly book, the first to cover all adult forms, including subspecies, found in the British Isles, with clear directions and field tips on where to find them.



I consider this to be one of the great works of the decade in its field, and am sure it will be considered a reference work for many years to come alongside the works of Frohawk, South and Ford. – Eeles, UK Butterflies

Clear and abundant illustrations and concise writing style further the appeal of this book, which can be thoroughly recommended to a diverse audience, from the amateur lepidopterist to the professional ecologist. *The Biologist*

I greatly admire Adrian Riley's butterfly book; it is a masterly tour de force and the photographs are superb, by far the best I've seen. The habitat information is great. – Andrew F., a happy customer

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The greater World of little Things

Ross Gardner

Look and look again! This is the advice from the author to attempt to understand the complexities of the natural world.



Ross Gardner, who has worked in environmental and conservation roles, has taken the common and overlooked aspects of the living world and asked us to look at them from a different view-point. I was particularly fascinated by the chapters on pigeons and bumblebees.

A thought- provoking book - I will definitely look again at the little things around me. *The Biologist*

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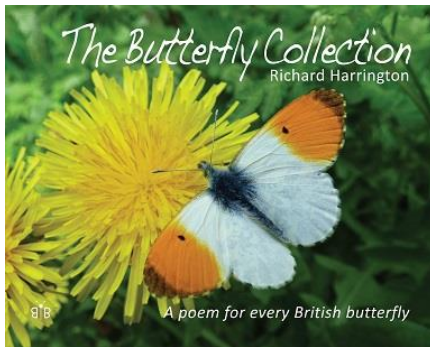
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The Butterfly Collection

A Poem for every British Butterfly

Richard Harrington

A celebration of each of the 58 British butterfly species in verse.



A joyous, lyrical and witty delight, wonderfully capturing the personality, magic and science of Britain's butterflies. --Patrick Barkham, author of *The Butterfly Isles*

I warmly recommend this collection: it is a book that can be dipped into, re-read and thoroughly enjoyed. --Prof. Jeremy Thomas OBE

Light-hearted, educational and fun to read, this book would make a wonderful gift for budding lepidopterists and experts alike. - Butterfly Conservation

Self-indulgent but in a very interesting way, this is a delightful poetry book, unusual and excellent. – John Tennent, *Atropos*

It's all tremendous fun and will entertain and delight butterfly lovers.

Peter Marren, British Wildlife

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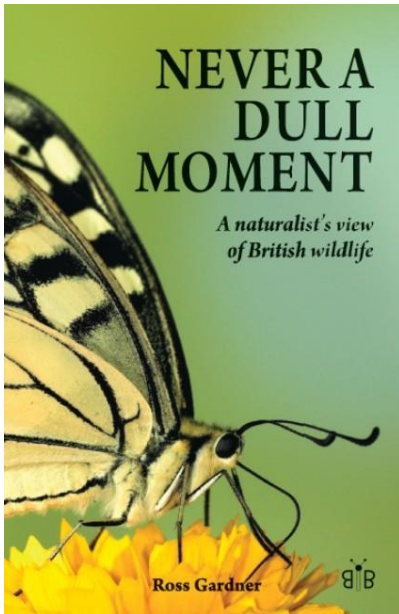
Richard Harrington has been a very keen butterfly enthusiast since he was 8, now 'collecting' them as a hobby using a camera only. He worked at the world-famous Rothamsted Research in Harpenden, Hertfordshire as a professional entomologist, especially on the demography of moths and aphids.

Never a Dull Moment

A naturalist's view of British wildlife

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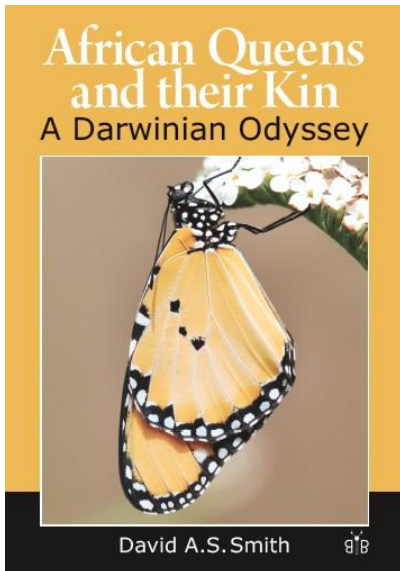
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African Queens and their Kin

A Darwinian Odyssey

David Smith

The author takes us on a fascinating tour of the life history, ecology, genetics, behaviour, and phylogeography of this butterfly species complex.

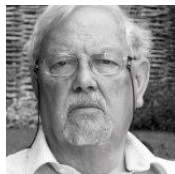


A significant part of David's life lies between the covers of this fascinating and scholarly odyssey; its scope, depth and detail are humbling. - *Entomological Gazette*

This is a beautiful and unique book as well as a fantastic resource ... Because of the detailed material, it may well appeal to a wide range of other academics, ecologists, entomologists and animal behaviourists, as well as anyone interested in African and Asian invertebrates. - *The Biologist*

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