

February 2025 Monthly Catalogue

Welcome to the February 2025 edition of the NHBS Monthly Catalogue, which lists all new titles added to our website in the last month.

We have several exciting new bird titles. Three field / identification guides are the second edition of the Helm Identification Guide [Pittas, Broadbills and Asities](#), due in July from Bloomsbury; the new fold-out guide [Raptors of Britain and Ireland](#), due in March from the Field Studies Council; and the third edition of [Pocket Guide to Birds of the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands](#) from Südpol, which is in stock now. Also forthcoming are [No Island Too Far: Searching for Seabirds on Remote Specks of Land](#), due in July from Pelagic Publishing, and [Birdland: A Journey Around Britain on the Wing](#) due in April from HarperNorth.

We have one title each for several other animal groups. For herpetologists, there is [Amphibian Biology, Volume 11, Part 8: Status of Conservation and Decline of Amphibians: Eastern Hemisphere: Middle East](#), due in February from Springer. Entomologists can look out for the 824-page [Biology, Ecological Importance and Diversity of Southern African Insects](#), due in May from Protea Book House. For microscopists more generally, Springer has just published [The Amateur Plankton Researcher's Practical Guide: How to Study Plankton at Home](#). Lastly, a general guide is [Wildlife of the Eastern Caribbean](#), due in July from WILDGuides.

For botanists, we have a range of obscure floras. The Botanical Research Institute of Texas recently published the second edition of the bilingual [Introduction to Plants in Central Somaliland](#), as well as [The Desert Edge: Flora of Guaymas-Yaqui Region of Sonora, Mexico, Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#). We also recently received stock of the second edition of the bilingual [Guide to the Succulent Plants of South-West Madagascar](#), published in 2016 by Phyto-Logic but previously only available in Madagascar. Lastly, we are stocking [Plant Hunting Adventures in Eastern Tropical Africa](#) which was written and published by Kew botanist Susan Carter, and [Coconut Palms - Trees of Life: With Special Focus on the Tropical Seychelles](#), published by Mifa Publications in the Seychelles.

On the subject of wildlife conservation and other environmental issues, we have three titles. May will see the release of the paperback of Guy Shrubsole's [The Lie of the Land: Who Really Cares for the Countryside?](#) by HarperCollins. This is followed in in July by Partha Dasgupta's [On Natural Capital: The Value of the World Around Us](#) from Ebury Press and [The Game of Species: An Introduction to Biodiversity](#) from Pelagic Publishing.

For those readers interested in evolution, HarperCollins will publish the paperback of Peter Godfrey-Smith's [Living on Earth: Life, Consciousness and the Making of the Natural World](#) in July. Interesting palaeontology this month comes from Academic Press that recently published [Balancing a Sauropod: The Physiology of a Dinosaur](#).

Several excellent books on the history of science are in the pipeline. The American Philosophical Society Press has announced [Alexander von Humboldt, Writings in English](#), a massive 1500-page, 2-volume set that is due in June. Those interested in the history of taxonomy are in for a treat with the paperback rereleases of [Every Living Thing: The Great and Deadly Race to Know All Life](#), due in April from Riverrun, and [The Man Who Organized Nature: The Life of Linnaeus](#), due in July from Princeton University Press.

Two final titles deal with regional natural history. Bloomsbury has announced the paperback rerelease of [The Dark Stuff: Stories from the Peatlands](#) for March while we have stock of the second edition of [Dartmoor Tors Compendium](#), which is published virtually on NHBS's doorstep by Tavicinity Publishing.

As always, if you are looking for a particular title that we do not yet have in our range, or you would like to suggest a title for NHBS to stock, please do get in touch.

Leon Vlieger
Catalogue Editor

Insects & other Invertebrates

<p>Vom Leben der Wildbienen: Über Maurer, Blattschneider und Wollsammler [On the Life of Wild Bees: Mason, Leafcutter, and Potter Bees]</p> <p>Philippe Boyer(Author)</p> <p>Wild bees also live in your garden – busily searching for flowers as a source of food and for nesting places in the ground, in plants or in insect hotels. In this book, you will learn how the peaceful wild bees live and produce offspring...</p>	<p>144 pages 133 colour photos Eugen Ulmer Verlag</p> <hr/> <p>Paperback #266949 2023 9783818613426 £44.99</p>
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