

May 2025 Monthly Catalogue

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

We start with a range of noteworthy titles on different vertebrate groups. For herpetologists, we have

[A Guide to Anolis Lizards \(Anoles\) of Mainland Central and South America](#), due in October from Princeton University Press, and the third edition of [A Naturalist's Guide to the Snakes of Australia](#), due in September from John Beaufoy. Wild Nature Press will publish [Ghost Sharks: A Fully Illustrated Guide to the Chimaeras of the World](#) in October. For mammalogists, we have the paperback reissue of [Stowaway: The Disreputable Exploits of the Rat](#) coming in October from Bloomsbury, which features a rather striking cover. Lastly, for birdwatchers, we have the second edition of [RSPB British Birds of Prey](#), due in October from Bloomsbury, and the [FSC Discovery Guide: Garden Birds](#), which is part of a new range of fold-out guides from the Field Studies Council.

Turning to entomology, we have several interesting titles. With the publishing programme of the Royal Entomological Society having moved to CABI, publication of the RES Handbooks is resuming, and [RES Handbook, British Dolichopodidae \(Diptera\)](#) is due in October. NHBS is now distributing [Hoverflies of the Fylde: An Annotated Checklist](#), published by the Lancashire & Cheshire Fauna Society, and we have stock of the [FSC Discovery Guide: Buzzing Insects](#). On the subject of other invertebrates, Springer will publish [Marine and Brackish Bryozoans from the Southern Bight of the North Sea](#) in July, which is a translated and updated version of a book originally published in Dutch in 2009.

For botanists, we have [Field Guide to the Flowers of the Western Alps](#), coming in September from Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Two further FSC guides have a botanical theme: the [FSC Discovery Guide: Trees and Shrubs](#) and the [FSC Discovery Guide: Wildflowers](#). UniPress Books has announced Valerie Trouet's [In the Circle of Ancient Trees: Our Oldest Trees and the Stories They Tell](#) for October; she is the author of a fascinating previous book on dendrochronology. For mycologists, we have two introductory books: the [FSC Discovery Guide: Fungi](#) is out now while [Fungi for Dummies](#) will be published in October.

For conservation biologists and behavioural biologists, we have four important books. CABI has announced [Habitat: The Fundamental Unit for Understanding and Conserving Nature](#) for September, while CRC Press will publish [Regulating International Trade in Wildlife: 50 Years of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora](#) in October. Wiley-Blackwell has just published [A Guide to Managing Zoo Animal Welfare: A Behavioral Approach](#), and a relevant title tying in with this is the fifth edition of [Principles of Animal Behavior](#), due in October from the University of Chicago Press.

On the subject of environmental issues, we have a list of excellent titles on environmental politics and environmental economics. Profile Books will publish Timothée Parique's [Slow Down or Die: The Economics of Degrowth](#) in July, which is a translation of the French original. The other titles have all been scheduled for October with Princeton University Press publishing [Existential Politics: Why Global Climate Institutions Are Failing and How to Fix Them](#), Polity publishing [Capitalism at the Limit: A Political Ecology of a World in Crisis](#), Verso Books publishing [The Long Heat: Climate Politics When It's Too Late](#), and Penguin Books publishing the paperback of [More and More and More: An All-Consuming History of Energy](#). More positives note are sounded in Paul Hawken's [Carbon: The Book of Life](#), which was just published by Viking, and Tim Lenton's [Positive Tipping Points: How to Fix the Climate Crisis](#), due in September from Oxford University Press.

For evolutionary biologists, we have [Life History Evolution: Traits, Interactions, and Applications](#), which was just published by Wiley. Palaeontologists can look out for a diverse range of books. Princeton University Press has announced [The Princeton Field Guide to Mesozoic Plants](#) for October, the Back to the Past Museum will publish [AmberArt II: A Journey between Science and Beauty](#) this month, and Dean Lomax returns to Columbia University Press in September with [The Secret Lives of Dinosaurs: Unearthing the Real Behaviors of Prehistoric Animals](#).

A final miscellany of titles focuses on general natural history. Chatto & Windus has announced the 736-page biography [True Nature: The Lives of Peter Matthiessen](#) for October. That same month also sees [Wildlife Photographer of the Year, Portfolio 35](#) published by the London Natural History Museum. Tristan Gooley is writing [The Hidden Seasons](#), to be published in September by Hodder & Stoughton. Finally, two general field guides are the [FSC Discovery Guide: Seaside Wildlife](#) and the fourth edition of [A Field Guide to Ice: The Only Guide to Land Ice and Sea Ice in All Its Forms](#), privately published by James Fenton.

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

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