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Saunders' Field Guide to Gladioli of South Africa / Rod and Rachel Saunders with Fiona C Ross

Struik Nature, Cape Town, South Africa 2021

384p.

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780 gm.

The genus *Gladiolus* has fascinated plant collectors, taxonomists and the general public for centuries. Known for their spectacular flowers, these highly adapted and specialised plants occur throughout Africa, Madagascar, Europe and the Middle East. South Africa is home to more than half of the world's *Gladiolus* species and the Western Cape is the heart of species diversity.

Saunders' Field Guide to Gladioli of South Africa is the first of its kind to offer a complete photographic record of the 166 species that occur in the region. Posthumously completed, this book is the culmination of the Saunders' long search to find and photograph every known species of *Gladiolus* in South Africa. It includes:

- An introduction comprising a brief history of gladioli, information about the morphology and taxonomy of the genus, and guidelines for use in the field.
- Detailed descriptions of the main floral parts of each species, along with information about ecology, pollinators, similar species and conservation status; field notes were written by Rachel Saunders.
- Over 1,000 exquisite photographs taken in situ detailing morphology and habitat.
- Up-to-date distribution maps indicating where species have been recorded.
- A glossary of terms with illustrations unpacking difficult terminology.

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Return to the Wild : The Story of a Captive Otter and His Journey to Freedom / Danelle Murray and Brendan Murray

Reach Publishers' Services (Danelle Murray), Wandsbeck, South Africa 2021

248p.

9781928497578

\$ 30.00 / null

260 gm.

Return to the Wild is an inspirational story of a rescued otter who was raised in captivity and a family's dedication to setting him free. His release is met with many challenges and when it is discovered that Lazarus, a Cape Clawless Otter is afraid of water they must find a way to help him overcome this. Conservationist couple Brendan and Danelle assuredly tackle their task, despite the doom-laden prophecies of critics, and succeed to teach Lazy to swim, hunt and survive on his own. The authors take the reader on this personal and heart-warming journey of discovery that leads to his freedom.

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Monographs on Threatened Freshwater Fishes of South Asia / Shiba Shankar Giri (Ed)

SAARC Agriculture Centre, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2017

xiv, 306p.;

9789843434548

\$ 200.00 / HB

1730 gm.

The Monograph on Threatened Freshwater Fishes in South Asia contains geographical distribution, threat status, habitat, species description, biology, conservation measures and a short bibliography of 138 threatened fishes found in freshwater areas of South Asian. The vernacular names listed are a selection of names from individual countries in member states, in particular from areas where the fish is common. The synonyms and vernacular names are those names used internationally and locally. The lists are not complete but reflect the names appearing in official databases. The fishes featured in this monograph were selected by the experts in the field, duly nominated by the respective SAARC member country governments. The purpose of the monograph is to: (1) provide detailed information of the species and threat status, in order to facilitate their conservation by member states; (2) provide models to assist member States in developing their own monographs for these or other fishes; (3) facilitate information exchange among member states; and (4) establish joint strategic plans for management of resources, most of which are of inter-state interests. This book is aimed at policy planners, regulatory authorities, environmentalists, conservationists, research scientists, and other fisheries and aquaculture professionals.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=760428>

A Pictorial Cyclopedia of Philippine Ornamental Plants, Third Edition / Dr. Domingo A. Madulid

The Bookmark, Inc, Makati City, Philippines 2021

716p.;

Includes Index

9786210500110

\$ 100.00 / null

2490 gm.

The present book covers an additional 400 plus taxa from the last edition, with updated nomenclature and classification following modern floras and current online world plant databases. The photos are taken by the author, except for some few ones acknowledged in the book. It is hoped that the present book will serve as a comprehensive and updated reference on the subject and further kindle the growing interests and continued passion among its readers on the astounding beauty and diversity of the ornamental plants of the Philippines and enhance their appreciation on the value of preserving and conserving this important biological resource.

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Environmental Movements of India : Chipko, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Navdanya / Krishna Mallick (Series Ed) Fengshi Wu

Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, Netherlands 2021

192p. ; 156x234mm.

Includes Index

9789462984431

\$ 95.30 / HB

434 gm.

In her detailed retelling of three iconic movements in India, Professor Emerita Krishna Mallick, PhD, gives hope to grassroots activists working toward environmental justice. Each movement deals with a different crisis and affected population: Chipko, famed for tree-hugging women in the Himalayan forest; Narmada, for villagers displaced by a massive dam; and Navdanya, for hundreds of thousands of farmers whose livelihoods were lost to a compact made by the Indian government and neoliberal purveyors of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Relentlessly researched, the book presents these movements in a framework that explores Hindu Vedic wisdom, as well as Development Ethics, Global Environment Ethics, Feminist Care Ethics, and the Capability Approach. At a moment when the climate threatens populations who live closest to nature--and depend upon its fodder for heat, its water for life, and its seeds for food--Mallick shows how nonviolent action can give poor people an effective voice.

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Flight of the Budgerigar / Olsen, Penny

National Library of Australia, Australia 2021

251 pages

9780642279606

\$ 65.00 / null

715 gm.

The Budgerigar is arguably Australia's best-known bird. At the same time, it is so ubiquitous that not everyone knows that it is Australian. Nor do many realise that the multicoloured bird that comes to mind not to mention today's super-sized, extravagantly coiffed show budgie is as different from the free-living original as a chihuahua from a wolf.

Far from the cosy domestic lives our pet budgies live today, the native budgerigar has lived millennia of boom-bust cycles in the arid inland of Australia. Life was often short; if they were not fodder for predators, they starved or had to struggle their way to districts closer to the coast. For the Warlpiri and their Arrernte neighbours around Alice Springs, the Budgerigar (in its ancestral form) was a totem animal, featuring in art, ceremonies, songlines and legends.

Since 1840, when ornithologist John Gould took living specimens to London, this little parrot has been on a remarkable journey. The Budgerigar was Australia's first mass export; its story includes British queens and nobles, Japanese princes and Hollywood stars. It has won the hearts of British spies and world leaders, including Churchill, Stalin and Kennedy.

Taking the reader from the Dreamtime to the colonial live bird trade, the competitive culture of the showroom and today's thriving wild flocks, Flight of the Budgerigar is the authoritative history of the Budgerigar, written by respected ornithologist Dr Penny Olsen, and lavishly illustrated in full colour.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=779769>

Wai Pasifika: Indigenous Ways in a Changing Climate / David Young (Eds), Gillian Tewsley & Imogen Coxhead

Otago University Press, New Zealand 2021

304p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9781990048074

\$ 65.00 / null

1000 gm.

In this beautifully written and stunningly illustrated book, David Young focuses on the increasingly endangered resource of freshwater, and what so-called developed societies can learn from the indigenous voices of the Pacific. Combining nineteenth century and indigenous sources with a selection of modern studies and his own personal encounters, Young keeps a human face on the key issue of water. He confirms that the gift of indigenous people to their colonisers is that they offer systematic and different concepts of being in, and experiencing, nature.

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Rohe Kōreporepo – The Swamp, the Sacred Place: 60 Kaitiaki Replant, Reflood and Restore Our Old Intimate Relationships with Rohe Kōreporepo our Swamps our Sacred Place / Kathleen Gallagher & Dyland Pyle (Eds)

Wick Candle, New Zealand 2021

320p.

9780473594657

\$ 35.00 / null

450 gm.

Our repo, our swamps, store carbon, restore biodiversity and purify the water cycle - solutions we need to dig us out of the looming environmental problems humanity faces. With filmmaker Kathleen Gallagher and writer Dylan Pyle we travel throughout Aotearoa New Zealand from Whangamarino in the north to Okarito in the South with fishermen, local iwi, farmers, healers, artists, scientists, trappers, teachers and students – as they replant, reflood and restore our old intimate relationship with rohe kooreporepo our swamps our sacred places.

Rohe Kōreporepo The Swamp The Sacred Place is available as both a film and a book which includes the full length interviews of all 60 kaitiaki wetlands guardians interviewed for the film, at Maketu, Whangamarino, Rotopiko, Te Hākari Kuku Beach, Taupō Swamp Porirua, Moawhiti D'Urville Island, Okarito, Ō Tū Wharekai and Wakanui Ashburton, Ōtautahi Christchurch wetlands, Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783220>

Bamboos of Hong Kong / (Ed-in-Chiefs) Xia Nian-He and Liu Ka-Yip, Eric

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong 2021

276p.

Includes Index

9789881202208

\$ 65.00 / null

828 gm.

This book introduces 61 taxa of Hong Kong bamboos in detail, including native species, exotic species that are believed to be planted by villagers in the past and some common exotic horticultural species. This book is bilingual and each taxon is illustrated by detailed morphological description and photos. Botanical illustrations are also supplemented to some species for assisting the public, nature and plant lovers, practitioners and researchers in understanding more about Hong Kong bamboos.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780332>

'African Potentials' for Wildlife Conservation and Natural Resources Management : Against the Images of 'Deficiency' and Tyranny of 'Fortress' / Toshio Meguro, Chihiro Ito and Kariuki Kirigia (Ed) Motoji Matsuda (Series Ed)

Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroon 2021

xx, 358p.; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789956552856

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552 gm.

This book focuses on two specific areas: wildlife conservation policies and projects, and the interaction between local societies and the surrounding environment in Africa. Against the internationally dominant approach that regards Africa as being a state of 'deficiency', this book demonstrates, based on fieldwork concerning various natural resources (e.g. wildlife, forests, fruit, fish and land) as well as many famous protected areas, that African people are collectively and actively trying to solve the environmental problems they are facing by strategically utilising both indigenous means and new extrinsic opportunities. Meanwhile, it also becomes clear that wildlife conservation still continues to cause local societies a multitude of problems, and the 'potentials' of local people and societies are existing but unnoticed and suppressed by powerful outsiders, and therefore, remaining informal and invisible.

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