

History of Wildlife Gardening

a selection of books from the catalogue



The balance of nature and modern conditions of cultivation: a practical manual of animal foes and friends for the country gentleman, the farmer, the forester, the gardener, and the sportsman / by George Abbey. George Routledge & Sons, 1909.

Sanctuaries for birds and how to make them / H. J. Massingham. G. Bell and Sons, 1924.

Every garden a bird sanctuary / E. L. Turner. H.F. & G. Witherby, 1935.

Wild visitors to a Cotswold garden / Ernest C. Harris. Country Life, 1936.

The garden naturalist / L.R. Brightwell. Medici Society, 1941.

Larval foodplants: a vade-mecum for the field lepidopterist / P.B.M. Allan. Watkins & Doncaster, 1949

Foreign birds for garden aviaries. Cage Birds, 1949

A sanctuary planted / Walter J.C. Murray. Phoenix House, 1953

Bird gardening: how to attract birds / Maxwell Knight. Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1954.

Victorian gardens / Brent Elliott. B.T. Batsford, 1986. ISBN 071344763x. *Chapter 7 (pages 185-202), 'The re-creation of nature', describes the fashion for a more natural style of garden design .*

Penelope Hobhouse's natural planting / Penelope Hobhouse. Pavilion Books Ltd, 1997. ISBN 1862052689. *Chapter 1 (pages 8-35) on 'The natural tradition'.*

Influential gardeners: the designers who shaped 20th-century garden style / Andrew Wilson. Mitchell Beazley, 2002. ISBN 1840005122. *Pages 36-39 on changing ideas on planting design.*

The following articles illustrate changing attitudes to wildlife in the garden:

On the employment of cats in the preservation of fruit from birds / Peter Kendall.
Transactions of the Horticultural Society of London, new series Vol.1: 390-391 (1835)

Scarecrows. **Gardeners' Chronicle**, 23 November 1872: 1556. *Includes descriptions of the use of a tethered cat to scare off birds.*

Birds v. gardening / Charles E. Pearson. **Journal of the RHS**, Vol.27: 55-60 (1902)
The author attempts "to speak without prejudice and judge each of our feathered visitors to the garden on its merits".

The commoner birds of our gardens: their habits and foods / Cecil H. Hooper. **Journal of the RHS**, Vol.33: 427-450 (1908). *Considers the "economic aspect as regards the garden", both beneficial and harmful, of a range of species.*

The wild flora and fauna of Wisley / R.J. Wallis. **Journal of the RHS Gardens Club**, No.1: 20-28 (1908)

Birds of Wisley Gardens / John H. Lockett. **Journal of the RHS**, Vol.74: 396-397 (1949).
Records the 77 species of birds seen in the gardens through the previous 6 months.

Fruit and vegetables versus birds and beasts / Fred W. Shepherd. **The Garden**, Vol.110: 82-83 (1985)

Birds and beasts / Fred Shepherd. **The Garden**, Vol.110: 577-578 (1985). *Summarises the correspondence that he has received since his article in February.*

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