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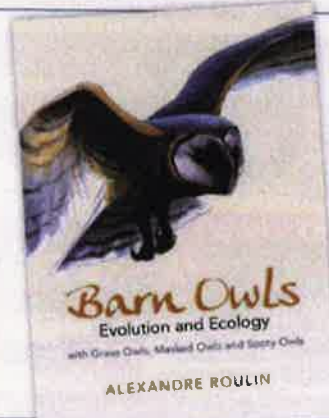
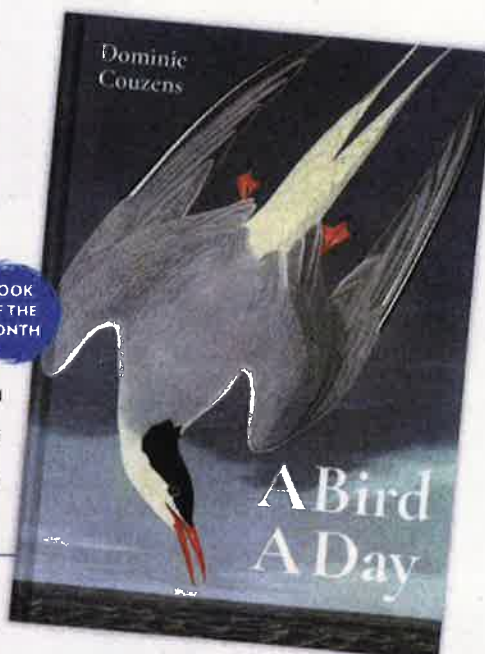
We take a look at the latest releases...

WORDS JOHN MILES

A BIRD A DAY DOMINIC COUZENS BATSFORD £20

Well, everything is there in the title! Yes, you can enjoy birds from around the world right the way through the year, everything from the familiar Robin to the Emperor Penguin. The illustrations are mainly photographs, but there are also paintings, both historical ones from the likes of Audubon, or modern ones such as those from Hannah Dale. All aspects of the species are covered, and as you'd expect from Dominic, there are all sorts of fascinating insights into each one. Perfect for dipping into, beautifully written, and great to look at.

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BARN OWLS ALEXANDRE ROULIN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS £44.99

As you would expect, the next book on a species should have more information than the last book published, and this one ticks all the boxes. Written from his own research work and 3,600 papers on Barn Owls and their close relatives, there are many new facts here for you to absorb. An easy layout allows you to find the facts on a bird that is never out of danger due to the sheer amount of poison used in this country and around the world to remove rodents from our domestic and industrial world. But this is also a bird that has brought some form of peace and understanding in the Middle East, and shows us the way forward as to how to rid the poison from our lives! The book is full of excellent photos and artwork and needs a place on your bookshelf.

RAPTOR PREY REMAINS ED DREWITT PELAGIC £24.99

The book you have all been waiting for! This makes life so easy when you find remains in your garden or out in the countryside. All pictures are in colour, and not just a wing or a claw but also individual feathers, as well, and sometimes the skull. It covers over 100 species as well as mammals and sits nicely next to your bird and mammal ID books. Ed has spent 20 years working on this book while he studied his 'Urban Peregrines' around Bristol. Others have joined in with their pictures to make this a 'must-have'. Note the number of Grey Squirrels in the different Goshawk nests!



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