

The 'British Birds' Best Bird Book of the Year



For the benefit of those who may wish to acquire (or give as a present) just one of the many bird books published each year, *British Birds* selects annually its choice of the 'Best Bird Book of the Year' from those reviewed in the journal during the previous 12 months. The winner may, in one year, be an important, erudite scientific treatise and, in another, a lighter, less academic work, but it will always be reliable, well produced and thoroughly worthy of inclusion in any birdwatcher's library.

Our choice for BEST BIRD BOOK OF 1994 is:

The New Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland 1988-1991.

**Compiled by
David Wingfield Gibbons,
James B. Reid
& Robert A. Chapman.**

T. & A. D. Poyser, London,
1993. £40.00.

(Review: *Brit. Birds* 87: 221-222)

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We also wish especially to draw attention to three other top-class bird books published in a vintage year for county avifaunas:

The Birds of Buckinghamshire. Edited by Peter Lack & David Ferguson. Buckinghamshire Bird Club, Burnham, 1993. £11.95. (Review: *Brit. Birds* 86: 595-596)

Birds of Hampshire. Edited by J. M. Clark & J. A. Eyre. Hampshire Ornithological Society, Fleet, 1993. £22.50. (Review: *Brit. Birds* 87: 280-282)

The Breeding Birds of Hertfordshire. Edited by K. W. Smith, C. W. Dee, J. D. Fearnside, E. W. Fletcher & R. N. Smith. Hertfordshire Natural History Society, Potters Bar, 1993. £22.00. (Review: *Brit. Birds* 87: 179-180)

The atlas of breeding birds of Britain and Ireland. Berkhamsted: Poyser; 1976. 24. Gibbons DW, Reid JB, Chapman RA. The new atlas of breeding birds in Britain and Ireland: 1988–1991. London: Poyser; 1993. 25. Sax DF, Gaines SD. Species invasions and extinction: the future of native biodiversity on islands. *Proc Natl Acad Sci.* 2008;105(Supplement 1):11490–7. 26. Jetz W, Wilcove DS, Dobson AP.