

Bird sites of Shropshire

The book was published for two main reasons.

Generating money and concern for migrating birds.

To introduce areas of Shropshire of interest to bird watchers.

Though we aimed to cover many areas of Shropshire, many were within the boundary of the AONB.

ie. Darnford – The Long Mynd (2 articles)- The Stiperstones – Bury Ditches – Brown Clee – Much Wenlock – The Wrekin.

All of these were contributed by expert ornithologists familiar with their chosen area.

Photographs and pictures were selected to illustrate both the birds that can be seen and the habitat of the specific site.

We selected sites with differing habitats, ex. woodland, watercourses, upper heathland and

rush pasture. The readers will see many birds within the habitat they need.

le Redstarts, which need mature trees for nest holes are found in Darnford and the Wrekin whereas Stonechat and Whinchat are found on the Long Mynd and Stiperstones, as are red grouse, a speciality of this area of Shropshire. Crossbills, which feed on pine seeds are frequently seen in conifer plantations

The aim of this book is to bring to the public's attention, the decline of migrating birds. Though many spend the winter in warmer climates, they need specific nest sites and food when they return, if they are to breed and thrive in our countryside. This has been emphasised throughout the work.

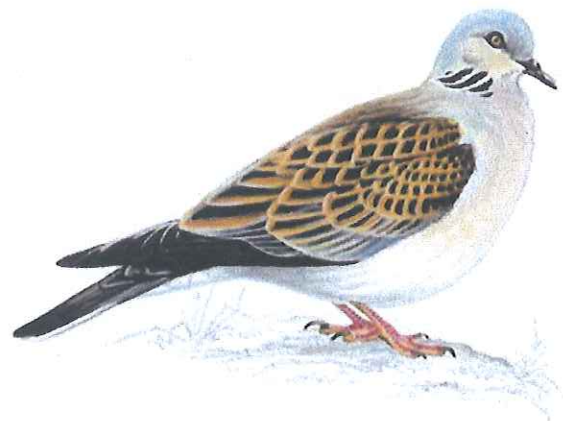
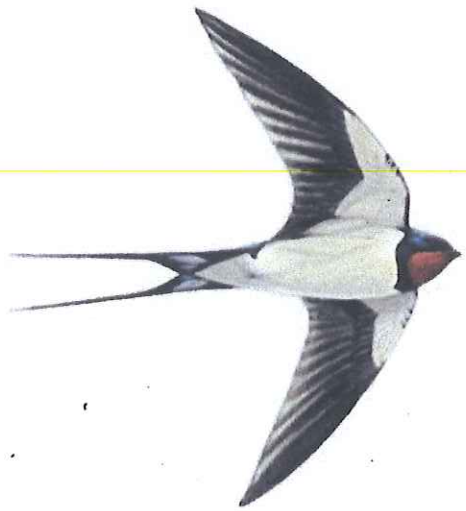
Contributions are from a variety of wildlife groups who have offered to publicise the book, promoting the area as one of outstanding wildlife and landscape and one that is accessible and welcoming.

The book has been a unique learning experience for me. I never envisaged how willing people

would be to contribute, not just to the written and art work, but with editing and design. I should definitely have aimed higher at the outset. I have been delighted that there is so much concern for our wildlife.



Save our songbirds



Every penny from the
sale of this book goes
to help migrating birds