



# The Waterstone's Card guide to **Nature**

Whether your interest is for birds or butterflies, toadstools or trees, nature watching is officially cool again and as the nights draw in and the days get colder, our Nature shelves have plenty to offer for the all-weather expert and the armchair enthusiast alike. Brave the outdoors with excellent field guides from Collins or the RSPB or curl up by the fire with beautiful nature writing from authors such as Roger Deakin and Richard Mabey.

## We love...

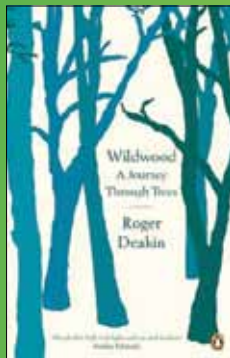


**Butterfly Isles**  
Patrick Barkham

In 2009, Patrick Barkham reengaged with his childhood pursuit of butterflies and endeavoured to see all 59 species of British butterflies in one summer. A seemingly simple feat was much more precarious than it sounds, with some species favouring inaccessible bogs, others teetering on the brink of extinction and Barkham found himself defeated by the elements whilst at odds with his neglected girlfriend. With snatches of the history of Aurelians (butterfly enthusiasts) of yesteryear, 'Butterfly Isles' is a captivating and timely look at our most beautiful insects. Perfect nature writing.

**Melanie Jones**  
Waterstone's Worcester  
City Arcade

## Read me first...



**Wildwood**  
Roger Deakin

A masterpiece of nature writing, Wildwood is Deakin's profound and quirky quest to chart the relationship between us and the 'fifth element': wood. Travelling across the globe to meet other woodlanders, Deakin weaves poetry, anecdotes and literature with his personal experiences - those of renovating his ancient Suffolk farmhouse, creating living sculptures and planting hedges and woodlands.

## Autumn watching...



**Mushrooms**  
River Cottage  
Handbook



**Food for Free**  
Richard Mabey



**Collins Complete Guide to British Wildlife**  
Paul Sterry



**RSPB Pocket Birds**  
RSPB

## Then try...



**Ring of Bright Water**  
Gavin Maxwell



**My Family and Other Animals**  
Gerald Durrell



**Notes from Walnut Tree Farm**  
Roger Deakin



**Weeds**  
Richard Mabey

## Latest reads...



**On Nature**  
Caught by the  
River

With contributions from musicians to graphic designers, 'On Nature' is part reference manual and part paean to nature. This is a truly fresh and modern look at our connection with the land.



**The Tiger**  
John Vaillant

In the far east of Russia, a deadly tiger is stalking and killing people...this is a stunning account of the attacks of 1997 and a fascinating journey into the psyche of these mesmerising and beautiful predators.