

Press release

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NEW RED SQUIRREL MANAGEMENT BOOK

A new book on red squirrel management and conservation in the UK and across Europe, the first of its kind for 20 years, has been published by the European Squirrel Initiative.

The book ties together subjects covering habitat, ecology, disease, conservation and population management of the red squirrel, as well as its complex interaction with the North American grey squirrel.

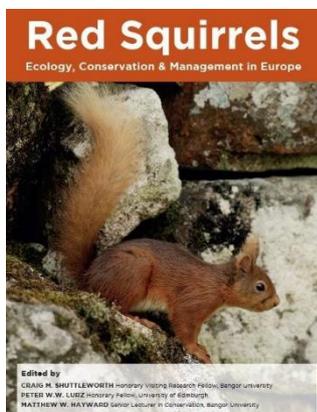
Edited by Craig Shuttleworth, Peter Lurz, and Matthew Hayward and written by world renowned experts, this review of current research and practice is accessible to the non-scientist as well as to those studying ecology and conservation.

In a foreword written by wildlife expert and regular BBC Springwatch contributor, Iolo Williams, the importance of research in understanding the complex relationship between red and grey squirrels is highlighted.

Red Squirrels: Ecology, Conservation & Management in Europe is essential reading for those with an interest in red squirrel conservation and ecology and the authors hope to have contributed to a wider debate.

“We welcome this publication, it will be a valuable resource to those involved in red squirrel conservation and the interaction between red and grey squirrels,” said George Farr, ESI chairman.

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Notes to Editors:

High-resolution photos are available to accompany this release.

The European Squirrel Initiative:

The grey squirrel, *Sciurus caroliensis*, a native species of North America, was introduced to England from the late 19th century, until 1938 when it became illegal to import or keep the species in captivity.

The European Squirrel Initiative was founded in June 2002 by a group of concerned conservationists and foresters. The organisation seeks the restoration of the native red squirrel and the protection of the natural environment by removing the impact of the alien grey squirrel in Europe.

Its role is to:

- Persuade conservation bodies and governments of the absolute necessity of ridding Europe of the grey squirrel.
- Continue to commission research into the impact of the grey squirrel on local ecosystems.

For more information visit the ESI website: www.europeansquirrelinitiative.org

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