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A RESPECTFUL GAZE: UNCOVERING THE SECRETS OF WILDLIFE WITH REMOTE CAMERA SYSTEM



Night Vision and Daylight Camera Systems for Wildlife A Practical Guide

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Observing wildlife through the lens of remote cameras has become an increasingly popular activity, both among researchers and nature enthusiasts. In addition to enabling non-invasive wildlife monitoring, these tools open a window into the secret lives of animals, fostering engagement and appreciation from the broader public. This growing accessibility to wildlife observation is reshaping how we connect with nature whether through citizen science projects, personal curiosity, or conservation work. In this context, this book arrives as a timely and practical guide to operate mostly in our gardens or woodland settings.

Comprising a total of 7 chapters, the book moves from general introductions to night vision and daylight imaging technologies, through technical considerations, to practical applications in the field. The final two chapters walk the reader through the process of assembling and deploying the camera system, including crucial considerations such as power supply, weatherproofing, and data storage, which are key aspects for ensuring successful filming in the field.

The species featured in the book range from well-known forest birds to badgers, foxes, small mammals, reptiles among

others, with the author proposing different camera system setups tailored to each condition and context. Young's writing is clear, concise, and rooted in hands-on experience. Her background in field research and photography is evident throughout the book, lending credibility and reliability to the guidance she offers.

The tone is accessible yet professional, making the book suitable for a broad range of readers. From wildlife biologists to early-career researchers to naturalists and nature enthusiasts with little technical experience in camera use. Young avoids unnecessary jargon and consistently frames her explanations in practical field scenarios accompanied by explanatory sketches. This makes the book not only a manual, but also a practical companion for solving challenges encountered during wildlife monitoring in remote and variable environments. As the author notes, the chapters follow a consistent structure, and this repetition allows readers to easily focus on specific sections of interest without needing to read the entire book from cover to cover.

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