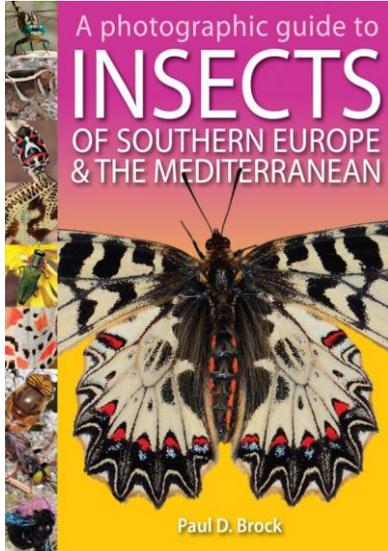


A photographic guide to INSECTS of southern Europe and the Mediterranean by Paul D. Brock.

This new and eagerly awaited book follows Paul Brock's successful 'A comprehensive guide to insects of Britain & Ireland' (Pisces 2014). Paul is a scientific associate of the Natural History Museum, London.



This ground-breaking book is the first English language book to offer a comprehensive guide to the insects of southern Europe and the Mediterranean, it has over 412 pages, covers 1,500 insect species with more than 2000 colour photographs.

The number of species in southern Europe and the Mediterranean is enormous compared to that of Britain, you would need volumes and a lifetime of research to cover them all.

This concise photographic guide covers representative species from most insect orders, including some endemic species and is an excellent identification aid.

As you can see from the sample pages, the text on one page comprises a succinct species description, habitat, season and hotspots, with small distribution maps for the different taxonomic groups, and identification photos on the facing page. Where it is thought helpful, for example for butterfly identification, male, female and underside photos are included.

Spain, Portugal and southern France are well covered, also east to the Balkans, Turkey, the Greek islands, Balearic Islands, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily and Italy. There are useful appendixes for the species covered in the book, for example references to numerous field guides, species Red Lists.

Paul's particular specialty is *Phasmids* (stick insects), but he has a wide knowledge of all insect orders.

Anyone who has been fortunate to share time in the field with him will be aware of just how knowledgeable and passionate he is.

Butterfly enthusiasts come across many insect species whilst outside of the UK, species that catch the eye yet often remain unidentified, including bugs, beetles, ants, bees, wasps, dragonflies, crickets and grasshoppers. This book will be particularly helpful for European Butterfly Group members for the identification and description of these insects.

We are very appreciative for the acknowledgements and references to European Butterflies Group (previously EIG), in this book.

Paul has been awarded the J.O. Westwood Medal 2018, from the Royal Entomological Society, for a *phasmids* paper which he co-authored.

Paul is working on other books – including 'Stick and leaf insects of the world' (NAP Editions, Paris).

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