

John Clarke

## The Spotted What!?

When a conservation and wildlife adviser called John Clarke put a small and unobtrusive advertisement in a selection of parish magazines, the response was remarkable ...

For eight years, John had been working on the remote and windswept Scottish island of Colonsay. Having returned to rural Worcestershire, his imagination was seized by the gradual disappearance of a small migrant bird, the Spotted Flycatcher.

Spurred by various sightings, John tramped the villages with his mirror-on-a-stick and documented his findings. This enchanting book, a blend of anecdote and actual scientific research, is the story of his quest for this endearing and elusive bird and of the characters who, fired by his enthusiasm, became so fervently involved in his project.

John writes with knowledge, warmth and humour. Birdwatchers will love his book. But so too will many others, those with a passion for wildlife, for the countryside, for conservation, and those with an interest in the interaction of man and nature.

John's book is a tribute to the Spotted Flycatcher and may well help to halt its decline. He *is* **The Flycatcher Man.** 



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