

52 WILDLIFE WEEKENDS

A YEAR OF BRITISH WILDLIFE-WATCHING BREAKS

By James Lowen

A completely new second edition of a perennial favourite in the illustrated 'Bradt on Britain' series.

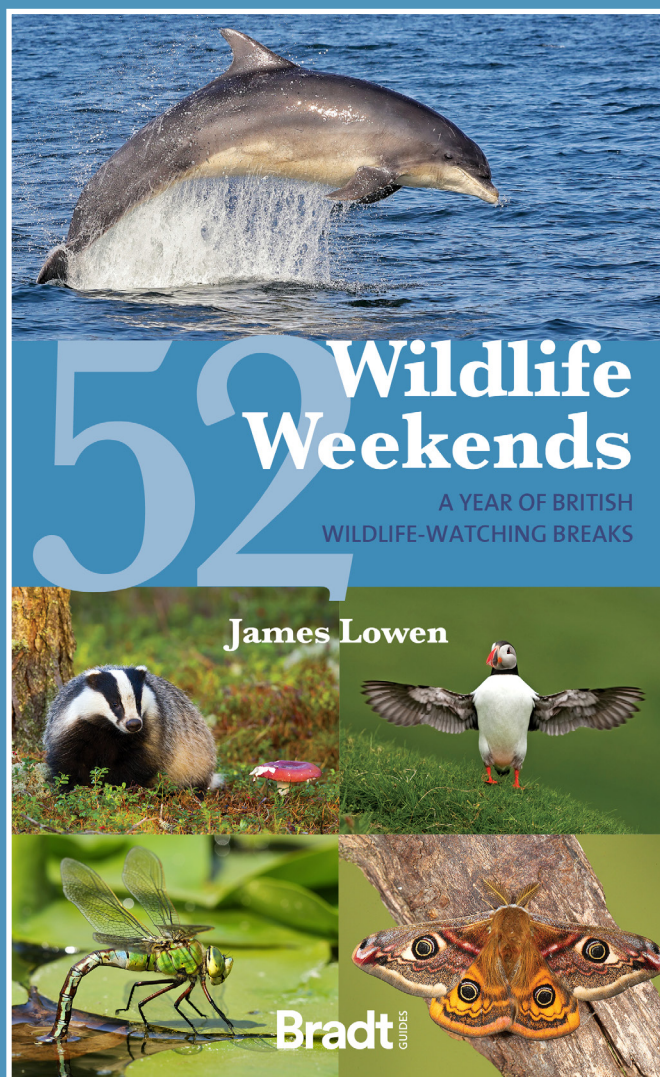
The first edition...

- Launched the thriving 'Bradt on Britain' series of colourful themed weekends guides
- Has been a steady seller for the last ten years
- Was warmly and widely reviewed – 'Book of the Issue' in three different magazines

This new edition...

- Has been thoroughly updated to reflect Britain's ever-changing natural history
- Is written by an award-winning author and experienced naturalist
- Will be supported by a far-reaching press and digital campaign

52 Wildlife Weekends suggests a year's worth of short breaks celebrating the full range of Britain's most exciting wildlife, from tiny silver-spotted skipper butterflies to gargantuan basking sharks, and from seabird skyscrapers to ostentatious orchids. Covering more than 40 counties or regions, this unique guide offers engaging descriptions, detailed directions (including grid references and postcodes), accommodation suggestions, and assessments of accessibility and (new for this edition) child-friendliness, plus 180 mouth-watering colour photographs.



Previous edition cover

52 Wildlife Weekends: A year of British wildlife-watching breaks, 2nd edition by James Lowen

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Highlights of the new edition

- Open the New Year in the land of Lagavulin and Laphroaig – on Islay in the Inner Hebrides, on a real-life wild goose chase.
- Hike across rugged, wintry moorland of Derbyshire's Dark Peak, looking for the snowy whiteness of a mountain hare.
- In early spring, be mesmerised by point-blank views of Britain's only venomous snake, whether in North Yorkshire, Gloucestershire or Suffolk.
- Marvel at some of Britain's rarest plants in the country's answer to the steppes of Central Asia: Breckland on the boundary between Norfolk and Suffolk.
- Make a pilgrimage to Devon or North Yorkshire see truly wild daffodils, the ancestors of our garden favourites.
- Laze among orchid-rich meadows and chalk downlands in Kent, on limestone pavements in Lancashire, or vibrant machair in the Outer Hebrides.
- Giggle at the comic demeanour of puffins in Pembrokeshire, East Yorkshire or Northumberland.

Praise for the first edition

- **Book of the issue!** "Beautifully written... packed with enticing images... both inspiring and practical... perfect for families, novice and even expert naturalists." *RSPB Nature's Home*
- **Book of the month!** "An indispensable resource for anyone interested in British wildlife. Visually compelling... a pleasurable and practical read that aims to inspire and inform." *Outdoor Photography*
- **Book of the month!** "Brilliant... refreshing... an invaluable, inspirational guide, and a real bargain to boot." *BBC Wildlife*
- "Really useful and well-illustrated guide - great for family adventures." *Daniel Start, Author, Wild Swimming*



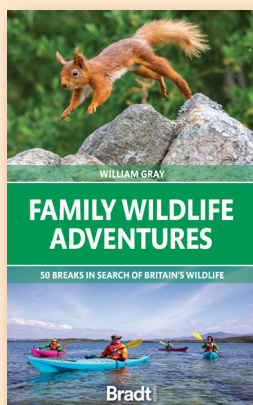
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