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Preface to the Fourth Edition

The first edition of this Dictionary appeared in 1994. This is its fourth edition and five years have elapsed since I last revised it. Once again I have taken the opportunity to add a number of terms that have come into use, or into prominence, since the third edition was published. These include brief definitions of all the animal taxa and the angiosperm clades used in the APG II scheme for plant classification. I have also removed a few entries that no longer seem relevant. Every entry has been closely scrutinized, a task made easier now that the Dictionary is stored in a readily accessible digital format. I have added a new appendix, listing major organizations representing ecologists and conservationists in Europe and English-speaking countries.

The underlying character of the Dictionary has not changed, of course, and it retains many of the contributions that shaped its earlier editions. I remain indebted to those contributors: Robin Allaby, Kenneth Gregory, Kenneth Mellanby, Peter Moore, and Tim Whitmore.

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