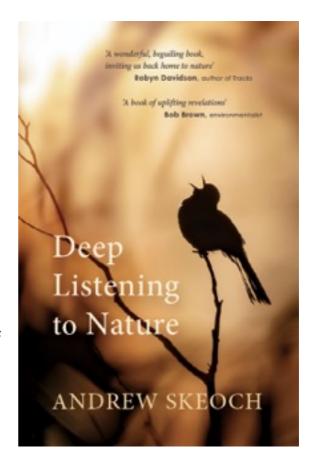
Deep Listening to Nature

by Andrew Skeoch

The soundtrack to the book: https://listeningearth.com/deeplistening/

(Andrew's) book is filled with his boots-onthe-ground, ear-to-the-bush field experiences around the world, with keen and surprising observations on sound and the stories it tells us, that make us hear the world – and understand our place in it – in a new way.

Jennifer Ackerman, author of *The Bird Way*



Deep Listening to Nature is an invitation to open our ears to the natural world.

Beginning by tuning in to the lives of creatures around us, Andrew discusses how to identify species by call, interpret their communications and find empathy for their sentience.

Part reflection, part nature and travel diary, Andrew asks the question: What does listening reveal about how the living systems of nature function, and why do birds in particular negotiate their interactions in such lyrical and extraordinary ways?

He concludes by suggesting we not only listen to learn *about* nature, but learn *from* nature. He asks how, in our current environmental crisis, we may mimic what the biosphere has achieved in sustaining life as we move toward an ecological future and in doing so, form a deeper and more personal connection to Country.

Andrew encourages us to be still and listen. Take our time. Extend our senses. Let nature get to know us, and in its own way, to welcome us.

The book is accompanied by an online soundtrack with over 250 vibrant nature recordings which bring the text to life.

Testimonials:

Robyn Davidson, author of Tracks

"A wonderful, beguiling book, inviting us back home to nature, from which only delusion has estranged us."

Bob Brown, conservationist and former senator

"A book of uplifting revelations"

Dr Sue Gould, conservation ecologist

"It reads like a love letter to nature. I felt I was on a journey into becoming a listener, and I didn't want the journey to stop."

Dr Lynne Kelly, AM, author of *The Memory Code*, *Memory Craft & Songlines*.

"This fascinating book is a convincing argument for why we must listen to our environment and all within it. It also shows us the pleasure and privilege which awaits anyone who is willing to listen deeply."

Brian Walters, AM SC

"I was very moved reading this, I feel Andrew offers people a whole new insight into our relationship with the world. This book will be loved by many, and help us return closer to the Earth."

Kristin Gill, publishing consultant.

"I loved **Deep Listening to Nature** and found it both meditative and moving to read – an antidote to the trauma of world events going on around us. The vicarious travel to some of the most remote areas of the world was a wonderful added bonus – a peek not just at the landscape, but the biodiversity and sounds of the natural habitat. What a joy."

Andrew Skeoch Biography:

Andrew is an educator, naturalist, environmental thinker, and one of Australia's best-known nature sound recordists.

Over the last thirty years, he has documenting the sounds of wild environments around the planet, and to date published over one hundred recordings featuring habitats from most continents. These albums consistently attract Spotify streaming figures in the many tens of thousands a week.

Andrew is an experienced public speaker, having given presentations ranging from local community and school groups to university students. He has delivered radio features, keynote addresses and a <u>TEDx talk</u>, weaving spectacular recordings with visual analysis to engage a wide diversity of audiences.

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