



Greenshanks

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Buteo Books, 1979. Hardcover. Condition: New. Complete natural history with illustrations by Donald Watson. Desmond Nethersole-Thompson has been studying his favorite bird, the greenshank *Tringa nebularia*, since May 1931. He told the story of his early research - much of it in Spey Valley, Inverness - in *The Greenshank*, published in the *New Naturalist* series in 1951. That class, long out of print, is now a collector's item. This new book owes much to the interest, almost an obsession, of the Nethersole-Thompson family. The two girls and four boys, as well as both parents, now work as a team in the wild and beautiful north-west Highlands of Scotland. *Greenshanks* has drawn heavily on the team's field notebooks. In the gneiss country of Sutherland, so different from the forest bogs of Spey Valley, Fenno-Scandia and the Soviet Union, they have particularly concentrated on the greenshank's displays and breeding, food and feeding behavior and its remarkable voice. There can be few long-term projects on waders to equal this made by the Nethersole-Thompsons, and there are valuable specialist contributions by other eminent ornithologists. *Greenshanks* is a major contribution to bird studies and takes its place beside Desmond Nethersole-Thompson's four earlier monographs. The illustrations in...



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