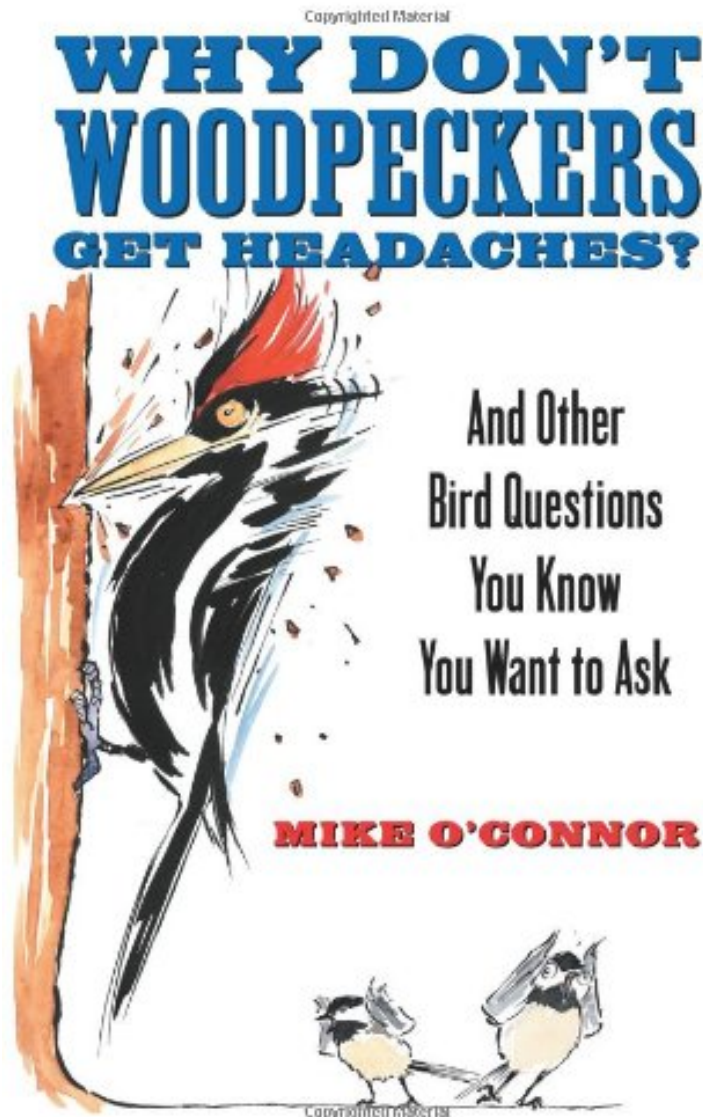


[Get free] Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?: And Other Bird Questions You Know You Want to Ask

Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?: And Other Bird Questions You Know You Want to Ask

Mike O'Connor

*ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#589906 in Books Random HouseModel: RH0807085745 2007-04-15 2007-04-15Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.49 x .60 x 5.50l, .61 #File Name: 080708574X224 pages | File size: 70.Mb

Mike O'Connor : Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?: And Other Bird Questions You Know You Want to Ask before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?: And Other Bird Questions You Know You Want to Ask:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Highly Entertaining
By J. head Perhaps the most entertaining book about birds ever written. This book is a collection of the author's newspaper columns entitled, "Ask the Bird Folks". These excerpts discuss questions that the general public is concerned with, or that the author has repeatedly answered in his Bird-watchers Store on Cape Cod. Common questions such as, How do you squirrel proof your bird feeder, or If I keep the bird feeder full of food will the birds still migrate South for Winter, to more exotic ornithological questions. The author, Mike O'Connor, answers these questions along with some related facts usually couched in between some hilarious zingers thrown out at the questioner's expense. All in all the book is a good balance of factual material with humor and a down-to-earth commonsense style. Kudos to the author. A very good book for short segmented reading opportunities.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and informational
By LizMike regularly writes a bird advice column on the Bourne, Massachusetts Courier weekly publication. My neighbor got me hooked on this and had to get the whole book. Every response elicits an outburst of laughter.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love this writer
By patricia harman Love this writer. I learn more about birds from his books than a regular bird guide. He also is really funny. I'm a fan.

In 1983, Mike O'Connor opened the Bird Watcher's General Store on Cape Cod, which might well have been the first store devoted solely to birding in the United States. Since that time he has answered thousands of questions about birds, both at his store and while walking down the aisles of the supermarket. The questions have ranged from inquiries about individual species ("Are flamingos really real?") to what and when to feed birds ("Should I bring in my feeders for the summer?") to the down-and-dirty specifics of backyard birding ("Why are the birds dropping poop in my pool?"). Answering the questions has been easy; keeping a straight face has been hard. *Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?* is the solution for the beginning birder who already has a book that explains the slight variation between Common Ground-Doves and Ruddy Ground-Doves but who is really much more interested in why birds sing at 4:30 A.M. instead of 7:00 A.M., or whether it's okay to feed bread to birds, or how birds rediscover your feeders so quickly when you've just filled them after a long vacation. Or, for that matter, whether flamingos are really real.

From Publishers Weekly
Cape Codder columnist O'Connor ("Ask the Bird Folks") illuminates his intricate, arcane area of expertise through jovial insider explanations that will enlighten as well as entertain ornithophiles, average backyard birdwatchers and even nonbirders. O'Connor's humorous birding columns are organized into sections on ways to attract specific species, food, unusual birds, habitats, equipment and more. Among many wry but practical answers to tongue-in-cheek and sincere questions, O'Connor explains why birdseed is healthier for birds than white bread (empty calories), but plain (not sugared) doughnuts are also better than bread. He debunks the "old wives' tale" of ostriches hiding their heads in the sand—on the open savanna they just drop their heads to the ground hoping to appear like a bush to a predator in the distance. As for the woodpecker, it has "evolved a rather tough head. Its larger brain case prevents concussions, and the muscle and bone structure at the base of the bill serves as a shock absorber. The avian equivalent in tone and expertise to NPR's Car Talk Magliozzi brothers, O'Connor should net a wider audience with this amusing collection. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Mike O'Connor knows birds—I mean, REALLY knows them. He can deliver the straight scoop with a hilarious twist that makes it unforgettable. Reading this book is almost as much fun as bird watching, and that's saying a lot!"—Kenn Kaufman, author of the Kaufman Field Guide to the Birds of North America
About the Author
Mike O'Connor is the owner of Bird Watcher's General Store on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. His column, "Ask the Bird Folks," appears in the Cape Codder newspaper and his writing has been included in *Good Birders Don't Wear White* and *The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2004*. The author of *Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?* and *Why Do Bluebirds Hate Me?*, he lives in Orleans, Massachusetts, where, try as he may, he cannot entice even a single bluebird to come to his yard.