

# Professor Jim Green, 1928–2016



Jim Green, an outstanding biologist, published over 200 papers, including eight in the prestigious *Journal Nature*. He was a member of over fifteen learned societies and was also a long-standing member of the RFS, regularly attending the AGMs along with his wife Mary. In 1969 he was appointed Professor of Zoology at Westfield College, London, eventually becoming Head of Department in 1980. His expertise ranged from aquatic biology and taxonomy to ornithology and interactions of organisms in, particularly freshwater, foodwebs and ecosystems. Above all he was a taxonomist, collector, explorer and cataloguer with a passion for understanding nature. He had a remarkable memory and was an inspirational teacher and

PhD supervisor. He was also very well read and a great overseas traveller, especially when there was an opportunity to engage in research in which he was at his happiest when collecting samples. His interests also extended to church woodwork, publishing in 2008 a booklet entitled 'The carved spandrels of Saint Peter and St Paul's Church, Northleach', which included scale drawings done by himself. Additionally, using his botanical knowledge and that of the language of flowers he also helped to identify plant species painted on Fancy chairs. Jim died on the 28 January 2016 and is survived by his wife Mary and daughters Rachel and Helen.

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