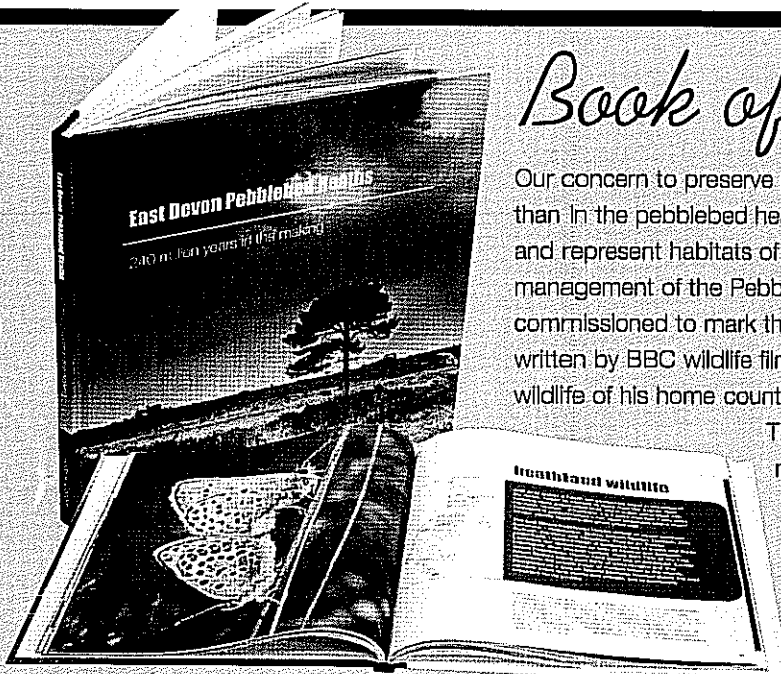


Book of the Month



Our concern to preserve places that are fragile and precious is nowhere more apparent than in the pebblebed heaths of East Devon, which have taken 240 million years to create and represent habitats of international importance. They are now under the care and management of the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust and this book was commissioned to mark the launch of the Trust and to tell the story of the heaths. It is written by BBC wildlife film-maker Andrew Cooper who lives in Devon and has studied the wildlife of his home county for his many popular documentaries.

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