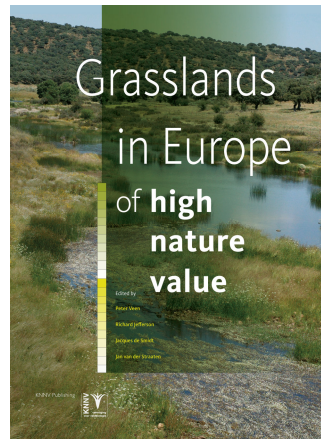


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A tribute to European grasslands

Europe's agricultural landscapes are home to a large variety of plants and animals. This rich biodiversity has been shaped through centuries of low-intensity farming. The new book *Grasslands in Europe – of high nature value* provides a unique overview of these important ecosystems. Twenty-four case studies and a wealth of full-colour photographs will appeal to specialists and amateurs alike. Complemented with accessible background information, the book provides a strong case for the protection of European grasslands.



Grasslands are an **important element of European nature**. About half of Europe's endemic species depend on grasslands, whether in mountains, lowlands, river plains or coastal areas. Many grasslands originate in **traditional agricultural landscapes**. Modern intensification, however, brings many of these ecosystems **under threat**.

Grasslands in Europe – of high nature value is a **tribute to these important ecosystems**. It was written by an international team of **grassland experts**, who describe **twenty-four case studies** from countries in all of Europe – ranging from the grasslands of Gotland and Öland (Sweden) to the Spanish Dehesa, and from the hay meadows of the British Pennine Dales to the steppes of Turkish Anatolia.

Together, these case studies provide a fascinating glimpse into the various European grasslands, their **value for nature, culture and agriculture**, and the **threats** they are facing today. The accessible text as well as the rich illustrations will appeal to a wide audience. *Grasslands in Europe* contains a large number of stunning **full-colour photographs** of grassland landscapes, species and cultural history. It also contains many maps and infographics.

Thematic chapters provide essential **background information** on topics such as grassland fauna, the history of agriculture, grassland communities, and the connection between grasslands and climate. The book also analyses the opportunities and risks of **EU policy** to conserve these grasslands. It offers a **farmer-centred outlook** to manage and to maintain the European grasslands of high nature value.

This book was written **for both specialists and the broader audience**, including policy makers and land owners. It combines the latest insights into the variety of grasslands in Europe and potential conservation measures. As such, *Grasslands in Europe* provides a powerful argument for **increased European efforts** to promote sustainable grasslands management and maintain traditional farming traditions.

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