

Guide to Green Publications

This is a selected “primer” of information prepared by the **Green Web** for people who want to start looking into the green movement. It was originally prepared in January 1990 and is now being reissued in a revised form, in February 1991, to reflect changes in the green movement as seen in publications. It reflects our sense of what is important, but we would like to emphasize that it is selective and that there are other sources of information. Publications (books and magazines) which we consider crucial are indicated as “recommended”.

Recommended Books

Christopher Manes, **Green Rage: Radical Environmentalism and the Unmaking of Civilization**, 1990. A good and sympathetic history of the Earth First! movement, which the author has been a participant in. Major weakness of this book is when it tries to be analytical and place environmentalism in a larger context. This book does not have an anti-capitalist perspective and is very “American”.

Brian Tokar, **The Green Alternative: Creating an Ecological Future**, 1987, paperback. A good book to read for a feel of what the green movement in the United States is all about. Gives the positive and negative sides of various questions that greens face. Social ecology perspective with basic assumptions, such as: local organizing to bring about national change; non-violence; and anarchism. The projected green models seem curiously speculative and contrast with the factual descriptions of the degradation of the ecosphere.

Aldo Leopold, **A Sand County Almanac**, first published in 1949, paperback. This is a fundamental book for the green movement from the former American forester and wilderness philosopher. It shows the shift for Leopold from a human-centered to a biocentric perspective. The phrase “Thinking like a mountain” comes from this book, as does the outlining of “The Land Ethic”, which gives a philosophical perspective to oppose the ecological devastation of pulpwood forestry in Nova Scotia.

John Seed, Joanna Macy, Pat Fleming and Arne Naess, **Thinking like a Mountain: Towards a Council of All Beings**, 1988, paperback. The Council of All Beings is a mechanism to help people extend their sense of self-identity to include the well-being of the Earth and then to act on this.

Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood, editors, **Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching**, second edition, 1987, paperback. For obvious reasons there will be no eulogy for this book, which is well illustrated. To obtain a copy send \$15.5 U.S., to Nedd Ludd Books, P.O. Box 5141, Tucson, Arizona 85703, U.S.A.

Rudolf Bahro, **Socialism and Survival**, 1982; **From Red to Green**, 1984; **Building the Green Movement**, 1986. All these books are in paperback. Bahro, a German, is a major thinker and has had an important influence on the European Green Movement.

Werner Hulsberg, **The German Greens: A Social and Political Profile**, 1988, paperback.

Sara Parkin, **Green Parties: An International Guide**, 1989, paperback. Parkin has been influential in the European Greens. This book is often insightful, but has a definite anti-left bias, and is fixated on the ballot box and the parliamentary road.

Bill Devall and George Sessions, **Deep Ecology: Living as if Nature Mattered**, 1985. This is perhaps the “text” of the deep ecology movement. It is a difficult and confusing book to read but contains some

basic ideas.

Recommended Journals

Glacial Erratic, four issues a year. A lively activist and theoretical journal, which has a biocentric forestry focus, and contains material from radical environmentalists on both sides of the border. Subscription is \$12.5 U.S. Write: RFD 1, Box 530, North Stratford, New Hampshire 03590, U.S.A.

Earth First! – published eight times a year. Canadian subscription \$30 U.S. Write: POB 5176, Missoula, Montana 59806, U.S.A. We have only seen one issue of this publication with the “new management” team, so it is too early to say whether this will be a “recommended” publication.

Wild Earth – journal published quarterly. For Canadian subscription information write: POD 492, Canton, NY 13617, U.S.A. This is a new journal, yet to appear, with the “old management” team from Earth First! A similar caution applies about whether this will be a “recommended” publication.

Green Letter/Greener Times – this is the journal of the American Green Committees of Correspondence, and is essential reading for those who want to follow developments in the green movement in the U.S. For Canadian subscription information, write: P.O. Box 14141, San Francisco, California 94114, U.S.A.

Earth Island Journal – published quarterly. This is the Time Magazine of the environmental movement, in that it summarizes quite a lot of information. For Canadian subscription information write: Earth Island Institute, 300 Broadway, Suite 28, San Francisco, California 94133, U.S.A.

Capitalism, Nature, Socialism: A Journal of Socialist Ecology – published presently three times annually. This is an international journal looking at the relationship between ecology and socialism. All the various theoretical tendencies can be found in this publication, although the main focus is ecological Marxism. For Canadian subscription information, write: Capitalism, Nature, Socialism, Guilford Publications, Attn: Journals Department, 72 Spring Street, New York, NY 10012, U.S.A.

Environmental Ethics: An Interdisciplinary Journal Dedicated To The Philosophical Aspects Of Environmental Problems – published quarterly. Subscription \$18 U.S. a year. Some important theoretical questions are discussed in this journal, although some of the articles are quite obscure. Write: Environmental Ethics, Department of Philosophy, P.O. Box 13496, The University of North Texas, Denton, Texas 76203—3496, U.S.A.

The Ecologist – published six times a year, in England. Subscription \$30 U.S. a year. This is the leading academic, international green journal, read worldwide. Write: The Ecologist, MIT Press Journals, 55 Hayward Street, Cambridge, MA 02142, U.S.A.

Wilderness Alberta: The Newsmagazine of the Alberta Wilderness Association – quarterly. Subscription \$15 a year. This is probably the best environmental magazine in Canada, with many concrete, well-researched articles on wilderness and wildlife issues. Write: Box 6398, Station D, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2E1.

Other Journals

Green Line – a monthly magazine of green politics and lifestyle focused on the United Kingdom, published ten times a year. This is a critical and insightful journal, which we consider a “recommended” publication for ourselves. For Canadian subscription rates write: Editorial Collective, Green Line, 34

Cowley Road, Oxford, England OX4 1HZ.

The Trumpeter: Journal of Ecosophy – quarterly. Subscription \$15. A very esoteric magazine, detached from practical activity. Write: Lightstar Press, P.O. Box 5853, Station B, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6S8.

Ontario Green News – published three times a year by the Ontario Greens. Subscription \$10 for six issues. This is the best of the “party” journals in Canada. Write: P.O. Box 3901, Station C, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4M5.

Green Party News – published quarterly by the Green Party of B.C. Subscription is \$10 a year. Write: 831 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V5L 3W6.

Green Notes – a newsletter of the Green Party of Newfoundland and Labrador. For information write: Ian Hare, Newsletter Coordinator, 37 Young Street, St. John’s, Newfoundland A1C 1Y6.

Green Multilogue – aims to come out six times a year. Subscription \$18 a year. This publication serves as a vehicle for discussion among greens across Canada. There is no censorship, but the insightfulness of the submissions varies enormously. Write: Michael Tegtmeyer, collator/publisher, 390 Jones Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4J 3G3.

The New Catalyst – quarterly. This was, at one time, the best green publication in Canada. Then a decision was made, without any readership consultation, to use the magazine as a vehicle to primarily sell books. Write: Box 189, Gabriola Island, B.C. V0R 1X0.

Canadian Dimension – this is a socialist newsmagazine, published eight times a year, which has some green content in each issue. For current subscription information write: CD, 707-228 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1N7.

Journal Of Pesticide Reform – published quarterly. Subscription for Canadians \$20. This journal, although conservative, has been the best source of information on pesticides. Write: c/c NCAP, P.O. Box 1393, Eugene, Oregon 97440, U.S.A.

Alternatives: Perspectives On Society, Technology And Environment – quarterly. This journal seems to be mainly a vehicle for academics who are teaching environmental studies in the universities, or graduate students, to publish their material. Conservative, often condescending in tone towards activists, and with many articles burdened with details and little insightful analysis. Write for subscription information to: Alternatives, Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1.

Rachel’s Hazardous Waste News – weekly one page newsletter, “Providing news and resources to the Movement for Environmental Justice.” Differing subscription rates. We have found this information source to be very helpful. It is put out by people who go through the scientific literature and popularize this material. Strong on toxics. Write: Environmental Research Foundation, P.O. Box 73700, Washington, DC 20056-3700, U.S.A.

Between The Issues – a periodical of Ecology Action Centre, and a voice for the mainstream environmental movement in Nova Scotia. For subscription information write: 3115 Veith Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 3G9.

Green Web publications – there are about 27 Bulletins dealing with various theoretical and practical issues of interest to the green and environmental movements.

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