

GOUMBOOK.COM, THE FIRST GREEN WEBSITE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

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Introduction: Goumbook aims to become the main reference on green practices for environmentally conscious people and businesses across the GCC&MENA Region. It is an online information resource that provides consumers with the latest green news, issues, people, products and trends.

The main components: The comprehensive Green Directory, the first in the Middle East and North Africa, helps consumers, retailers, distributors and manufacturers interact and source products, services and materials; whether they are a business looking for sustainable raw materials, a traveler looking for eco-tours and wildlife, a volunteer looking to join an environmental organization, or someone who is just trying to get their arms around this new and evolving way of life. The Green News section is dedicated to give information about new products and services available in the Middle East, to spread awareness on environmental initiatives in the region, to report on local wildlife and endangered species and to shine the spotlight on associations and organizations working tirelessly to support their environment.

The Eco Calendar lists all the green events in the region and worldwide covering green initiatives, campaigns, forums or conferences focused on the environment and its resources.

Why "goum": The word *goum* finds its origins in the Classical Arabic terms *qum*, "stand up", and *qawm*, word used in bedouin times to describe a group of people living together according to an ethic of self-help and collective responsibility. In Farsi *ghoum* means people.

Goumbook aims to make all of us stand up for a green ideal uniting towards a better world, sharing facts, ideas and advice on how to live an eco-friendly life in the era of real-time information. Anything we can do to curb pollution, conserve our natural resources and reduce our negative impact on our environment is a good thing for this and future generations.

Conclusion: Goumbook has taken steps to play its part in reducing the global carbon footprint by becoming a "green certified site" and thus ensuring that the website is carbon neutral. Goumbook is the Region's first green platform that wants to capture a local and international network of people concerned about the future of the Planet in general, and the Region in particular, sharing their social and business green lives.

BSAVA Manual of Raptors, Pigeons and Passerine Birds

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The British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) Manual of Raptors, Pigeons and Passerine Birds replaces the popular BSAVA Manual of Raptors, Pigeons and Waterfowl published back in 1996. The new BSAVA Manual has been extensively revised and extended making it basically a complete new book. This new Manual contains 37 chapters and four appendices, over 153 tables and an outstanding 660 colour photographs. After the introduction, three chapters deal with the husbandry and management techniques of the three groups of birds. The next 11 chapters address basic aspects of avian medicine, from an essential review

on anatomy and physiology to the most sophisticated diagnostic and surgical procedures. Raptor medicine is dealt in 11 chapters, while six chapters are allocated to pigeon and four to passerine bird medicine. The last chapter addresses the all important legal, zoonotic and ethical considerations. The larger number of chapters dedicated to raptor medicine is a testimony to how advanced and specialised raptor medicine has become over the years against other groups of birds. The Manual is well balanced combining mostly short sections of solid text with highly illustrative images and tables to simplify understanding at a glance. The BSAVA Manual of Raptors, Pigeons and Passerine Birds is a master piece produced by experienced and highly qualified authorities and it should find its way to the library of every Veterinary Surgeon working with birds.

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A full review of the book by Dr Jaime Samour is posted on the WME News website along with the following 3 low resolution pdf chapters of the book:

Chapter 17. Disorders of the Feet (Tom Bailey and Chris Lloyd)

Chapter 20. Respiratory Problems (Tom Bailey)

Chapter 23. Gastrointestinal tract disease (Chris Lloyd)

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