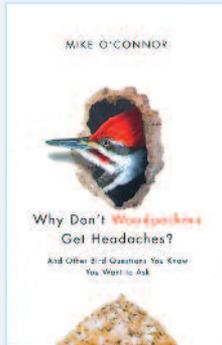


## BOOK REVIEWS

### Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?

2007. *Mike O'Connor*.  
Fitzhenry and Whiteside,  
Markham, Ontario.  
210 pages,  
14 x 21.5 cm. \$14.95.  
ISBN 978-1-55455-041-8.

This is a Canadian edition of a compilation of some of the questions and answers the author has dealt with as the owner of a Bird Watchers store, and author of a newspaper column, on Cape Cod. It deals with things an average backyard bird watcher might want to know, including: ways to attract birds to the yard, food for them, feeders, birdbaths, basic binoculars and birding books, dealing with more aggressive birds and squirrels, some identification problems, a selection of species people seem to want to know more about, and an assortment of "odd topics". The book is very much intended for people with casual interest in birds they may see in their back yard.



The answers to the questions seem more concerned with entertaining than in providing information. They are wordy and sometimes leave one wondering what the answer was. There are some statements, not meant to be humorous, that I would question, but there are no source references. Apparently some of the information even comes from eavesdropping at a bus stop. In general, the information that is there is sound, but if you want serious answers to questions, there are better places to look. For beginning birders, for people just interested in enjoying birds at home, and for those that will enjoy something humorous to read about birds, this is entertaining, and will provide basic information on a variety of topics.

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