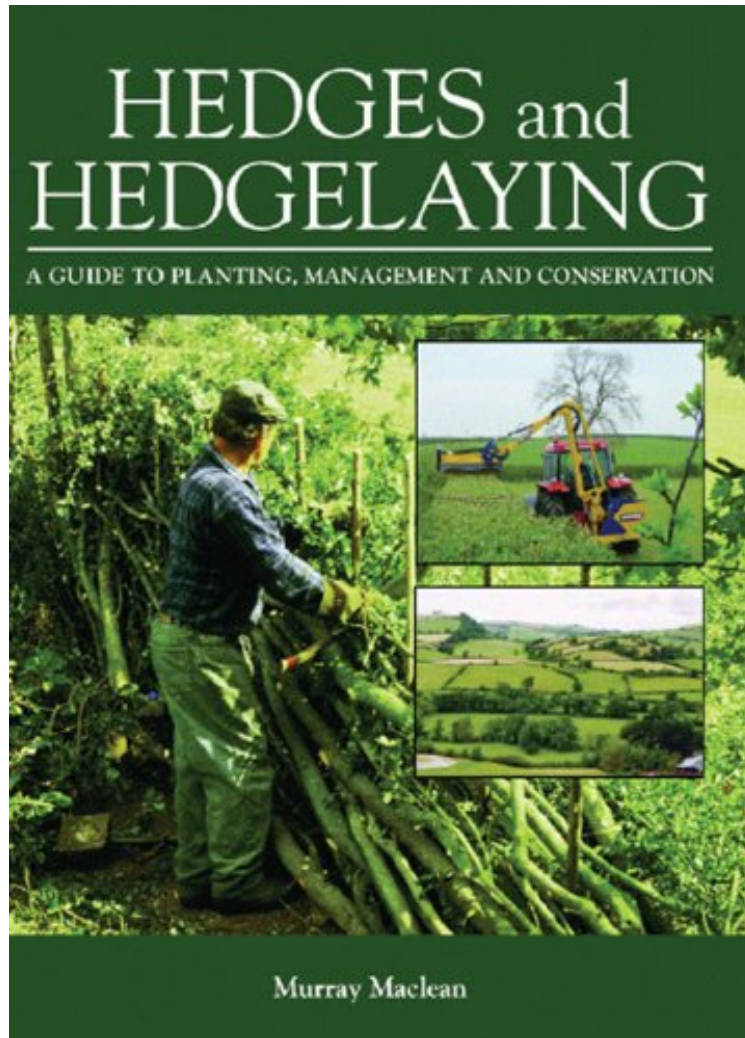


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In recent years there has been a much greater appreciation of the enormous contribution that hedges make to the countryside. Today, their beauty, their ability to provide wind protection and contain livestock, their environmental importance, and their significance as a wildlife habitat are all widely recognized. Not surprisingly, this transformation in the way we view hedges has, in turn, produced a welcome revival in the ancient craft of hedgelaying. Whether you own hedges, are thinking of growing them, or just have an interest in hedgerows this fascinating, well-illustrated book will be of value to you. This guide contains a wealth of practical information, covering the selection of hedgerow shrubs and trees and the associated significance of soil types and topography; the planting of hedges and the necessary preparation work; the use of trees in the hedgerow and the value of field margins; weed, pest, and disease control, and hedge cutting, maintenance, and protection; and the craft of hedgelaying and the tools and processes involved.

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