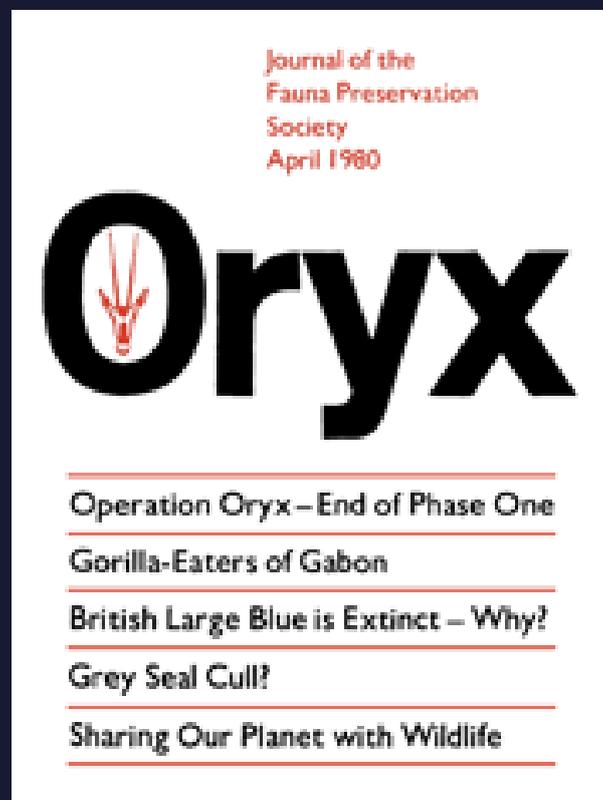
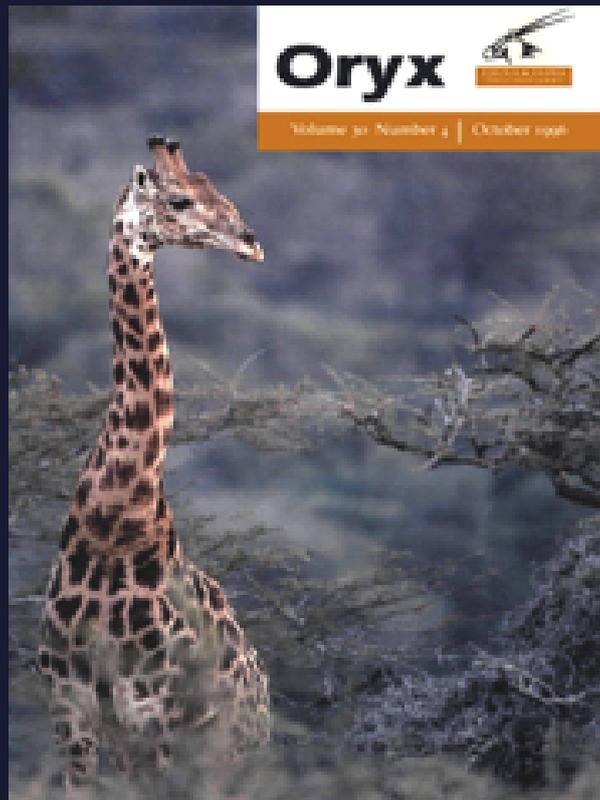


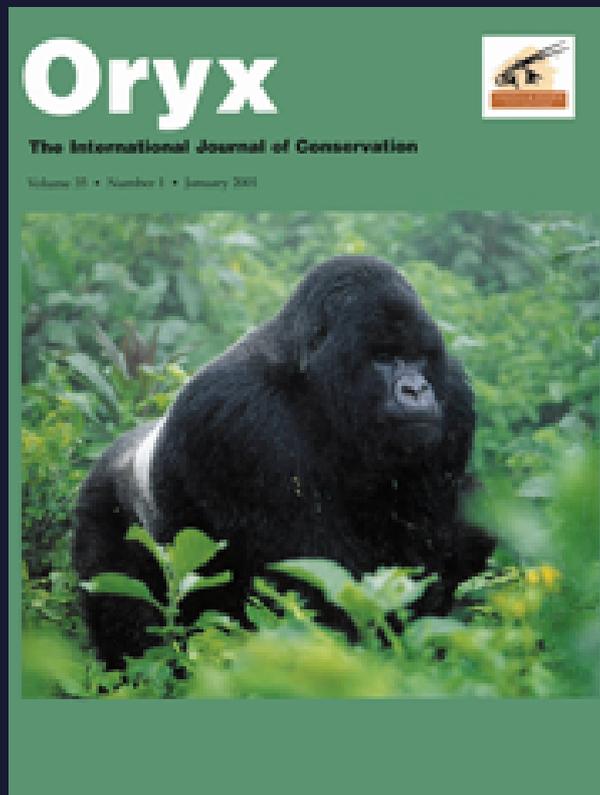
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Oryx

Oryx history

Oryx first appeared long before conservation science was recognized as a scientific discipline and for many years it was the only journal that published material concerned with international wildlife conservation. The Society that later became Fauna & Flora published the first issue of its *Journal* in 1904, the year following its formation. The *Journal of the Society for the Preservation of the Wild Fauna of the Empire* originated as little more than an in-house logbook in which the society recorded its members' conservation concerns, aspirations and activities, and the minutes of meetings.

The *Journal* evolved into a more comprehensive publication that incorporated contributions not only from the Society's own members but also from others with an interest in conservation. Authors of articles believed that conservation mattered, they wanted to disseminate information and they wanted something to be done about particular conservation problems.

As well as being the only place for early conservationists to publish articles, the *Journal* also served as the only regular source of conservation news. Its *Editorial Notes* section, now *Conservation News* and *Briefly*, recorded the establishment of new nature reserves, status of species, enactment of conservation legislation, appointments of game wardens, and the result of the Society's conservation endeavours in many parts of the globe.

After passing through several variations of its original name, the journal became *Oryx*, with Volume 1 published in 1950. In 1983, with a new format and design, its first Editorial Board and a systematic peer review process, *Oryx* was relaunched as a quarterly academic journal. With more content being published each year, the journal moved to a bimonthly publication schedule in 2020. In 2021, *Oryx* became a fully [open access](#) journal, enabling readers around the world to freely access, download and share research published in the journal.

If you would like to find out more about the fascinating story of Fauna & Flora and *Oryx*, you may find the book [*With Honourable Intent*](#) of great interest.