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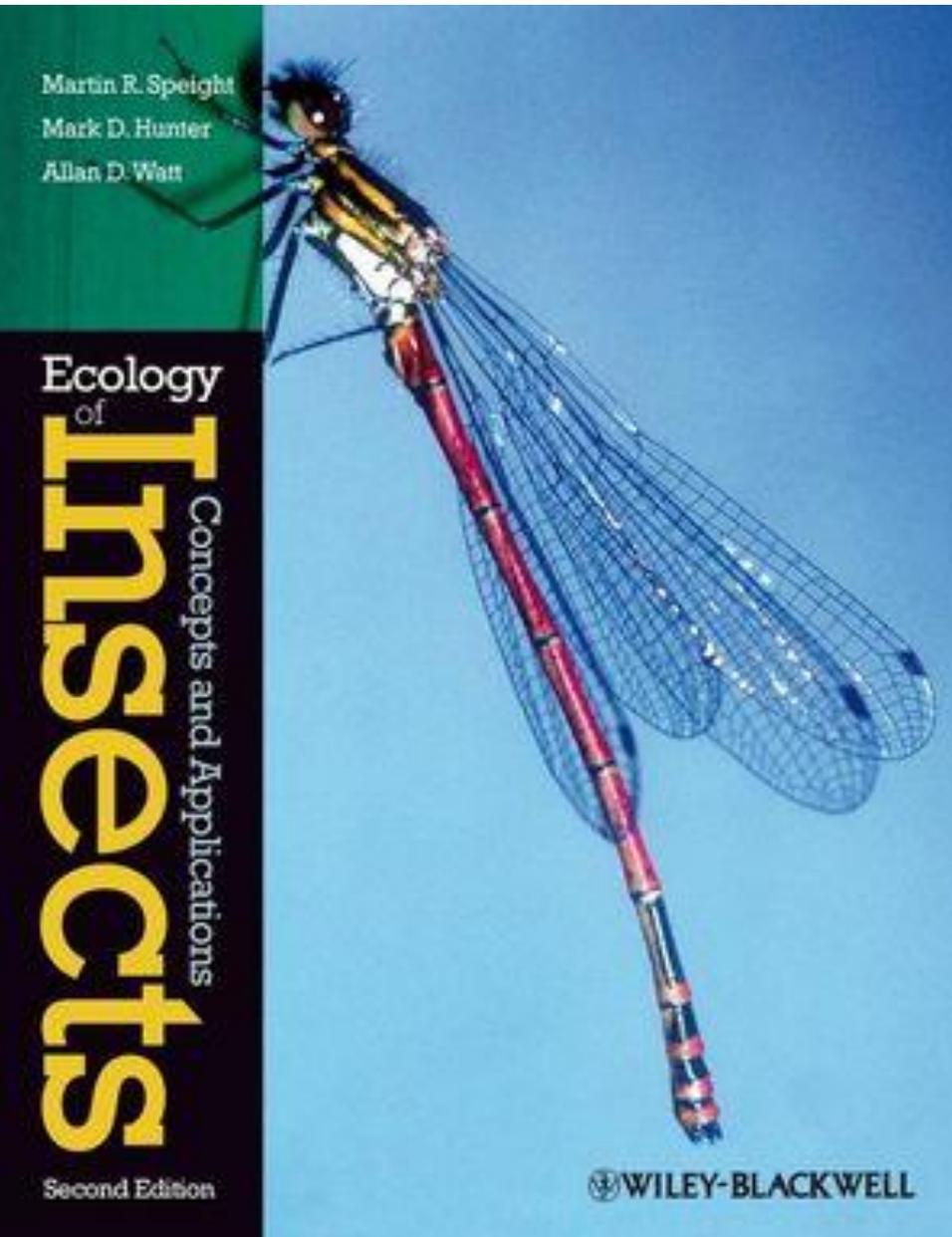
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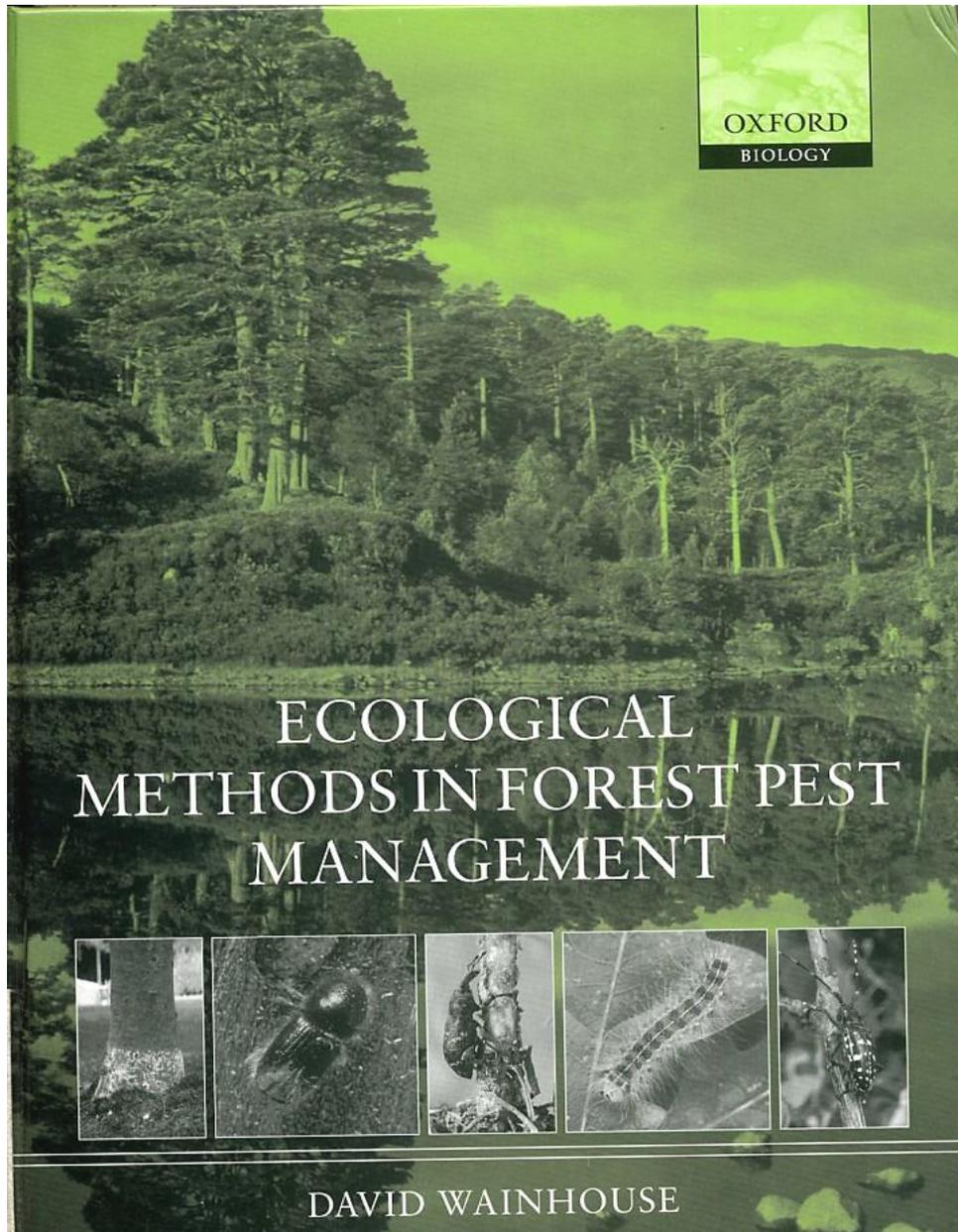


## Textbooks



1. An Overview of Insect Ecology.
2. Insects and Climate.
3. Insect Herbivores.
4. Resource Limitation.
5. Natural Enemies and Insect Population Dynamics.
6. Evolutionary Ecology.
7. Physiological Ecology.
8. Insects in Ecosystems.
9. Biodiversity.
10. Insect Conservation.
11. Insects and Diseases.
12. Insect Pest Management.

# Textbooks



**Chapter 1 Forests and pest management**

**Chapter 2 Plant health**

**Chapter 3 Risk, monitoring and prediction**

**Chapter 4 The role of silviculture**

**Chapter 5 Resistance to attack by pests and pathogens**

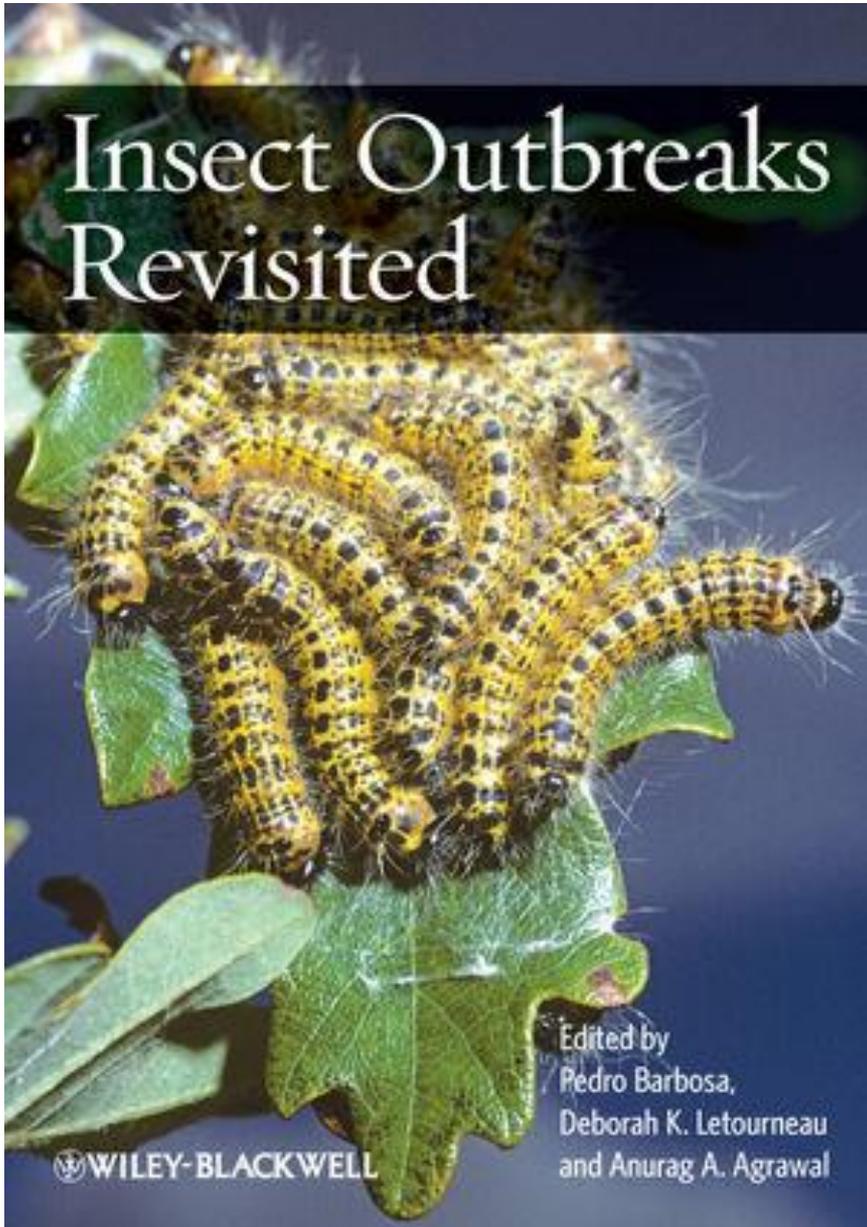
**Chapter 6 Biological control**

**Chapter 7 Microbial control**

**Chapter 8 Semiochemicals**

**Chapter 9 Integrated pest management**

# Textbooks



## **PART I PHYSIOLOGY AND LIFE HISTORY PERSPECTIVES 1**

1 Insect Herbivore Outbreaks Viewed through a Physiological Framework: Insights from Orthoptera 3

*Spencer T. Behmer and Anthony Joern*

2 The Dynamical Effects of Interactions between Inducible Plant Resistance and Food Limitation during Insect Outbreaks 30

*Karen C. Abbott*

3 Immune Responses and Their Potential Role in Insect Outbreaks 47

*J. Gwen Shlichta and Angela M. Smilanich*

4 The Role of Ecological Stoichiometry in Outbreaks of Insect Herbivores 71

*Eric M. Lind and Pedro Barbosa*

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5 Plant-Induced Responses and Herbivore Population Dynamics 91

*André Kessler, Katja Poveda, and Erik H. Poelman*

6 Spatial Synchrony of Insect Outbreaks 113

*Andrew M. Liebhold, Kyle J. Haynes, and Ottar N. Bjørnstad*

7 What Tree-Ring Reconstruction Tells Us about Conifer Defoliator Outbreaks 126

*Ann M. Lynch*

8 Insect-Associated Microorganisms and Their Possible Role in Outbreaks 155

*Yasmin J. Cardoza, Richard W. Hofstetter, and Fernando E. Vega*

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9 Life History Traits and Host Plant Use in Defoliators and Bark Beetles: Implications for Population Dynamics 177

*Julia Koricheva, Maartje J. Klapwijk, and Christer Björkman*

10 The Ecological Consequences of Insect Outbreaks 197

*Louie H. Yang*

11 Insect Outbreaks in Tropical Forests: Patterns, Mechanisms, and Consequences 219

*Lee A. Dyer, Walter P. Carson, and Egbert G. Leigh Jr.*

12 Outbreaks and Ecosystem Services 246

*Timothy D. Schowalter*

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*Conrad C. Labandeira*

14 Implications of Host-Associated Differentiation in the Control of Pest Species 291

*Raul F. Medina*

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16 Resistance to Transgenic Crops and Pest Outbreaks 341

*Bruce E. Tabashnik and Yves Carrière*

17 Natural Enemies and Insect Outbreaks in Agriculture: A Landscape Perspective 355

*J. Megan Woltz, Benjamin P. Werling, and Douglas A. Landis*

18 Integrated Pest Management – Outbreaks Prevented, Delayed, or Facilitated? 371

*Deborah K. Letourneau*

19 Insect Invasions: Lessons from Biological Control of Weeds 395

*Peter B. McEvoy, Fritz S. Grevstad, and Shon S. Schooler*

20 Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Outbreak Potential 429

*Maartje J. Klapwijk, Matthew P. Avres, Andrea Battisti, and Stig Larsson*

## Learning objectives:

1. Biodiversity
2. Invasive species
3. Structure of forest insect communities and ecological guilds
4. Population dynamics of forest insect pests
5. How forest insects respond to abiotic drivers
6. How forest insects respond to biotic drivers: plant quality
7. How forest insects respond to biotic drivers: competition
8. How forest insects respond to biotic drivers: natural enemies
9. Ecological management of insect pest populations