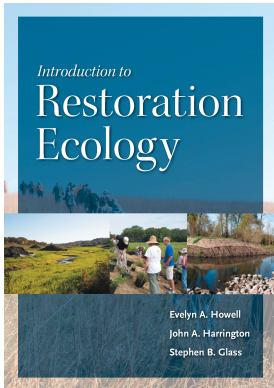




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Introduction to Restoration Ecology

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Washington, D.C. (December 2011) — Restoration ecology is a young field that integrates theory and knowledge from a range of disciplines, including the biological, physical, and social sciences as well as the humanities. This new textbook, written for upper-division undergraduates and first-year graduate students, offers a real-life introduction to the field and an interdisciplinary overview of the theory behind it.

Introduction to Restoration Ecology was developed by ecologists and landscape architects, each of whom has been involved in restoration research and practice for many years. The main purpose of the textbook is to provide a framework that can be used to guide restoration decisions anywhere on the globe, both now and in the future. It is organized around a restoration process that has been tested and revised by the authors in their restoration ecology courses taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison over the past thirty years.

Both professors and students will appreciate the pedagogical structure, which includes

- Learning Objectives at the opening of each chapter;
- Food for Thought questions at end of each chapter, as well as intermittently within the chapters;
- Key Concepts and Resources for Further Study at end of each chapter;
- a glossary at the end of the book;
- case studies within each chapter.

The open and inviting design, color photos, figures, tables, and graphs throughout sets this book apart from any other textbook in the field. Most importantly, the book presents restoration as an exciting new field that will make students eager to engage inside and outside of the classroom.

Introduction to Restoration Ecology isn't just a textbook however; it is an interactive educational experience that goes beyond the words in a book. Video content, which can be found at the

book's [YouTube channel](#), will be integral to the students' understanding of the material of the course. We have created a website that will offer teaching tools to support both classroom-based and online instruction, including a graphics package, additional case studies that can be found only online, sample exercises and activities, and a forthcoming [online Instructor's Manual](#). Online content will enhance the information found in the textbook and provide content in alternative ways in order to serve all learning styles.

Success in ecological restoration requires not only technical proficiency but also skill in the social, cultural, and political arenas. *Introduction to Restoration Ecology* can help students develop the skills they need to succeed in all of these areas and is a much-needed new resource.

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