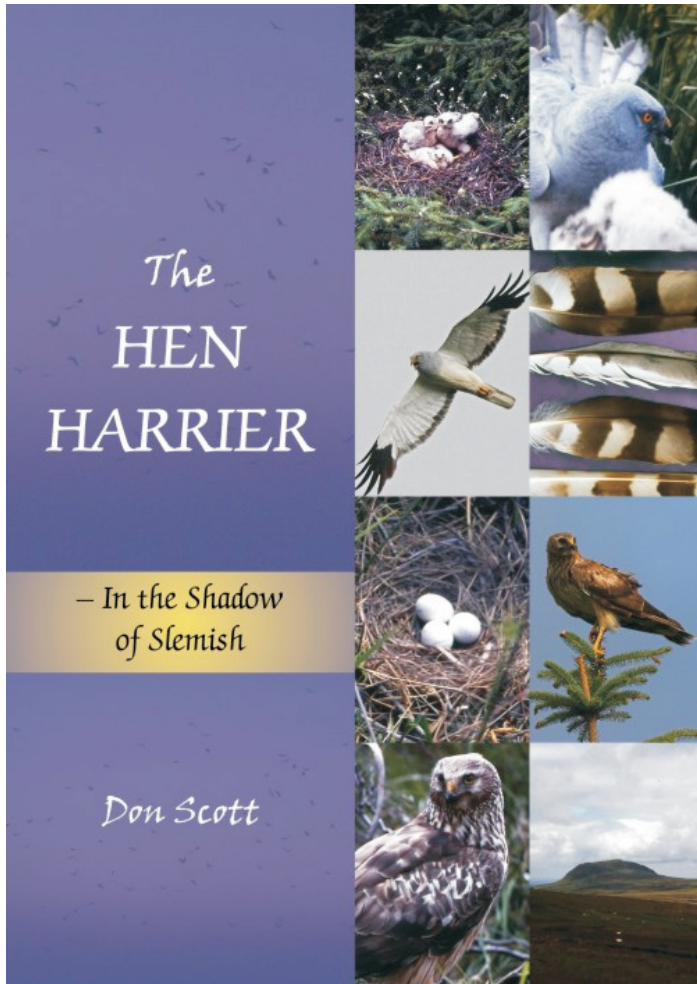


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A fascinating and detailed study of the hen harrier

The Hen Harrier

In the Shadow of Slemish



Don Scott

- ➡ The untold story of the hen harriers' struggle for survival in their former stronghold, the Glens of Antrim, N. Ireland
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