

Weather Observer's Handbook

Pre-publication endorsements

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Full versions

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reporting station, enhanced with perspective drawn from the centuries-long history of meteorological instrumentation. *The Weather Observer's Handbook* is an ideal companion to the practice of monitoring the atmosphere.”

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“People have been making observations of the weather for thousands of years, and observations remain central to our capabilities to forecast the weather and predict the changing climate. But it's not just professional meteorologists who make weather observations: there are literally millions of amateur observers across the world making observations every minute of every day. In meteorology, as well as in other science disciplines, amateur observers (I include all non-professional meteorologists in this) have always played a crucial part in supporting well-established national observations programmes and in making a very valued contribution to our scientific understanding.

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