

## **Mary Colwell – Biography**

Mary Colwell is an award-winning author, producer and campaigner for nature. She is Director of the Charity Curlew Action and Chair of the Curlew Recovery Partnership England.

### **TV and Radio**

Mary was an award-winning producer for the BBC Natural History Unit making wildlife documentaries for both TV and radio, such as - Wildlife on One, Natural World, British Isles a Natural History, Walk on the Wild Side, Planet Earth - The Future

2004 – British Isles - a Natural History Nominated for 3 Baftas

2008 - Garden Writers Guild Award for Best Radio Programme.

2009 - Sony Radio Academy Gold Award, best podcast

### **Books**

*John Muir – the Scotsman Who Saved America's Wild Places*, Lion Hudson 2014

*Curlew Moon*, Harper Collins 2018

*Beak Tooth and Claw*, Harper Collins 2022

*The Gathering Place*, Bloomsbury, shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Award for Best Travel Writing of 2024.

### **Conservation Awards**

2017 - BTO Dilys Breese Medal for Outstanding Science Communication.

2018 - David Bellamy Award from the National Gamekeepers Organisation for conservation of Curlews

2019 - WWT Marsh Award for Conservation

2020 - RSPB medal

2024 - Zoological Society of London Silver (ZSL) Medal for services to conservation and nature education.

### **Charity**

In December 2019, she set up the charity, Curlew Action.

In March 2021 Mary was appointed Chair of the government supported Curlew Recovery Partnership England, a roundtable of organisations charged with restoring curlews, their habitats and associated wildlife across England.

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### **Nature Education**

Mary spearheaded the successful campaign for a GCSE in Natural History in England and continues to promote nature education more widely.