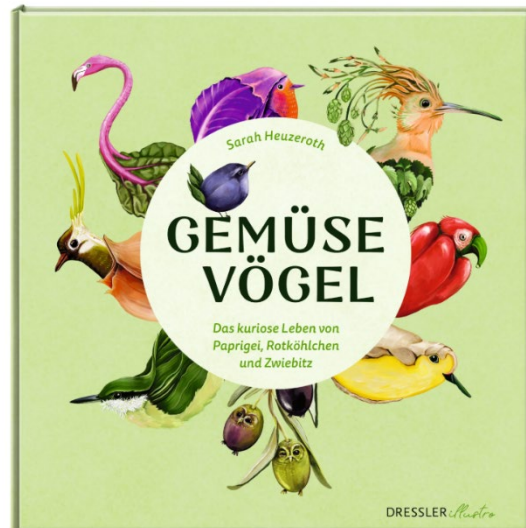




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Gemüsevögel. Das kuriose Leben von Paprigel, Rotköhlchen und Zwiebitz

Veggiebirds. The Curious Life of the Asparrowgus, Cuckoocumber and Owlive.

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Each Veggiebird is a creative blend of bird species and vegetable – at once familiar and entirely new. With lovingly told mini-portraits and atmospheric, detail-rich illustrations, Sarah Heuzeroth brings her creations to life and introduces us to a total of 30 Veggiebirds – including the Asparrowgus, the Cuckoocumber and the Owlive. Humorous, poetic and visually stunning, this book invites readers to look at nature with fresh eyes – and a smile. A special gift for creatives, nature lovers and everyone who enjoys being enchanted.

- Where botany meets birdwatching – 30 wonderfully weird creatures to marvel at and adore.

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ASPARROWGUS

The asparrowgus grows from underground rhizomes, the age and origin of which have long been a mystery. Through its constant struggle to see daylight, it develops an extremely long body until finally it can poke its tender head out of the earth. This moment appears to be of great importance. The newly emerged asparrowgus passes the time twittering happily to itself, as it has now stopped growing. Asparrowgi rarely come completely out of the earth, but when they do, they move with tiny steps, and are obviously very unsure of themselves. As all asparrowgi originate from the same source, they generally stick together in groups.



CUCKOOCUMBER

The cuckoo-cucumber is a parasite which sows all its seeds in different vegetable patches. Hidden in the camouflage of other cucumber plants, it leaves its progeny to the loving care of unsuspecting gardeners. It's not until just before harvest time that the gardener realizes his or her mistake, but by then the cuckoo-cucumber is ready to fly away.

The cuckoo-cucumber plant has long been barely distinguishable from real cucumber plants.



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