

**GPLL234 -  
Choosing the  
right journal for  
your research:  
predatory  
publishers & open  
access**

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## **OBJECTIVES:**

- ▶ Define Open Access;
- ▶ Identify the types of predatory publishers and their characteristics;
- ▶ Explain how predatory journals can be harmful for authors and for academic research;
- ▶ Use tools to identify whether a journal is reliable or predatory.

1.

**WHAT IS OPEN  
ACCESS?**



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Open-access literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

Peter Suber, [A Very Brief Introduction to Open Access](#)

# **GOLD OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS**

## **Fully Open Access Journals**

All articles are available online without price barriers (for example, no subscription, licensing fees, pay-per-view fees).

## **Hybrid Journals**

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# ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGE (APC)

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# 2.

## **PREDATORY JOURNALS**

DEFINITION &  
CHARACTERISTICS



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Predatory publishers and journals are those that exploit the gold open-access model for their own profit [but do not provide the editorial and publishing services associated with legitimate journals.]

- J. Beall



**This process can take anywhere  
from 3 months to 2 years**

## **EDITORIAL AND PUBLISHING SERVICES**

### **Peer Review**

Submitted manuscripts are given to subject experts who assess the article's validity, importance, and originality. Reviewers provide their feedback to the journal editor who will request revisions from the author(s) before deciding whether to accept the article for publication.

### **Double blind peer review**

The reviewers do not know the identity of the authors and the authors do not know the identity of the reviewers.

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### **Copy & Layout Editors**

This happens after a journal has been accepted. They make sure the article adheres to the structure and style of the journal.

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## PREDATORY JOURNALS – RED FLAGS

- ▶ Lack of transparency in publishing practices
- ▶ Promises of an accelerated editorial process
- ▶ Accept papers on a very wide range of subjects
- ▶ The location given has no relationship to the journal's actual address
- ▶ Poor copy-editing – many typos & poor grammar
- ▶ “Cold-calls” from publishers requesting submissions from authors
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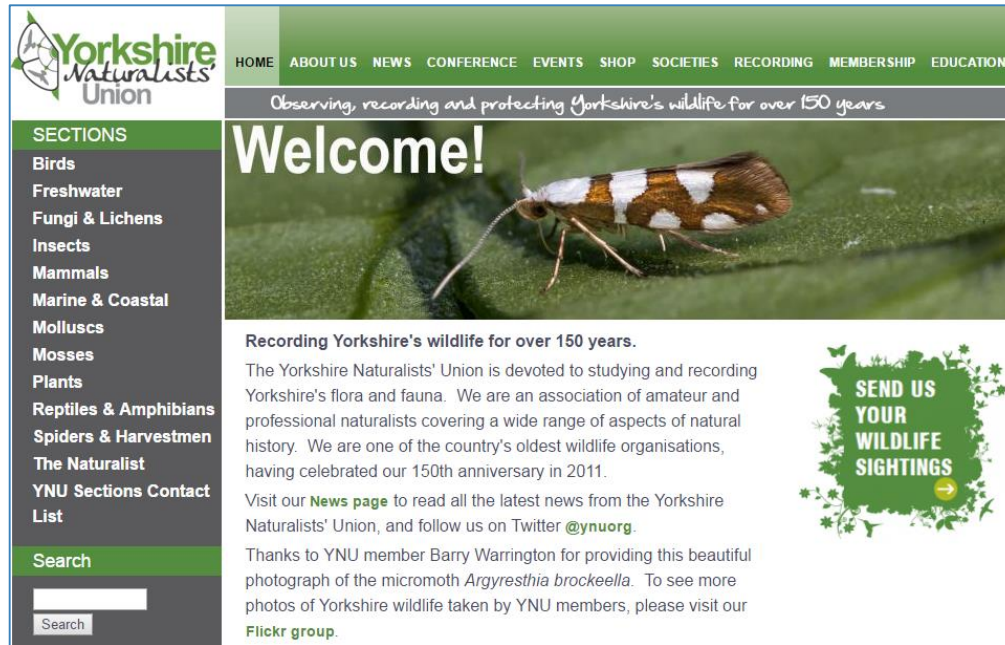
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# Yorkshire Naturalists' Union



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union website. The header features the organization's logo on the left and a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, NEWS, CONFERENCE, EVENTS, SHOP, SOCIETIES, RECORDING, MEMBERSHIP, and EDUCATION. Below the navigation menu is a tagline: "Observing, recording and protecting Yorkshire's wildlife for over 150 years". The main content area has a large "Welcome!" heading and a photograph of a micromoth. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a "SECTIONS" menu listing various wildlife categories: Birds, Freshwater, Fungi & Lichens, Insects, Mammals, Marine & Coastal, Molluscs, Mosses, Plants, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spiders & Harvestmen, The Naturalist, YNU Sections Contact, and List. Below the menu is a search bar with a "Search" button. The main content area also includes a paragraph about the union's history and a call to action to send in wildlife sightings, accompanied by a graphic that says "SEND US YOUR WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS" with an arrow pointing right.

**Yorkshire Naturalists' Union**

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Observing, recording and protecting Yorkshire's wildlife for over 150 years

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**Recording Yorkshire's wildlife for over 150 years.**

The Yorkshire Naturalists' Union is devoted to studying and recording Yorkshire's flora and fauna. We are an association of amateur and professional naturalists covering a wide range of aspects of natural history. We are one of the country's oldest wildlife organisations, having celebrated our 150th anniversary in 2011.

Visit our [News page](#) to read all the latest news from the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, and follow us on Twitter [@ynuorg](#).

Thanks to YNU member Barry Warrington for providing this beautiful photograph of the micromoth *Argyresthia brockeella*. To see more photos of Yorkshire wildlife taken by YNU members, please visit our [Flickr group](#).

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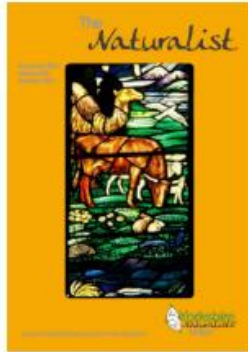
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**Back cover:** The Rhododendron Leafhopper *Graphocephala fennahi* found at Temple Newsam. It is a new arrival in Yorkshire (see p50). Photo: *J.Bowers*

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**DANGERS OF  
PUBLISHING IN  
PREDATORY  
JOURNALS**



# **EFFECT ON RESEARCHERS**

- ▶ Can devalue your publishing record
- ▶ Can restrict you from publishing in good quality journals

**53,300** in 2010  
Published in 1,800 predatory journals

**420,000** in 2014  
Published in 8,000 predatory journals

**688%**  
Increase in articles





# EFFECT ON RESEARCH

- ▶ Proliferation of:
  - ▷ fabricated data
  - ▷ plagiarism
  - ▷ pseudo-science or “advocacy” science
- ▶ Scholarly record being polluted with junk research – danger to cumulative nature of research
- ▶ Google Scholar indexes predatory journals

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**TOOLS TO  
IDENTIFY SAFE  
& PREDATORY  
JOURNALS**



# DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals

## [Directory of Open Access Journals](#)

- ▶ Reviews the quality of the journals it accepts
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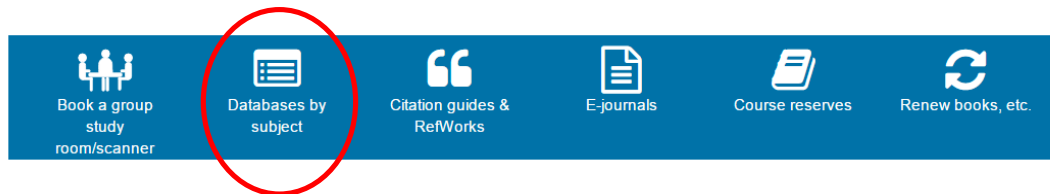
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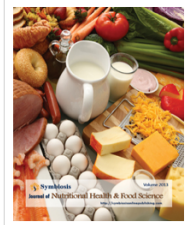
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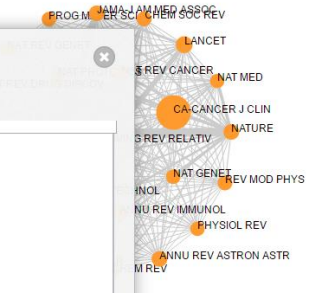
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