Bernd Heinrich’s New Book “Summer World”

The Biology Department’s Bernd Heinrich, Emeritus Professor, has received sterling reviews for his latest book, “Summer World, a season of bounty” (HarperCollins). Publishers Weekly says Professor Heinrich is “arguably today’s finest naturalist author” and the Washington Post says, “He richly deserves comparisons to Thoreau.” His fame has traveled west to the San Francisco Chronicle that concludes, “Heinrich is as brilliant at depicting the highs and lows of scientific research as he is in sharing the ways and wonders of the natural world.” And, now the New York Times Book Review’s summer readings issue has featured Summer World in a full-page review that argues that any 24 hours spent with Bernd would be a perfect day, watching frogs, counting cocoons, and even listening to caterpillars rain down fecal pellets from the treetops at night. Summer World gives us charming and elegant prose, wonders on every page, and also Bernd’s beautiful line drawings and paintings of flowers, caterpillars, and butterflies. Summer World makes a great read while enjoying a relaxing summer day, or months later to enjoy on a frigid, dark January Saturday afternoon. The Biology Department congratulations Bernd Heinrich on another instant classic of nature and science writing.