

ECOFEMINISM Bibliography

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1. Adams, Carol, ed. Ecofeminism and the Sacred. New York: Continuum, 1993.
Excellent anthology of feminist essays on the environment from spiritual and religious perspectives. Includes Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Native American, and others.
2. Anderson, Lorraine, ed. Sisters of the Earth. Vintage Books, New York: Random House, 1991.
An anthology of natural history writing by women authors, including poetry, essays, stories, and journal entries on nature as healer, mother, and sister, victim, as delightful, wild, and beautiful.
3. Caldecott, Leonie and Stephanie Leland, eds. Reclaim the Earth: Women Speak Out for Life on Earth. London: The Women's Press, 1983.
An early collection of writings relevant to ecofeminism.
4. Diamond, Irene and Gloria Orenstein, eds. Reweaving the World: The Emergence of Ecofeminism. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1990.
Anthology on history, philosophy, activism in the ecofeminist movement with perspectives of women of color included. Essays on birth, nuclear waste, and impacts of industrial toxics on women, among other issues.
5. Gaard, Greta, ed. Ecofeminism: Women, Animals, and Nature. Philadelphia: Temple Press, 1993.
A collection of essays with a particular focus on the parallel dominations of women and animals: the causes, perpetuation, and influence of these social behaviors and attitudes.
6. Gray, Elizabeth Dodson. Green Paradise Lost. Wellesley, Massachusetts: Roundtable Press, 1979.
A feminist critique with implications of the "Mother" Earth concept. An important reference work for those that followed.
7. Griffin, Susan. Women and Nature: The Roaring Inside Her. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1978.
The now famous classic, communicating through two voices the split experience of mind/body, male/female in powerful and evocative examples. Narrative as a mode of knowing nature.
8. Harcourt, Wendy, ed. Feminist Perspectives on Sustainable Development. London: Zed Books, 1994.
An anthology focused on women's issues in development, especially in the southern countries. A critique of mainstream development efforts and their serious consequences for women.

9. Hypatia: special issue on Ecological Feminism, Karen Warren, ed., spring 1991, vol 6(1).

Academic articles on some finer points of ecofeminism with discussion of deep ecology and animal rights, grassroots politics, and ecological caring.

10. Merchant, Carolyn. The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology, and the Scientific Revolution. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1980.

A classic scholarly historical review of the conflicting forces of mechanism and organicism since the Renaissance. The rise of objectifying thinking in science which supported patterns of domination of women and nature.

11. Mies, Maria and Vandana Shiva. Ecofeminism. London: Zed Books, 1993.

North-South perspectives on patriarchal oppression, profit, progress, and the destruction of nature. Insightful analysis of prevailing economic theories and conventional concepts with an ethical and political critique of advances in reproductive technology as part of a new round of colonialism.

12. Plant Judith, ed. Healing the Wounds: The Promise of Ecofeminism. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1989.

Ecofeminist history, poitics, spirituality, and community as expressed in diverse essays, poetry, interviews, and personal narrative. Broad spectrum of experiences and points of view.

13. Plumwood, Valerie. Feminism and the Mastery of Nature. New York: Routledge, 1993.

A brilliant analysis of the parallel oppressions of women and nature based in understanding the logic of dualism and the master-slave model of political relationships. Includes critique and interpretation of Descartes and Plato as western foundations which contribute to this oppression.

14. Ruether, Rosemary Radford. Gaia and God. San Francisco: Harper, 1992.

A feminist theological analysis of Christian creation myths, paradigms, and doctrines which support patterns of domination. Also includes suggestions for healing the world through re-engaging practices of covenant and sacrament.

15. Shiva, Vandan. Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development. London: Zed Books, 1989.

One of the strongest voices revealing the impacts of development (or "maldevelopment") on women. Includes philosophical foundations and case study examples of activism from the perspective of a post-colonial Indian woman scientist and activist.