

The Incomparable Honeybee

Earlier this year, on Radio National's Occam's Razor science program, Dr Reese Halter (PhD 1997) was described as "a cross between Keanu Reeves and Steve Irwin – times 10". Somewhat more modestly, Dr Halter calls himself an "Earth Doctor".

An award-winning science communicator, broadcaster and best-selling author, Dr Halter completed his doctorate in the University's School of Forestry in 1997. Currently living in Los Angeles, he is a biologist at California Lutheran University, as well as a passionate advocate for the health of the planet and a tireless proponent for conservation, science exploration and learning.

Dr Halter tailors his message to children as well as adults. Through his international conservation institute, Global Forest Science, which he founded over two decades ago, Dr Halter regularly visits schools and encourages children worldwide to embrace his message of caring for the planet.

He is a prolific author and has recently published two books. *The Insatiable Bark Beetle* is an examination of the spread of the bark beetle and its impact on mature conifers in the western forests of North America and other parts of the world. He argues that the warming climate is contributing to the spread of these insects, which are killing billions of trees.

The Incomparable Honeybee and the Economics of Pollination is a revised and updated edition of his earlier book on the subject. It is a passionate call-to-arms to protect and defend the honeybee, the world's most important group of flower-visiting animals. The honeybee is under threat from a myriad of hazards: colony collapse disorder, the effects of global warming, introduced mites, bacteria, fungi, diseases and modern insecticides. The importance of this little insect, he argues, cannot be underestimated for its role as a pollinator. We depend on it for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the medicines we use.

Both his books are available through Amazon and will also be published as e-books.

[The Insatiable Bark Beetle](http://www.amazon.com/Insatiable-Bark-Beetle-Reese-Halter/dp/1926855663/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&qid=1305661961&sr=8-6) (http://www.amazon.com/Insatiable-Bark-Beetle-Reese-Halter/dp/1926855663/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&qid=1305661961&sr=8-6)

[The Incomparable Honeybee](http://www.amazon.com/Incomparable-Honeybee-Economics-PollinationRevised-Updated/dp/1926855647/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1305662057&sr=8-5) (http://www.amazon.com/Incomparable-Honeybee-Economics-PollinationRevised-Updated/dp/1926855647/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1305662057&sr=8-5)



Reese Halter speaking to school children regarding the environment



Bees helping detect diseases

