



Birdsong

David Claerbout

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Birdsong brings together three video works by David Claerbout – *The Woodcarver and the Forest*, *Birdcage* and *Backwards Growing Tree* – each a meditation on time, perception and the poetics of the natural world. In an era dominated by speed and distraction, Claerbout reclaims the *longue durée*, offering a contemplative, detoxed form of filmmaking.

Accompanied by a poem by Stefan Hertmans, this volume explores the myths of digitisation, the rhythms of nature, growth and degrowth. **Birdsong** is a visual journey through the imaging ideas that the artist has developed over the past decade.

This publication coincides with Claerbout's exhibition *At the window* at Gaasbeek Castle.

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David Claerbout (b. 1969) lives and works in Antwerp and Berlin. He is known for his video installations, which he exhibits worldwide. His work is included in major public collections worldwide, including Centre Georges Pompidou Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris (France); Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich (Germany); Schaulager, Basel (Switzerland); Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto (Canada) and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco (US).

