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Thomas Richard Edmund Southwood was born in England and educated primarily at the University of London, where he received a Ph.D. in 1955 and a Doctor of Science degree in 1963. After holding several positions at the University of London, he moved to the University of Oxford, where he is currently the Linacre Professor of Zoology.

Professor Southwood is best known for his work on the ecology of insects and their relationships to plants. In addition to his influential book, *Ecological Methods*, he is author

or editor of several books and symposium volumes on insects. After early work on insect flight, dispersal, and migration, Southwood's attention has been focused primarily on insect-plant interactions and the problem of accounting for the incredible diversity of terrestrial insects. His broad, synthetic studies of the distribution, abundance, population dynamics, species diversity, biomass, and trophic relationships of the insects inhabiting British trees are classics.