

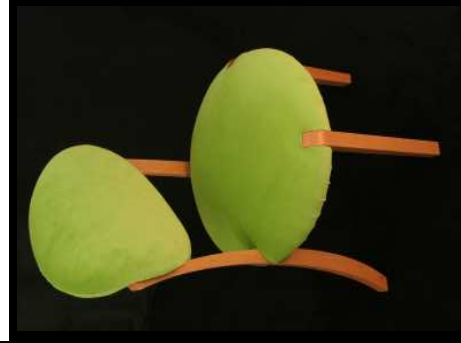
# Grant Sonnex - Furniture Maker

Grant Sonnex, an award-winning radio presenter and producer with the BBC Natural History Unit for almost 20 years, has made a bold career change and launched a new business as a furniture designer and maker in the heart of Wotton-under-Edge.

Most of Grant's work is on one-off commissions for contemporary fine furniture, made from British or European hardwoods. These are beautiful and functional pieces, individually designed after consultation with the client and hand-made to the highest standards. Anything from refined dovetailed boxes and cabinets to eye-catching dining suites, kitchen and bedroom furniture. And as well as the very high-end furniture Grant also makes affordable and practical fitted furniture for households in the local area. Shelving for an awkward corner, cupboards and wardrobes to fit your particular rooms – the sort of things you can't get in Ikea.



*Beautiful works of Art from sustainable sources*



After leaving the BBC, Grant trained at the Devon workshop of leading furniture designer, David Savage – a great opportunity for Grant to learn from master craftsmen and take a lifelong interest to a whole new level of professionalism. But he certainly hasn't left his natural history roots behind him.

“For years now I've been photographing and painting local landscapes and I find that the shapes of the natural world are always influencing my furniture designs. And because of what I've learned about the conservation of forests and woodlands, I make sure that the wood for my furniture comes from sustainable sources so that the furniture and the wildlife will be there for generations.”



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So **WHY** give up a globetrotting, wildlife-watching career to make furniture?  
“The radio work has been fascinating, and the people and wildlife will always stay with me, but I also love to design and make things with my hands and now I have the chance for that to really flourish. Plus I get to walk to work every day across the fields with my dog – and that's worth a lot!”

You can see more of Grant's work and contact him at [www.grant-sonnex.finefurnituremaker.com](http://www.grant-sonnex.finefurnituremaker.com)

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