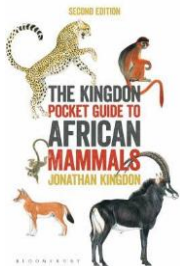




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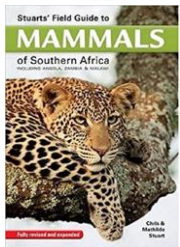
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## Field Guides for Southern Africa



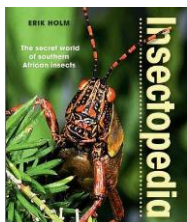
*Pocket Guide to African Mammals.* Jonathan Kingdon, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. 2016

The field guide of choice to take on African safaris. Its compact format makes it ideal for use in the field, while its coverage is the most comprehensive currently possible in this format.



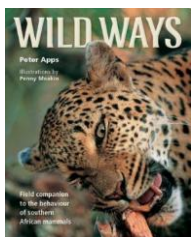
*Field Guide to Mammals of Southern Africa.* Chris & Tilde Stuart, Struik. 2014

An excellent photographic field guide for southern Africa with colour plates and distribution maps for easy use. Now includes Angola, Zambia, Malawi and northern Mozambique.



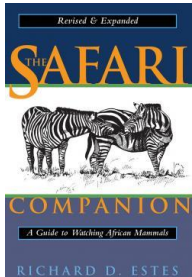
*Insectopedia – The Secret World of Southern African Insects.* 2nd edition. Struik Nature. 2017

Uncovers the fascinating and infinitely varied world of insects. It explores their intriguing behaviour and biology – from mating and breeding, metamorphosis and movement to sight, smell, hearing and their adaptations to heat and cold.



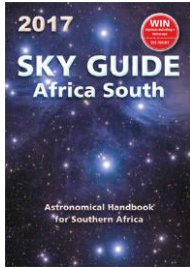
*Wild Ways: Field Companion to the Behaviour of Southern African Mammals.* Peter Apps and Penny Meakin. 2014

Wild Ways brings together all the latest studies of the behaviour of southern Africa's rich and accessible mammal fauna.



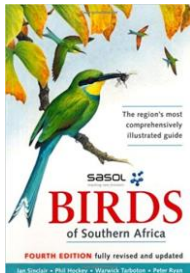
*The Safari Companion: Guide to Watching African Mammals.* Richard Estes, Chelsea Green Publishing. 1999

This book is probably the best resource available for those serious about animal-watching. There is loads of information, accompanied by well-illustrated drawings.



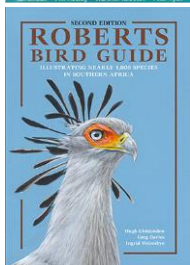
Sky Guide Africa South. Astronomical Society of Southern Africa. Published annually.

This astronomical handbook for southern Africa, an invaluable practical resource for anyone who has even a passing interest in the night skies of southern Africa.



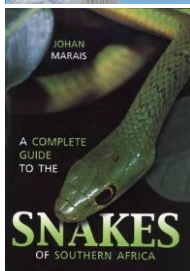
*Sasol Birds of Southern Africa*. Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey & Warwick Tarboton, Struik. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. 2011

An excellent all-round bird field guide for southern Africa. Good plates and distribution maps.



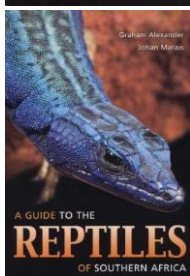
*Roberts' Bird Guide*. Hugh Chittenden, Davies and Weiersbye. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. 2016

Covering nearly 1 000 species found in southern Africa, this revised edition sets a new standard in terms of birding field guides for the region.



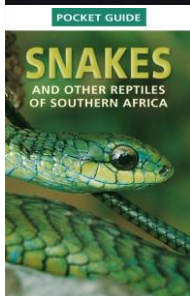
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This detailed and comprehensive guide to the 151 snakes indigenous to southern Africa covers all essential aspects of snake biology and behaviour.



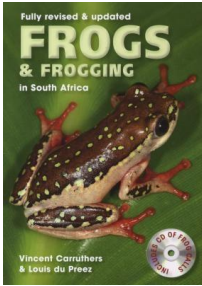
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This excellent reptile guide describes the 517 species of the region. Includes up-to-date taxonomy, identification, distribution and behaviour.



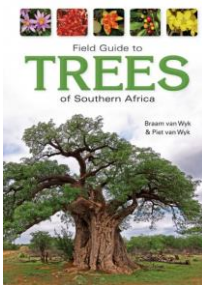
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This compact guide features 276 of the more colourful and conspicuous reptile species, as well as those unique to or endangered in the southern Africa region.



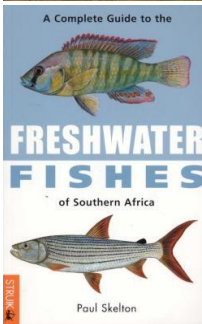
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Best all-round frog field guide for southern Africa. Includes CD of frog calls. Good photographic plates and distribution maps.



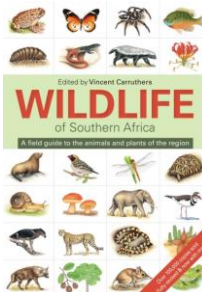
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Best all-round tree field guide for southern Africa. Includes excellent plates, distribution maps and identification key.



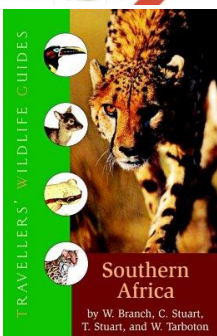
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Comprehensive all-round freshwater fish field guide for southern Africa. Good plates and distribution maps.



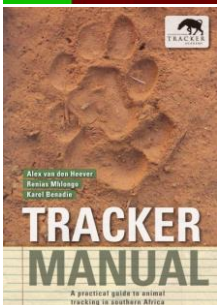
*Wildlife of Southern Africa – A field guide to the animals and plants of the region.* Vincent Carruthers, Struik. 2016

Excellent all-round field guide that features mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, trees and additional plants. It covers many of the more common species.



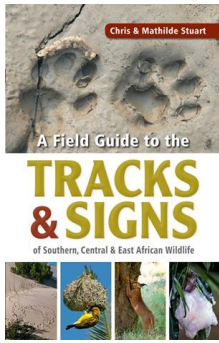
*A Traveller's Wildlife Guide, Southern Africa.* William Branch, Chris & Tilde Stuart, Warwick Tarboton, Arris Books. 2006

Pictorial guide illustrating southern Africa's commonly occurring species, from birds to mammals and insects. Concise text complements the high-quality images.



*Tracker Manual.* Alex Van Den Heever, Renias Mhlongo, and Karel Benadie, Struik. 2017

This practical guide to animal tracking is a one-of-a-kind manual, based on information developed with the help of southern Africa's few remaining traditional trackers and their centuries-old wisdom in the field.

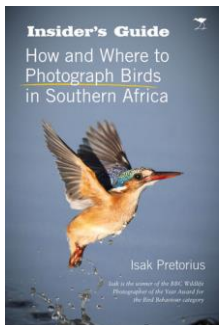


*A Field Guide to the Tracks and Signs of Southern and East African Wildlife.* Chris & Tilde Stuart, Struik. 2013

Detailed coverage of tracks, droppings, nests and shelters, and feeding signs for mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and other invertebrates. This expanded update now features full colour throughout.

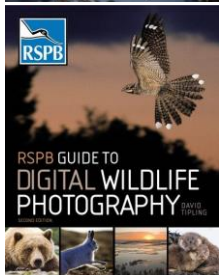
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## Photographic Guides



*Insider's Guide – How and Where to Photograph Birds in Southern Africa,* Isak Pretorius, Jacana, 2014

This guide will teach you all the tools, techniques and creative ideas required to take your bird photography to the next level.

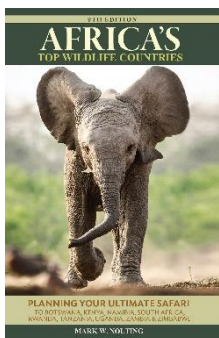


*RSPB Guide to Digital Wildlife Photography.* David Tipling, A&C Black. 2011

This is a helpful and practical guide to all aspects of digital wildlife photography, accessibly written by and beautifully illustrated.

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## Other



*Africa's Top Wildlife Countries.* Mark Nolting, Global Travel Publishers. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. 2017

Comprehensive guide to safari destinations all over Africa. Includes features useful for getting the best out of a safari. Covers Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

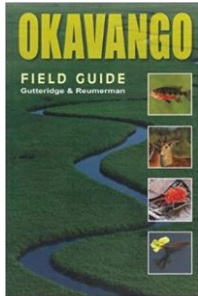


## Country Specific Guides – Botswana



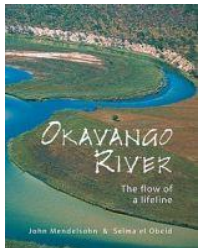
*The Bradt Travel Guide Botswana.* Chris McIntyre, Bradt. 2014

Covers the country's wildlife, environment and history, focusing on the Okavango, Kalahari and Chobe areas. Bradt guides are written by Africa experts.



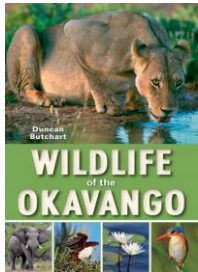
**OKAVANGO**  
*A Field Guide.* Lee Gutteridge & Tony Reurman, 30 Degrees South. 2011

This book negates the need to carry more than one guide book when visiting the Okavango. Covers a comprehensive cross-section of the natural history of this region.



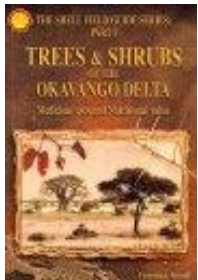
*Okavango River – The flow of a lifeline.* John Mendelsohn, Selma El Obeid, Struik. 2005

This book traces the Okavango River from its source in Angola into the famous Okavango Delta of Botswana. An informative read.



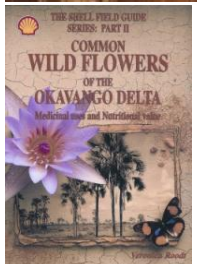
*Wildlife of the Okavango,* Duncan Butchart. Struik Nature. 2017

Describes the area's geology, climate and habitats. The species accounts feature the species' appearance, size, habits, habitat and status, with full-colour photographs to facilitate identification.



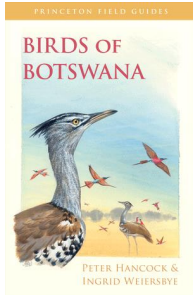
*The Shell Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs of the Okavango Delta.* Veronica Roodt, Shell Guides. 1998

Concise guide to the trees and shrubs of the Okavango Delta, including their medicinal uses.



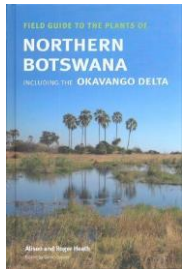
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Holistic guide to the fascinating flowers of the Delta.



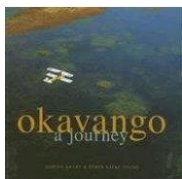
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Peter Hancock & Ingrid Weiersbye. Princeton.  
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Field guide to Botswana's diverse birdlife.  
Covering all 597 species recorded to date.



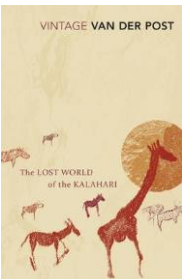
Field Guide to the Plants of Northern Botswana:  
Including the Okavango Delta. Alison Heath and  
Roger Heath. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 2009

This field guide includes over 500 flowering  
herbaceous plants, trees, shrubs, ferns,  
grasses, sedges and their allies, illustrated  
with over 2 000 colour photographs.



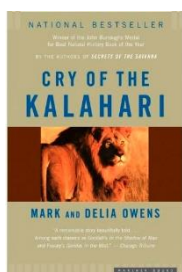
*Okavango: A Journey*, Robyn Keene-Young,  
Adrian Bailey, Struik. 2006

The Okavango Delta is captivatingly  
described in three sections that feature the  
plant and animal life of the distinctive  
habitats: Air, water and land.



*Lost World of the Kalahari*. Laurence Van der  
Post, Penguin Books. 2011

An engaging work, recounting the author's  
experiences with the Kalahari's San Bushmen  
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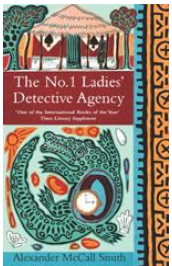
*Cry of the Kalahari*. Mark and Delia Owens,  
HarperCollins. 1984; reprinted 1992

An international bestseller, this is the story of  
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adventures in the "Great Thirst" which is the  
Kalahari Desert.



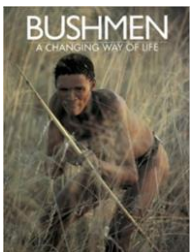
*Whatever You Do, Don't Run.* Dave Hood, James Hendry, Chris Roche & Megan Emmett, Tafelberg. 2010

A collection of safari stories that are humorous, exciting and educational. Illustrated by the authors.



*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency novels.* Alexander McCall Smith, Abacus. 2003 onwards

A series of novels that tell the story of the engaging private detective Precious Ramotswe and her trials and tribulations in solving mysteries.



*Bushmen: a changing way of life.* Anthony Bannister, J. David Lewis-Williams. 1992

The focus of the title is on the lifestyle of the San Bushmen: their art, vanishing culture and their survival techniques.