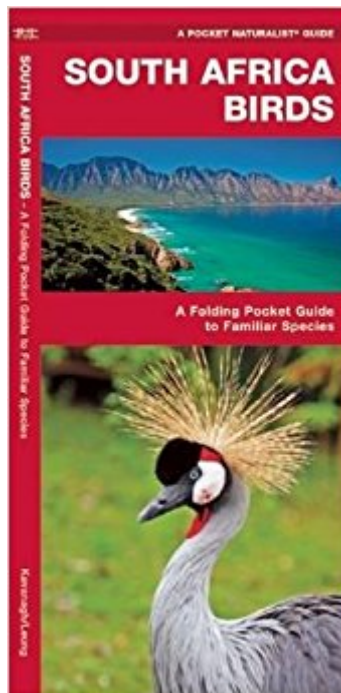




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# **South Africa Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)**



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One of the world's top birding hotspots, South Africa's diverse habitats harbor more than 950 species. This beautifully illustrated guide covers over 140 familiar and unique species found in South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and southern Mozambique and includes a map of birding hotspots. Laminated for durability, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information and ideal for field use by novices and experts alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

This is a twelve page laminated pocket pamphlet of the most common birds in South Africa. Obviously SA is a huge area, but these are suppose to be the ones you are most likely to see. The last panel delineates the vegetarian zones and lists the major parks/reserves. The map covers SA, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Mozambique. If you are a serious bird watcher this is obviously not going to do it for you, but I like these types of bird pamphlets because they are light weight, easy to carry and it helps me memorize the most common birds of an area. I always carry a more complete guide with me, but these little guides are fun to zero in on birds that are common.

This entire series is very well done, and this guide is no exception. I order it in groups of 10-15 copies and provide one to every traveler that signs up for my group Africa safaris. We are very limited on packing weight due to the small planes we fly on, so even my field guides never make the cut. This guide covers the most common birds we are likely to see, the lamination makes it very durable to use in the rain or toss in a backpack. I always leave mine behind for the guide or Land Cruiser driver to give to a school. and despite the suggestion they do the same, my travelers always take it back home to use in identifying the birds in their photos. Its not meant to substitute for a full sized field guide, and it doesn't. But on a game drive, you mostly want to ID what you see, you can learn the life history later. Great bang for the buck!

what a great pocket guide! great color images to help identify the birds in South Africa! fits into my camera bag with no weight to it! Glad i bought it and will vie on my next trip to Kruger National Park!

perfect in that it covers all the main birds one sees on safari, and with minimal weight and bulk. But it is just the basics. Any serious birder will want something far more comprehensive.

Perfect for traveling! Fits in a pocket or purse. Great photos for identification.

was extremely handy - all the people on the tour kept on asking to borrow it

It was convenient but not thorough

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