Recommended Reading List

Field Guides for Southern Africa


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.


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.


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


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

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.


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


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.


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


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


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.

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


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


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


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


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


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.

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.

Photographic Guides


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


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

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<td><strong>Wildlife of Seychelles.</strong></td>
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<td>Photographic guide to wildlife of the Seychelles, covering the birds, mammals, reptiles and invertebrates most likely to be encountered.</td>
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<td><strong>Collins Traveller’s Guide to Wildlife of Seychelles.</strong></td>
<td>Mike Hill and Dave Currie, Harper Collins. 2007</td>
<td>The perfect pocket-sized guide to all of the wildlife you might encounter in Seychelles.</td>
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<td><strong>Birds of Seychelles.</strong></td>
<td>Adrian Skerrett and Tony Disley, Christopher Helm. 2011</td>
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The Beautiful Plants of Seychelles. Adrian and Judith Skerrett, Camerapix. 1991

This handy pocket guide assembles a collection of many of the most interesting and colourful plants and includes details on their origins and properties.


The only field guide on all the terrestrial vertebrates of the Seychelles islands – amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. If you only take one guide, this is probably the one to take.


This guide covers the common and conspicuous fish of the waters of Seychelles islands.


THE guide to the plants of Seychelles.

Underwater Guide to Seychelles. Christophe Mason-Parker and Rowana Walton. 2015

Covers the best diving and snorkelling sites, with an ID guide to reef fishes, invertebrates, corals and megafauna.
Holiday Reading

Seychelles Global Citizen: Autobiography of the Founding President of the Republic of Seychelles.
James R. Mancham, Paragon House. 2011
An insightful and informative look at the remarkable life and times of Sir James Mancham – the founding President of the Republic of Seychelles.

Seychelles: Garden of Eden in the Indian Ocean.
Sarah Carpin, Paul Turcotte, Odyssey Publications. 6th edition 2005
An excellent and in-depth read, offering an insight into the history, culture, mysticism and the legends concerning these fascinating islands.