Recommended Reading List - Rwanda

**Field Guides for 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.
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<td>Wildlife of Southern Africa – A field guide to the animals and plants of the region</td>
<td>Vincent Carruthers</td>
<td>Struik</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Excellent all-round field guide that features mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, trees and additional plants. It covers many of the more common species.</td>
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<td>Tracker Manual</td>
<td>Alex Van Den Heever, Renias Mhlongo, and Karel Benadie</td>
<td>Struik</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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.

Other


### Country Specific Guides - Rwanda

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<td><strong>Birds of East Africa: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi.</strong></td>
<td>Terry Stevenson and John Fanshawe. Christopher Helm, 2004. Comprehensive field guide covering all bird species found in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Over 1300 species are illustrated with full details including all subspecies likely to be encountered.</td>
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<td><strong>Wild Rwanda: Where to Watch Birds, Primates, and Other Wildlife.</strong></td>
<td>Lynx Edicions. 2015. The book’s spectacular photos show the region’s beautiful landscapes, mammals, and birds. There are detailed maps, chapters on biogeography and trip planning, a specialties section covering the region’s best mammals and birds, and indexed species lists.</td>
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<td><strong>Bradt Travel Guide: Rwanda.</strong></td>
<td>Philip Briggs and Sean Connolly. 2015. Excellent, all-encompassing guide to this country covering history, wildlife and culture.</td>
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General Reading

*In the Kingdom of Gorillas: The Quest to Save Rwanda's Mountain Gorillas.* Bill Weber and Amy Vedder. 2003

The story of Bill Weber and Amy Vedder who came to Rwanda in 1978 to study mountain gorillas with the world-famous Dian Fossey. They launched the Mountain Gorilla Project, one of the world's first experiments in ecotourism.


An account of the three women who revolutionised the study of primates: Dian Fossey, Jane Goodall and Biruté Galdikas.


Drawing on Dian Fossey’s personal writings, this book reveals the true story of Fossey’s enormous empathy and passion for one of the world’s critically endangered primate species.


A seminal work of naturalist George B. Schaller, chronicling his two-year study of gorillas in east and central Africa in the 1950s.