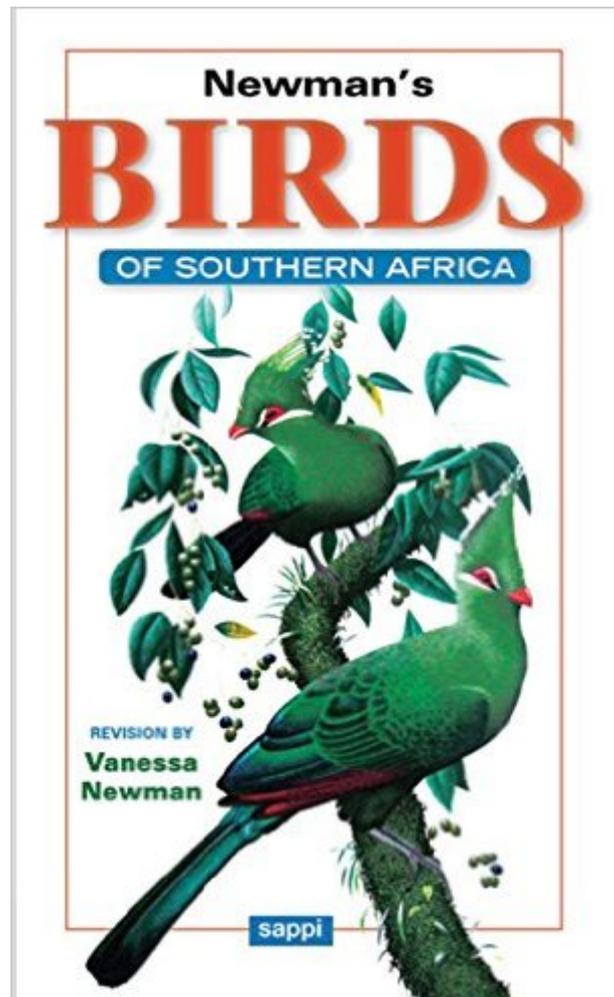


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# Newman's Birds Of Southern Africa: 10th Edition



## Synopsis

This commemorative tenth edition celebrates the contribution of the late author, Kenneth Newman, fully revised and updated by his daughter, Vanessa Newman, to reflect the latest research, taxonomy and common names. Newman's *Birds of Southern Africa*, a leading field guide in the region, illustrates and fully describes all the birds recorded from the Antarctic to the Zambezi River. The familiar, user-friendly format of Newman's *Birds* has been subtly modernized for a fresh look, and plate annotations have been added to the large, accurate paintings of each species, in line with modern trends.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent guide for identifying the birds of Southern Africa, but it is too heavy for carrying around as a field guide. Work with a human guide to ID the bird, then come back to camp to read about the bird. I bought the paper bound edition. Beware! After using it for only four days in Kruger Park, the cover detached, the binding broke, and pages started falling out. It is not as well constructed a book as Peterson's, Sibley's or Kaufman's guides for the birds in the States. None of these have fallen apart, even after years of use!

I am not an expert on southern African birds, so I cannot provide an expert's judgment. I am writing only as an amateur birder. I find this a useful book with all the information I might want or need, good photos, useful range maps, and updated information on status of each species-- endangered, common, vagrant, breeder, endemic, migratory or not, and season when most likely to be found. I

will take it with me on my forthcoming trip, without worrying about weight--it is a kindle edition.

Though I bought other bird identification books, this is the one I will take with me. Irene

Traveled to Botswana recently and this book became more valuable to me than clean underwear or food. Slightly less valuable than bottled water and binoculars. Even the guides were borrowing it for tricky ID's. Highly recommended. (Husband won only because he carried the heavy suitcase. It was a near thing, though.)

A great companion for a trip to the nations of southern Africa if you have any interest in birds - or perhaps even if you don't since if you go on safari you will see lots of birds and have your curiosity stimulated

This 10th edition book has wonderful color illustrations throughout . There are a lot of new changes in the color plates that are better than in the 1984 edition . Although the cover does come loose , but can be re-glued . It is worth buying especially at a bargain price . There are approximate 225 color plates of anywhere from approximately 3 to 7 species per plate . I would estimate there are just over 1000 species in color .

I wish I had read the first review before I bought this book. I thought since it was a paperback it would be something I could carry with me on a safari. It is MUCH too heavy. I don't need such a comprehensive book -just something to guide me in what kind of bird I am seeing. Open for suggestions.

Updated edition of the original provides an excellent reference source when travelling through RSA, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, etc. Handy size compared with the benchmark - Roberts Birds of SA.

We bought this book for our trip to Africa. It was so useful. The illustrations are vibrant and incredibly useful when birding. All the guides use this book; there is no better one.

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