

1: Southern African Birdfinder : Claire Spottiswoode :

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Colour photographs and maps throughout. This guide details how and where to find these species, as well as other eco-tourism attractions such as big game, whales and flowers. These birding routes range from the mountainous environs of Cape Town to the West and South coasts and inland to the famed desert regions of the Kalahari, Bushmanland and Namaqualand. The routes are well served with detailed, full colour maps, and photographs illustrating the most sought-after birds and their environments. Also included are practical suggestions for trip planning and a comprehensive annotated bird list. I recommend that you buy a copy, you may well be tempted to make plans to visit this outstanding region. By Ron Johns, Birding World I don't go anywhere without consulting the book beforehand! I'm already over-dependent on it. Martin Birch, Surfbirds Essential reading. Bo Beolens, Fat Birder Essential birding is out of print and can only be obtained from the authors, but the Southern African Birdfinder has been stocked by Exclusive Books , Wordsworth and Bushwillow stores throughout South Africa. In the United Kingdom and Europe: Essential birding is out of print and can only be obtained from the authors, but the Southern African Birdfinder has been stocked by a number of mail order bookstores. We recommend purchasing a copy with Wildsounds although it is also available at the Natural History Bookstore , Subbuteo Books and Amazon. Essential birding is out of print and can only be obtained from the authors, but the Southern African Birdfinder is available from Wildsounds a highly recommended source although it is also available at the Natural History Bookstore , Subbuteo Books and Amazon. We hope that American Birding Association Sales will carry this title shortly. About Birding Africa Birding Africa is a specialist birding tour company customising tours for both world listers and more relaxed holiday birders. For feedback from our guests, please see our Client Comments. Please also browse our Latest News and Trip Reports. This website is maintained by Birding Africa. Black Harrier photograph courtesy of Keith Offord. Box , Scarborough, , South Africa.

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The Southern African Birdfinder fills a gap in the book market for a comprehensive guide to the region's top birding destinations and to finding southern Africa and Madagascar's most desirable birds.

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3: CapeBirdingRoute

'Where to find bird species in southern Africa and Madagascar' is the tempting subtitle. In this book the traditional southern African borders have been extended, quite considerably, to include not only South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe, but also Angola, Zambia, Malawi and all of Mozambique, and as an aside Madagascar too.

Day 1 Overnight flight from London to Johannesburg. Day 2 After an early-morning arrival in Johannesburg watch out for Long-tailed Widowbird from the aircraft! After lunch, leaving behind the hot, tropical climate of the coast, we will head inland to the endemic-rich Drakensberg Mountains in the Underberg region. There will be a couple of roadside stops for us to enjoy our first birds, which may include Cape Weaver, but we will press on in order to arrive at our accommodation by early-evening. This will give us a chance to relax and unwind after a long day and before the birding starts in earnest the following morning. Two nights in Underberg. Do not forget your passports today, as we will also be visiting the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho! At the foothills of the Drakensbergs we will pause in some well-vegetated valleys to search for the smart Bush Blackcap, Drakensberg Prinia, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Weaver and Bokmakierie. Higher up the pass there are breathtaking views from the snaking switchbacks. Birding will probably be much slower than on the previous day, but the rewards could be just as great. We plan to arrive by early-morning, when Brown-necked Cape Parrots are active and noisy. Understorey skulkers are much more challenging and include White-starred Robin, Chorister Robin-chat and Orange Ground-thrush. We should have time to spot the conspicuous Trumpeter and Crowned Hornbills and Black-collared Barbet, although most of the trickier forest birds will be searched for tomorrow morning. Day 6 During our time in the Eshowe area we will visit different forest patches to search for a wide range of mid- and low-altitude forest species. The main focus of our stay, however, will be the famous Dlinza Forest with its canopy tower, right on the edge of Eshowe town. Whilst quietly stalking along the forest paths in search of our main target, the rare Spotted Ground-thrush, we may find Green-backed Twinspot or Lemon Dove. In the early-afternoon we will continue to the picturesque coastal town of St Lucia. If time permits we will pause for some wetland birding at Richards Bay, where Southern Brown-throated and Yellow Weavers are usually present. Overnight in St Lucia. Day 7 The coastal dune forests surrounding St Lucia are home to several localised specialities. A short stint in the grasslands may produce Rufous-chested Swallow, the rare Banded Snake-eagle and perhaps African Cuckoo-hawk. During the heat of the day we will continue our journey northwards to the Hluhluwe River to look for sand-forest species in Bonamanzi Reserve. Here the highlights may include African Broadbill and Pink-throated Twinspot and, if time allows, we will search for Rosy-throated Longclaw on the Hluhluwe River floodplain. Two nights in Hluhluwe. Waterbirds are also a feature of the region and we may find Yellow-billed Stork, Pink-backed Pelican, various herons and egrets and perhaps even Lesser Jacana or African Pygmy-goose. Day 9 After some final birding in the vicinity of Bonamanzi we will start the longish drive to the famous Wakkerstroom area, where a host of high-altitude grassland and wetland birds await us. Two nights in Wakkerstroom. Day 10 Wakkerstroom is the best area in the world for three very-rare high-altitude grassland birds: The various wetlands should also produce their share of entertainment with an abundance of ducks potentially including South African Shelduck, Cape Teal, Cape Shoveler, Southern Pochard and Maccoa Duck. A mammal highlight of the day may be the famous Meerkat! Two nights in Kruger. Day 12 Today we plan to spend the whole day driving through central Kruger, from Skukuza to Satara. With over bird species recorded in the park, however, our attention is likely to be divided: Once it becomes too hot we will head for the hills of the Magoebaskloof area for our last stint of forest birding. Here we will hope to spot Yellow-streaked Greenbul, the rare Black-fronted Bushshrike, Mountain Wagtail, Cape Batis, Grey Cuckooshrike and other forest birds that might have eluded us so far. Two nights in Magoebaskloof. Here we will search for the tricky Short-clawed Lark. Day 15 We will spend the early-morning in Polokwane Game Reserve again, looking for Short-clawed Lark and other species, after which we will drive to Johannesburg for our overnight flight to London, where we will arrive on Day General Information The climate is variable from cold at high altitude to very hot on the plains. Accommodation

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standards are good and food is of European standard. Transport is by minibus or four-wheel drive and the road conditions are good. There are special health requirements so you must consult with your GP in this respect. Only a moderate degree of fitness is required. Photographic opportunities are excellent. Group Size Minimum number for tour to go ahead:

4: Birding Africa Books: Southern African Birdfinder and Essential birding

Covering 11 countries from South Africa to Madagascar to Angola, Zambia, and Malawi, this book site descriptions, maps, and photos to take you to the birds you want to see. We bought it for South Africa, but are using it first for Malawi.

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5: Welcome to BirdLife South Africa - BirdLife South Africa

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