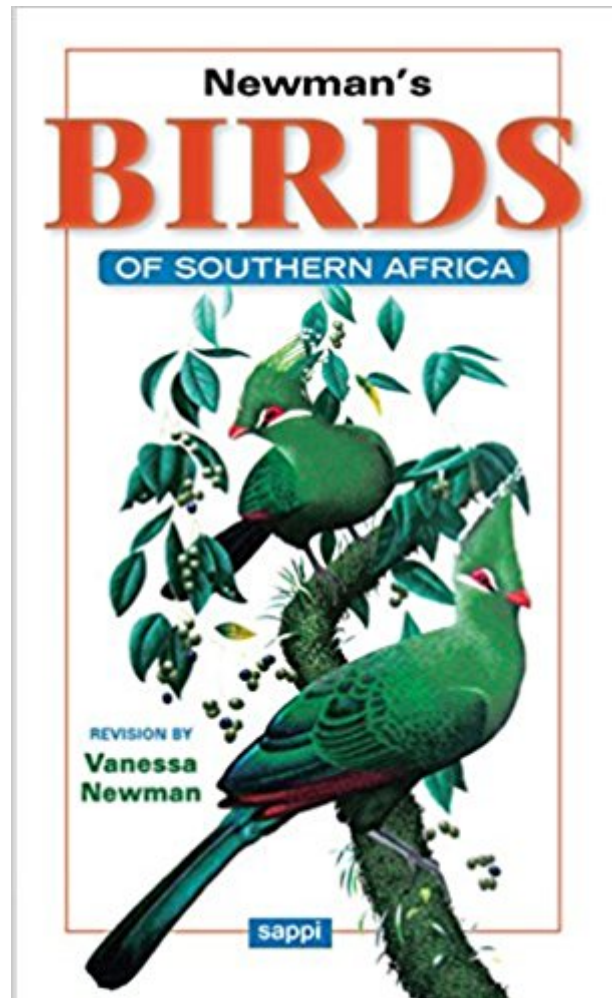




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Synopsis

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 classic field guide features hundreds of large color plates, a comprehensive checklist -- and revised information on habitats and distribution. Maps, text and illustrations are grouped together for easy reference. This is the book to carry anywhere south of the Zambezi."

The daughter of Kenneth Newman, VANESSA NEWMAN is the editor of this latest edition of Newman's Birds.

This book was recommended by a guide. I've seen the paper version and liked it, but it weights too much to take on our trip. I got the kindle version instead. However there are no page numbers, so you can't look up a bird in the index and find where to go in the book, unlike the print version. It also means if my guide says the bird we are looking at is on page 253 I have no idea where that is, as it

is "location" vs. actual page number. In looking closer at the ebook, they modified the layout of the content so you can see all the info on a bird on the same screen. In the physical book they are on opposite pages, which wouldn't work for the ebook format. So I understand what they did and it is good, but it produces limitations. When considering what to buy consider how you will want to use it. In a perfect world I'd buy the physical book. I looked at the app also but the search capability is totally different and not what I need for this situation..

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!

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 .

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.)

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

Great guide for trip to Namibia (we are novice birders and were not part of a birding trip so we ID'd

most birds ourselves). Binding quickly came unglued after a week of travel.

With so many cross references to make the kindle edition was not user friendly. There is nothing like a book in hand for some material. Regarding content the book is informative.

Brought this book to our trip to South Africa and Botswana and it was great. All of our guides had well worn copies of this book in their vehicles.

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