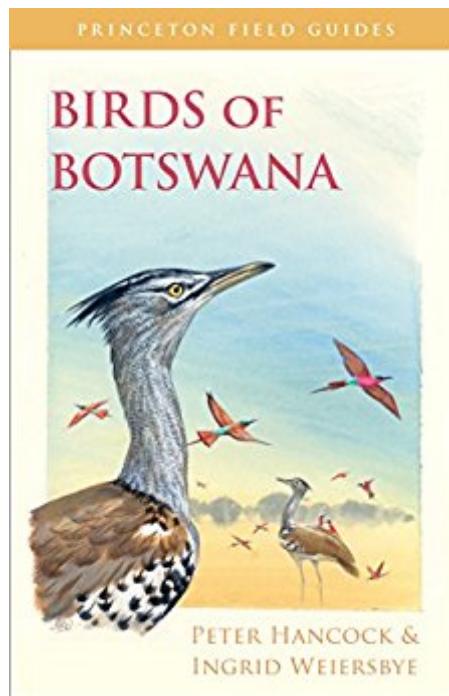


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# Birds Of Botswana (Princeton Field Guides)



## **Synopsis**

Here is the ultimate field guide to Botswana's stunningly diverse birdlife. Covering all 597 species recorded to date, Birds of Botswana features more than 1,200 superb color illustrations, detailed species accounts, seasonality and breeding bars, and a color distribution map for each species. Drawing on the latest regional and national data, the book highlights the best birding areas in Botswana, provides helpful tips on where and when to see key species, and depicts special races and morphs specific to Botswana. This is the first birding guide written by a Botswana-based ornithologist and the only one dedicated specifically to Botswana. Portable and easy to use, Birds of Botswana is the essential travel companion for anyone visiting this remarkable country. Covers all 597 species of birds found in Botswana, including subspecies and color variants specific to Botswana. Features more than 1,200 color illustrations "with more than one illustration for species where the sexes and ages differ. Includes detailed species accounts, seasonality and breeding bars, and color distribution maps. Draws on the latest bird data and the expertise of leading birders in Botswana.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I purchased this in anticipation of an upcoming trip to the Okavango Delta, but have not yet used it in the field. Based on my reading of it so far, I am very pleased with the book, notably the information specifically about Botswana. I have used the Roberts Guide to Southern African birds, very happily, on prior trips, but was interested to have a guide more focused on Botswana. The Roberts guide also seems to be out of print, even the softcover version. Excellent illustrations and maps. My only criticism is that the print is quite small, but that is to be expected in a serious field guide. I have recommended this book to friends.

Well needed for this unique geographic region.

Good plates. Excellent information. Strongly recommend.

You must have this book. Beautiful illustrations. Excellent text. Well organized.

Very informative. Great pictures.

This is the best field guide to buy if you're visiting Botswana and none of the neighboring countries. The distribution maps/status bars for each species are packed with a lot more information than usual: satisfactorily, this book allows one to see the relative abundance (and breeding activity) of each species during every month of the year (instead of the usual statements such as "this is a summer migrant" which leaves one wondering for example whether the bird is present by September or if it only arrives by say November). What is also really nice about this book is that it includes extra information not directly related to identification, such as conservation status and notes on breeding. This is done in a very concise but informative/intelligent way, which means that one can learn quite a bit about each species one sees, without making it a bulky book (it is still compact enough to function very well as a field guide). The family descriptions are also very well-written and informative. The book is laid out extremely well and is very easy to use. All in all, I HIGHLY recommend this book, with two caveats: 1) a great many visitors to Botswana will of course also set foot in neighboring countries such as South Africa or Namibia, in which case it's better to purchase one of the southern African guides mentioned at <http://birdingecotours.com/blog/?cat=recommended-bird-field-guides-for-the-7-continents> - having this Botswana one AND one of the southern African ones is overkill for sure 2) the artwork is excellent (and painted by the very well-known Ingrid Weiersbye) but I'd say the artwork in the most

highly-recommended book under 1) above is even better

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