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Kenneth Newman : Newman's Birds of Southern Africa (South African Travel Field Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Newman's Birds of Southern Africa (South African Travel Field Guides):

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this guide in his console. The birds were brilliantly colored and so varied, and we had fun thumbing through his very worn copy to learn more. As a hospitality gift, we ordered this for my sister. When it arrived, I was very pleased, as the revised format makes it even easier to locate a bird by its attributes. This guide is a really great choice for the serious birder as well as for anyone with even a remote interest heading to Southern Africa, as you will no doubt be mesmerized by the avian diversity there.

Extensively revised, this is a field guide to all the birds recorded from the Antarctic, through Southern Africa to the Zambezi. It contains updated paintings by the author, data on new vagrants and the latest species information.

Classic field guide features hundreds of large color plates, a comprehensive checklist -- and revised information on habitats and distribution. -- Longitude Books
About the Author
KENNETH NEWMAN (1924-2006), renowned bird painter and ornithologist, contributed significantly to the growing interest in, and awareness of, birds in southern Africa. His numerous books have a million copies worldwide. He served as president of the South African Ornithological Society and of BirdLife South Africa, and was a recipient of the SAOS Gill Memorial Award and the Zoological Society's Stevenson-Hamilton Award.