

Revision of the Genus *Bombycopsis* C. & R. Felder, 1874 (Lepidoptera: Lasiocampoidea: Lasiocampidae: Lasiocampinae: Lasiocampini): Transvaal Museum Monograph No.14 / J.Joannou & M.Kruger

Transvaal Museum, South Africa 2009

192p.;

9780620432047

\$ 25.00 / HB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153415>

Parrots of Africa, Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands - Biology, Ecology and Conservation / Mike Perrin

WITS University Press, South Africa 2012

612p.;

9781868145522

\$ 90.00 / HB

Parrots' colour and charisma, coupled with the fact that they mimic human speech, make them fascinating to many people. They are ancient birds with unique bill and foot structures that enable them to forage on fruits in the canopy of forest trees as well as on seeds in grasslands. Because they depend on fruits and seeds all year round, most species are confined to the tropics or sub-tropics, where the world's biodiversity is at its greatest. There are over three hundred species of parrots, of which more than one hundred are recognised as rare, endangered, vulnerable or threatened with extinction.

Parrots are largely distributed in tropical areas of developing countries where economies are weak and uncertain, and where there is great dependence on the exploitation of natural resources, particularly hard wood evergreen forests, which are preferred parrot habitats. Unfortunately, high levels of corruption are common to these regions, with much illegal trade in animals and little or no law enforcement. Collectors of parrots in the first world pay huge sums for rare parrots. However, research, education and conservation actions are greatly reducing illegal trade in African parrots.

This book provides complete coverage of all aspects of the biology of extant African, Malagasy and Mascarene parrots, and reviews our knowledge of extinct and fossil parrots from the region. Particular themes include the behavioural and ecological characteristics of parrots, their species characteristics and conservation biology. Current concepts in avian and conservation biology are also discussed.

Parrots of Africa, Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands is aimed at ornithologists, conservation biologists, avian ecologists, academics, bird watchers and parrot fans alike. It is well illustrated, with high quality original photographs, and includes distribution maps, figures and tables.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153303>

Vanishing Waters (2nd Revised edition) / Bryan Davies, Jenny Day

UCT Press, South Africa 2012

487p.;

9781919713113

\$ 37.50 / HB

South Africa faces a water shortage and supply crisis that threatens its development. All our water systems - rivers, vleis and estuaries - are becoming less and less natural. Their very nature as water providers is being altered and destroyed by ill-considered human intervention, sheer ignorance and neglect. *Vanishing waters* details southern Africa's water-supply crisis, distribution of water, and the misuse and abuse of water through over-engineering for water supply projects and over-abstraction by farming communities and urban populations. The book is fully illustrated with line-drawings, maps, tables, graphs and charts. An illustrated identification key provides a guide to the major groups of invertebrate organisms of southern African inland waters. An extensive glossary and index make this an excellent reference source.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153218>

Food for Africa - The Life & Work of a Scientist in GM Crops / Jennifer Thomson
UCT Press, South Africa 2012

172p.;

9781920499815

\$ 27.50 / HB

She has addressed the world's leaders at the UN. She has sat in the hot seat at the World Economic Forum in Davos persuading economists that genetically modified food is the answer to food security in Africa. She has faced vitriolic activists on television and explained the facts and fallacies of genetic engineering. And she has won the L'Oreal Women in Science award. So how did someone who thought she would choose the career of a teacher end up as a microbiologist in a very male-dominated arena and become one of the world's leading scientific advisors? In *Food for Africa*, Jennifer Thomson traces through anecdote and science the development of a hotly contended area of research, from the dawn of genetic engineering in the USA in 1974, through the early stages of its uptake in South Africa to the current situation in which approximately 80% of maize in South Africa is genetically modified for drought resistance. Through her own story of how she came to choose GM as a career and her path-breaking involvement in the development of GM research, she describes the spread of this technology into other parts of Africa and her venture into unknown territory to develop crops resistant to drought, insects and viruses, a journey in which she came up against the multinational Monsanto. The book describes a remarkable personal and scientific evolution and looks to a future in which staple crops may be grown in difficult conditions by smallholder farmers and help Africans achieve food security.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153201>

Kirstenbosch: The Most Beautiful Garden In Africa / Brian J. Huntley
Struik, South Africa 2012

240p.;

9781431701179

\$ 42.00 / HB

Kirstenbosch is a name that resonates round the world as the home of a uniquely rich flora in a setting of unsurpassed beauty, and in 2013 Kirstenbosch celebrates its 100th anniversary.

This centenary publication tells the story of its establishment, its setbacks and triumphs, its benefactors and heroes. It outlines the garden's scientific eminence - as the repository of knowledge on our prized flora - and details the many attractions that make it a favourite destination for Capetonians and visitors alike.

With a finely crafted text by acclaimed ecologist Brian J. Huntley, and lavishly illustrated with photographs and artworks that tell the history and reflect the beauty of the Garden, this will be a sought-after volume - a quality memento for visitors to Kirstenbosch and a keepsake for the many thousands of locals who flock there annually.

Beautifully presented in a colourful dustjacket, this book will be a tasteful, all-occasions gift, and one to cherish.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153219>

A Field Guide to the Tracks & Signs of Southern, Central & East African Wildlife /
Chris Stuart, Mathilde Stuart

Struik, South Africa 2013

488p.;

9781770073609

\$ 40.00 / HB

Originally published in 1994, A field guide to the tracks & signs of Southern and East African wildlife quickly became the standard reference to the subject in the region, reprinting many times. This new edition provides the most detailed coverage of tracks, droppings, bird pellets, nests and shelters and feeding signs, not only for mammals, but also for birds, reptiles, insects and other invertebrates. Greatly expanded, this extensive update now features: full colour throughout; many more examples of all tracks and signs; photographs of animal species to supplement the numerous examples of tracks and signs coverage of central African species; additional quick reference keys. The new edition retains the unique approach that made the first edition so popular, allowing readers to navigate quickly, by means of keys, to the pertinent information. Keys on the inside covers help readers access information even faster.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153220>

On Track - Quick ID Guide to Southern and East African Animal Tracks / Chris
Stuart, Mathilde

Struik Nature, South Africa 2013

40p.;

9781920572532

\$ 10.00 / HB

A simple key on the inside front cover directs users to any of 11 categories, such as 'cloven hooves', 'paws' or 'tramline-like trails'. Nearly 100 animals or closely related groups of animals are depicted; for each, there's: a silhouette of front and back feet and a colour photograph of the track; the average measurements for each track; a short description of the track and information about the circumstances and likely habitat. Concise and to-the-point, this pocket-sized reference will prove indispensable in the field, no matter the experience of the user.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153242>

My Life with Leopards / Fransje van Riel

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2013

230p.;

9780143530299

\$ 27.50 / HB

When two six-week-old leopard cubs, born in captivity in Zimbabwe, arrive at the Londolozi private game reserve in South Africa, 22-year-old game ranger Graham Cooke is assigned to take care of them. Based in an unfenced tented camp in the Londolozi bush, where lions, hyenas and other leopards abound, Graham's first task is to gain the cubs' trust before he begins to guide them towards release in the wild where they can assume their role as Africa's most efficient predators. After weeks of infinite patience and gentleness in his interactions with them, Graham is eventually accepted into the cubs' small family unit and, with a growing understanding of their behaviour, he finds ways of communicating with them. Slowly, he begins to introduce the young leopards to their new environment.

Tapping into their individual personalities, Graham finds himself particularly drawn to the reserved and aloof little female whose wariness contrasts sharply with her brother's easy-going nature. But, over time, both cubs come to recognise him as their protector and friend and he forms a unique bond with the young leopards which enables him to gain unparalleled insights into their development and behaviour.

When, a year later, the cubs are relocated to the Zambian wilderness in preparation for their release into the South Luangwa Valley, Graham has to face the hardest task of all: to set free the young charges he has become devoted to so that they can return to a wild existence where he is unable to control their fate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153129>

Taken Captive by Birds / Marguerite Poland, Craig Ivor van Vuuren

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2013

143p.;

9780143530442

\$ 31.25 / HB

"Taken Captive By Birds "is a collection of Marguerite Poland's 'discovery' of birds as a child and the role they have played in her and her family's life. Interwoven with the personal story are the myths, traditions and meanings behind birds and their names within Zulu and Xhosa culture. The book is divided into 18 chapters, each of which loosely deals with one particular bird or, sometimes, a grouping of birds. Beautifully illustrated by Craig Ivor van Vuuren, this collaboration promises to become one of the classic South African publications.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153121>

Southern African Sea Life - A Guide For Young Explorers / Sophie von der Heyden

Struik Nature, South Africa 2012

88p.;

9781770078932

\$ 12.50 / HB

This guide for young explorers combines scientific fact, fascinating tidbits, brilliant full-colour photography and sensitive illustrations to bring a wonderful variety of ocean creatures vibrantly to life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153214>

Killing For Profit - Exposing The Illegal Rhino Trade / Julian Rademeyer

Zebra Press, South Africa 2013

332p.;

9781770223349

\$ 30.00 / HB

Rhino horn is worth more than cocaine, heroin or even gold on the black markets of Southeast Asia and China. Now, "Killing for Profit" brings you the story of one man's journey into a violent underworld where ruthless criminal syndicates will stop at nothing to attain their prize a tale of greed and corruption and of an increasingly desperate battle to save from extinction an animal that has existed for over 50 million years. This is investigative journalism at its gripping best. If you read only one book this year, you want it to be this one. Journalist Julian Rademeyer follows the bloody trail of the syndicates, poachers, smugglers, hunters and hustlers from the frontlines of the rhino wars in Zimbabwe and South Africa to the medicine markets of Vietnam, and into the lair of a wildlife trafficking kingpin on the banks of the Mekong River in Laos. This book will appeal to anyone concerned about the survival of our endangered animal species and the environment in general.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153204>

First Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals of Southern Africa / Bruce Cairncross

Struik Publishers, South Africa 2013

56p.;

9781920544706

\$ 10.00 / HB

First Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals, the latest addition to the popular Struik Nature series, introduces the most important and interesting rocks and minerals from our geologically exciting region. The guide details 30 minerals and 18 major rock types, focusing on those that are best known or most commonly found. A short introduction provides an overview of the topic; colourful photographs throughout, both of the rocks and minerals and of the particular terrain in which they are found, complement the clear text and aid identification in the field.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153197>

Searching African Skies - The Square Kilometre Array and South Africa's quest to hear the songs of the stars / Sarah Wild

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

181p.;

9781431404728

\$ 27.50 / HB

An ambitious scientific project is unfolding in the desert of South Africa, with a multidecade time line that will eventually see expansion into Western Australia--a project that is detailed and celebrated in this book on the Square Kilometre Array (SKA). The SKA will be the largest and most sensitive radio telescope, expanding the capabilities of scientific probing and addressing significant unanswered questions about the universe, such as the formation of galaxies and the nature of gravity. Technology correspondent Sarah Wild covers the important development with this exploration of its implications on an international scale as well as its South African context, from the first telescope built in the country in the 1960s to Xhosa starlore. Interspersed with Xam bushmen stories rewritten from original manuscripts, this consideration is an informed and thoughtful insight into an exciting step in astronomy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153137>

Sky Guide Africa South 2013 / Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

Struik Nature, South Africa 2012

136p.;

9781920544782

\$ 12.00 / HB

Prepared by the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa for use by novice, amateur and professional astronomers, Sky Guide Africa South 2013 is a practical resource, offering information for the whole year on the movement of the planets, upcoming eclipses, the dates of meteor showers, as well as star charts to aid in identifying stars and constellations in the southern African night skies. The book also presents a wealth of information in a clear and accessible way about the Sun, Moon, planets, comets, meteors and bright stars, with many supporting diagrams, charts, illustrations and images.

An annual publication, Sky Guide Africa South 2013 is an invaluable resource for anyone with an interest in the night skies of southern Africa; '... an absolute must for first-time star-gazers and professional astronomers alike'.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153213>

Insider's Guide - Top Wildlife Photography Spots in Botswana and Namibia / Shem Compion

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

238p.;

9781431402595

\$ 25.00 / HB

Inspired by Africa's unique beauty, Shem Compion, in the second instalment of a three-part series, explores the best photography spots in Botswana and Namibia. This book provides a comprehensive guide to visiting some of the most remote destinations in the world. The daunting questions of when to go, how to get there, where to stay and what to do are quickly answered. The detailed and instructive photographic notes provide up-to-date information on the vital technical aspects of photography. In addition, this book is a guide to understanding animal behaviour - a photographer's greatest asset. Insider's guide uncovers the wonders of Botswana from the Okavango Delta, Deception Valley, to the Northern Tuli Game Reserve and many more. In Namibia, discover the splendour of the Southern Deserts, the lesser known locations in Etosha National Park as well as the Caprivi Strip. This is an essential guide for photographers, nature enthusiasts and travel junkies to begin their exploration into the vast and beautiful expanses of Botswana and Namibia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153139>

Battle for the President's Elephants: Life, Lunacy and Elation in the African Bush / Sharon Pincott

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

240p.;

9781431403592

\$ 32.50 / HB

Searching for something more than her high-flying IT-executive life was offering her, Sharon Pincott traded her privileged First World existence to start a new life with the Presidential Elephants of Zimbabwe the countrys flagship clan of over 450 wild elephants. She knew nothing of Zimbabwes ways; she was unpaid, untrained, self-funded and arrived with the starry-eyed air of most foreigners. For more than a decade, this passionate wildlife conservationist has lived in the Hwange bush among the Presidential Elephants of Zimbabwe a celebrated clan of wild elephants that she is devoted to and will do anything to protect. One minute shes cherishing incredibly intimate encounters with these gentle giants, the next shes accused of being a spy and then her name appears on a Zimbabwe police wanted-persons list. While things often seem to go from bad to worse, she relentlessly perseveres in the face of overwhelming odds to stick by the elephants she so obviously loves.

Written with engaging humour and warmth and a deep, tangible love of Africas wildlife, Sharon recounts the enchanting times that make her life in the wilds bearable, as well as some of the preposterous incidents that force her to question her sanity in staying in Zimbabwe.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=144425>

The Rhino Keepers - Struggle for Survival / Clive Walker, Anton Walker

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

208p.;
9781431404230
\$ 28.50 / HB

Few animals face as violent, as well organised, and as determined an enemy as the world's rhinos. Across the continent, rhinos are being slaughtered on a daily basis and approximately 5,000 black rhinos and 21,000 white rhinos are all that prevent Africa's rhinos from extinction. The Rhino Keepers is a personal story of the conservation of the rhinos in southern Africa. It charts the ongoing struggle for survival of these amazing animals told through the experiences and insights of preeminent conservationists, Clive and Anton Walker. Clive's and Anton's book describes these fascinating animals and the reason behind their historical decline, the myths that surround them and discusses the resurrection of the rhino horn trade. They carefully unpack the complications of opening up a 'legal' trade in horn and the views of those who oppose such measures. This real life account of the rhino wars presents a harrowing story that underscores the enormous challenges that lie ahead for conservation in a world where rhino horns sold by the gram raise double the price of gold and are more expensive than cocaine in the end-user Asian markets. This book is for anyone who has been appalled over the past few years at the senseless slaughter of these magnificent animals. It urges readers to question the way we manage our natural heritage and implores us to recognise our role as rhino keepers of the future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153132>

Voices from the Forest - Celebrating Nature and Culture in Xhosaland / Tony Dold, Michelle Cocks

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

229p.;
9781431402991
\$ 33.50 / HB

However disconnected modern people may feel from nature, the cultural legacy of our natural environment continues to leave its mark on us. While the South African landscape has for centuries been moulded and manipulated by humans, the country and its plants and animals have in turn influenced our cultural and spiritual development. Voices from the forest is a fascinating book which explores the journey of celebrating the link between people and nature, the book reveals how plants, animals and landscapes are profoundly reflected in Xhosa language, stories, poetry, religious rituals, healing practices and everyday customs that define Xhosa culture. Over the years cultural and spiritual meaning of nature in South Africa has been poorly recorded and often misunderstood. The current trade of medicinal plants is often destructive and unsustainable with an estimated 27 million South Africans making use of indigenous medicines. This is a serious detriment as natural resources have been a reliant for underprivileged people who gain food, fuel, medicines, and building materials from wild plants. Therefore the addition of information on edible and medicinal plants is of extreme importance. The book is based on 10 years of personal discovery and research by authors Tony Dold and Michelle Cocks, and consists of highly unique photographs that portray that both contemporary rural and urban South Africans still find great cultural and spiritual value in nature. Many books on the subject of natural resource use focus on the negative of how natural resources are being depleted by continued use. While this is indeed a reality, Voices from the Forest gives a fresh positive approach to biodiversity conservation in SA by showing that people's values for natural resources can be considered positively as a way forward to continued sustainable use. The book explores the role that nature plays in the cultural and spiritual landscapes of the Xhosa people in the Eastern Cape of South Africa and serves as a pointer to sustainable practices in the future. The underlying aim is ultimately sustaining cultural heritage and conserving biodiversity because in our modernising world cultural diversity is threatened by the loss of natural diversity and finding ways of protecting the region's biodiversity and cultural diversity is of vital importance. As a book which has a social focus, Voices from the Forest is of exceptional value - and it also has a far wider application: what you learn from it, you know must also apply in different ways to countless other peoples whose way of living has been changed and uprooted.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153133>

Roberts Geographic Variation Of Southern African Birds / Hugh Chittenden, David Allan, Ingrid Weiersbye

Jacana Media, South Africa 2012

284p.;

9781920602000

\$ 27.50 / HB

The John Voelcker Bird Book Fund (JVBBF) is proud to publish Roberts Geographic Variation of Southern African Birds, an illustrated version of aspects dealt with under the subject of Geographic Variation in the large handbook tome Roberts Birds of Southern Africa 7th Edition.

Worldwide, this is the first field guide to attempt to comprehensively illustrate the varied plumages that are exhibited by the region's birds. Although sometimes a camouflage and defence mechanism against predation, many other factors contribute to plumage variation and it is hoped that this guide will stimulate the reader's interest in this complex subject so that we can further our knowledge on various subspecies, a concept that was brought to the fore a little over 100 years ago.

The colour maps (courtesy of Guy Upfold), are a guide to the distribution of the subspecies; included too are the meaning of scientific names (Etymology).

This information, together with 105 annotated plates illustrated by the exceptional talent of Ingrid Weiersbye, makes this guide essential for both beginner and expert birders.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153135>

Contested Ecologies: Dialogues in the South on Nature and Knowledge / Lesley Green

HSRC Press, South Africa 2013

304p.;

9780796924285

\$ 46.75 / HB

Contested Ecologies: Reimagining the Nature-culture Divide in the Global South offers an intervention in the conversations on ecology and on coloniality, and on the ways in which modern thinking, with its bifurcation of nature and culture, constitutes 'ecology' within a very particular politics of the cosmos.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=152975>

The Raptor Guide of Southern Africa / Ulrich Oberprieler

Sunbird Publishers, South Africa 2012

384p.;

9780992170103

\$ 41.00 / HB

All Southern African raptors are described, both diurnal and nocturnal species.

A User-friendly system of 11 groups which are colour-coded and cross-referenced.

Comprehensive text that emphasises field recognition, behaviour, feeding methods, breeding and the origin of the name.

Concise information indicating measurements, distribution, habitat preference, food & status.

English, Afrikaans, French, German, Portuguese and scientific names.

Distribution maps that indicate abundance and migratory patterns.

Both old and new 'Roberts numbers' indicated.

Over 800 excellent colour photographs to indicate males, females, juveniles, other colour variations and flight patterns.

Sonograms to interpret the calls of owls

A comprehensive section on confusing birds

Illustrations of the raptors and their various colour forms, as well as illustrations of perched birds by Graeme Arnott and Laura Ferreira. The text has been updated according to the latest information. The distribution maps have been updated according to the latest data.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153017>

The Realm of the Desert Elephant / Chris Wildblood
Sunbird Publishers, South Africa 2011
124p.;
9781848767690
\$ 37.00 / HB

The Realm of the Desert Elephant is a magical photographic journey through Namibia's Kunene region in Northwest Namibia, one of the last true wilderness areas of Sub-Saharan Africa. This spectacular book captures not only the elusive desert elephants in their natural habitat, but explores the ancient lands of Kaokoland and Damaraland.

These two very contrasting areas are the home of a huge diversity of wonderful wildlife, from dung beetles and mopani moths to the black rhino, giraffes and, of course, the elephants majestically patrolling the riverbeds and eking out a living in this often merciless environment. The Realm of the Desert Elephant also explores the lives of the semi-nomadic Himba people.

The book includes wonderful aerial photography to further demonstrate the rich diversity of the region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153019>

Eagles of Africa / Johann Knobel
Sunbird Publishers, South Africa 2012
216p.;
9781920289669
\$ 37.00 / HB

This book celebrates the eagles of Africa in evocative text and compelling photography.

Colour photographs of all 26 eagle species occurring on the African mainland – a first in publishing history.

Informative but readable species accounts.

Special essays, in images and words, on the hunt, the breeding cycle, the eagle's day and the eagle's world.

Eagle names in English, Afrikaans, French, German, Spanish, Swahili, Tswana, and Zulu.

Distribution maps, measurements, global conservation status.

Anecdotes from the author's experiences in the field.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153020>

In Search of the African Lion / Roger de la Harpe, Pat de la Harpe
Sunbird Publishers, South Africa 2012
160p.;
9781920289577
\$ 40.00 / HB

The African lion (*Panthera leo*), long celebrated as the king of beasts, faces unprecedented challenges in the wild today. Loss of habitat through the expansion of human activity increasingly restricts the lion to game reserves and national parks, while diseases such as bovine tuberculosis pose a threat to the health of lion prides. Over a period of two years, Roger and Pat de la Harpe have documented wild lions of South Africa, and the result is a superbly photographed and engagingly written tribute to this often misunderstood predator. In Search of the African Lion enters the complex world of the lion, describing pride dynamics, hunting patterns, the reproductive cycle and interactions with human communities.

The book focuses on four main areas: the Kalahari, the Madikwe/Mapungubwe area, the Greater Kruger National Park and Northern Zululand - each with its own problems, challenges and opportunities. In addition, the authors highlight the important work done by game rangers, wildlife managers and scientific researchers in understanding the lion and in protecting existing populations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153022>

The Bulb Book - A South African Gardener's Guide / Charles Barnhoorn
Sunbird Publishers, South Africa 2013
207p.;
9781920289768
\$ 66.90 / HB

Researched and written by South Africa's foremost producer of bulbs, this comprehensive, clear and easy-to-use growing guide and reference volume shows you how to create a spectacular flowering garden anywhere in South Africa with bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes.

The Bulb Book: A South African Gardener's Guide covers everything you need to know about selecting and planting bulbs, bulb and soil care, watering and feeding tips, design in the garden, forcing and holding bulbs to extend flowering periods, protecting the plants against pests and diseases, and how to display cut flowers.

An extensive A to Z listing, focusing especially on indigenous bulbs, gives specific details on bulbs suited to South African conditions, with more detailed attention given to the most successful and rewarding species and varieties. Included:

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153027>

Overcoming Barriers to Climate Change Adaptation Implementation in Southern Africa / Edited by Lesley Masters and Lyndsey Duff
AISA, South Africa 2011
316p.;
9780798302591
\$ 41.00 / HB

Global climate change is possibly the greatest environmental challenge facing the world in the twenty-first century. Although often referred to as 'global warming', climate change encompasses serious disruptions to the world's entire weather and climate patterns, including impacts on rainfall, extreme weather events and rising sea-levels, as well as moderate to extreme global temperature increases. Like most other developing countries in the world, Southern African nations are finding it increasingly difficult to implement adaptation activities as a result of a number of barriers. In an effort to explore and identify the full spectrum of barriers to adaptation, the research and analysis of this book is divided into five sections – political, economic, financial, technological and social barriers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153048>

The Field Guide to Shorebirds of South Africa / Roy Cowgill and Stephen Davis
Jacana Media, South Africa 2013
184p.;
9781431406470
\$ 19.90 / HB

This unique new guide will help identify the more common waders (shorebirds) in South Africa and will appeal to both experienced birders as well as novices.

Using classification, characteristics and behaviour, and based on an 8-point identification framework, the reader is guided through the stages of identification of shorebirds. The book also gives visual clues to both plovers and sandpipers through silhouettes and plumage patterns showing their relative size as a key to identification, as well as photos with key species characteristics. Also included are descriptions of habitats, tables showing seasonality, abundance, and distribution.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153084>

Bushveld, Desert and Dogs - A Game Ranger's Life / Christiaan Bakkes
Human & Rousseau, South Africa 2012
224p.;
9780798156899
\$ 26.25 / HB

37 stories selected and arranged by Suzette Kotzé-Myburgh from Stoffel in Afrika en Stoffel op safari. Translated by Elsa Silke.

Bakkes has been involved in conservation for almost two decades in one of Africa's last wilderness areas: Namibia's dry northwestern areas, the Kaokoveld and Damaraland. He and his wife both work for Wilderness Safaris, Christiaan as a guide and area manager. He has also led several gorilla safaris in the forests of Uganda.

Bakkes is fast becoming a legendary figure in Namibian ecotourism and in his outspoken dedication to conservation. A master narrator whose stories portray life in the wilderness with engaging simplicity and humour."

The author's previous collection in English, *In Bushveld and Desert*, sold very well. Praise from the media:

"Bakkes's writing is unpretentious, yet hauntingly beautiful as he writes from the soul. A must read." – Cape Times

"A highly readable, honest and humorous account." – The Witness

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153162>

See South Africa / Dawid van Lill

Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa 2013

208p.;

9780624054450

\$ 31.25 / HB

On every one of the 90 double-page, full-colour spreads, Van Lill curates interesting and important information that every South African needs to know: from the symbolic meaning of the country's shield, to the location and height of every lighthouse on the coast of our country. This book will be welcomed in every home – a boon to readers young and old.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153155>

Great Tuskers of Africa / Johan Marais, David Hadaway

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2012

222p.;

9780143530466

\$ 37.50 / HB

There was a time when the African elephant roamed the entire continent at will and was able to live out its long life in harmony with its environment. The bull elephants who became known as great tuskers, the hundred-pounders of colonial times, were plentiful. But throughout the ages man has relentlessly hunted these majestic beasts for their ivory and this, combined with the loss of its habitat to ever-increasing human populations, brought the African elephant to the brink of extinction in many parts of the continent. In the twenty-first century a great tusker will only be found in a conservation area, and it will be a rare and unforgettable sighting. In *Great Tuskers of Africa* Johan Marais and David Hadaway share their passion for the giants of the wilderness, providing a celebration in words and pictures of past and present tuskers, and capturing the grace and dignity, and the mystery and romance of these extraordinary animals.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=153126>

Kinabalu / Antony van der Ent

Natural History Publications (Borneo), Malaysia 2013

iv. 152p. ; 29cm.

9789838121422

\$ 125.00 / HB

2140 gm.

Mount Kinabalu (4095 m) in the East Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo is the highest mountain between the Himalayas and the mountains of New Guinea, as well as the most biodiverse place on earth for its size with an unparalleled ecology with many endemic species. Scientific research undertaken over the last 160 years has recorded over 5500 plant species comprising over 200 plant families in an area roughly 30×40 km in size, making it truly a 'pinnacle of biodiversity'.

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