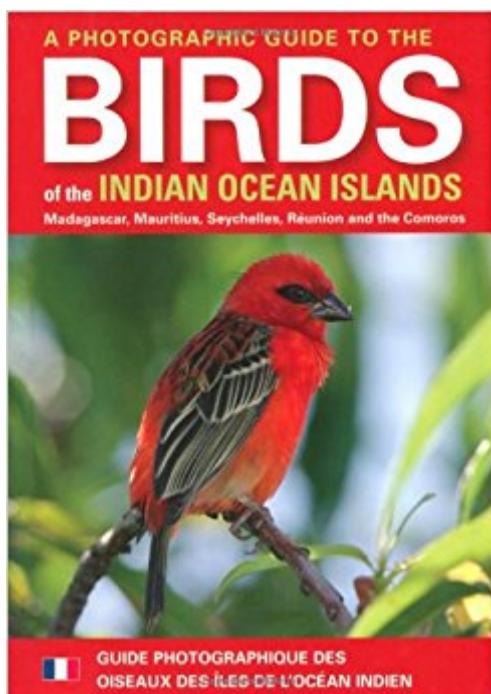


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A Photographic Guide To The Birds Of The Indian Ocean Islands: Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Réunion And The Comoros



Synopsis

This photographic guide depicts a selection of the most commonly encountered and striking bird species of Madagascar, the Seychelles, the Comoros, and the Mascarenes – a region boasting high levels of endemism. The species accounts cover the birds' appearance, basic behaviour, preferred habitats, and geographical distribution. Each species account enjoys a full page which features a color photograph, distribution map, and text in English and French.

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IAN SINCLAIR is renowned in African birding circles for his field knowledge and expertise in identifying the region's many bird species. His vast experience has been gained in expeditions to every corner of Africa, as well as to the Himalayas, Antarctica and Marion Island. He has authored or co-authored several successful bird books, including the hugely successful Field Guide to Birds of SA and the equally successful Birds of Southern Africa. Fanja Andriamialisoa, originally from Madagascar, is a naturalist who travelled extensively in her own country before establishing herself in the United States. She is an experienced editor and translator of scientific documents. Olivier Langrand spent 14 years in Madagascar, working in nature conservation. He is now based in Washington DC, working for Conservation International as Senior Vice President: Africa and Madagascar Programme.

Basics: 2006, 1st edition, softcover, 128 pages, 141 color photos, 128 species, no range maps This photographic guide is a follow-up to the earlier and more extensive field guide of 1998 by the same authors. This smaller book takes a different focus than its predecessor. Instead, this book gives us a more limited number of species by introducing the reader to the more striking or extraordinary species of the region; but, not all of them. In all, only 128 species, or about 36% of the region's birds are shown in these photographs. The birds that are shown are done so with very nice, sharp colored photographs. It's refreshing to see larger sized photos being used. Most of them take up about half the page. Each bird receives just one photo with only a few birds being afforded two. The selection of birds presented in this book are a representative sample from each of the key island groups noted in the book's title. Accompanying each bird is a brief descriptive paragraph that gives only a general description of the bird. While these descriptions may aid with identifying the bird, the focus of this book seems more to be introducing birders to the islands' avifauna. A few additional notes cover the bird's range and its general natural history. This material is presented in both French and English. For those people interested in seeing quality photos of rarer, isolated birds, this book will be enjoyed. Although it should not be considered as a substitute for the author's earlier field guide, it is still a good study aid to many of the unique birds. For a more serious birding trip to the smaller islands around Madagascar, the field guide by the same authors (Birds of the Indian Ocean Islands) is a highly recommended and necessary alternative. -- (written by Jack, shown with sample pages at Avian Review, June 2008) I've listed several related books below... 1) Birds of the Indian Ocean Islands by Sinclair/Langrand 2) The Birds of Seychelles and Outlying Islands by Penny 3) Oiseaux De La Reunion by Barre 4) The Beautiful Birds of Seychelles by Skerrett 5) Birds of the Seychelles by Skerrett/Bullock 6) Birds of Mauritius by Michel 7) Birds of Seychelles by Beamish 8) Les Oiseaux de Comores by Louette 9) Guide to the Birds of Madagascar by Langrand 10) Birds of Madagascar: A Photographic Guide by Morris

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