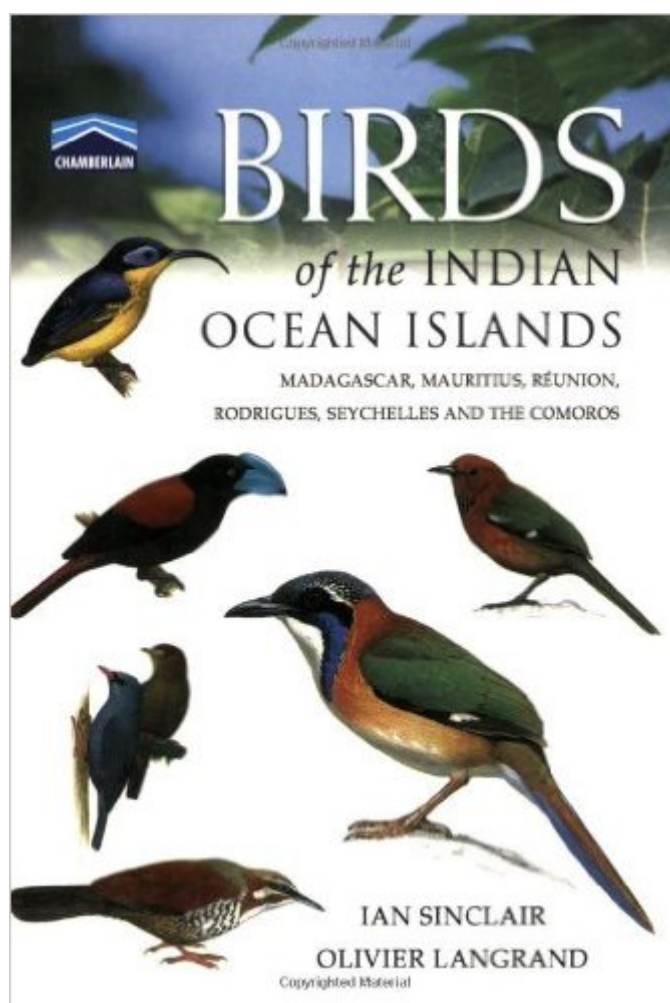


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# Birds Of The Indian Ocean Islands: Madagascar, Mauritius, Réunion, Rodrigues, Seychelles And The Comoros



## Synopsis

Following in the format of *Sasol Birds of Southern Africa*, this guide presents all the birds of Madagascar and the other Indian Ocean islands (Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius and Mascarenes), a great many species of which are endemic to these islands. In field guide form, this text presents concise descriptions of each species, highlighting diagnostic features for ease of identification.

Differences between sexes and plumages are discussed as well as the status of the bird, its habitat and call. Distribution maps accompany each entry. The birds are illustrated in full color and where necessary are depicted in all plumages relevant to identification (male, female and immature).

In-flight illustrations present the bird from above and below, providing comprehensive coverage of the birds in the field.

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Basics: 1998, 1st edition, softcover, 184 pages, 70 color plates, 359 species, range maps This field guide is the predecessor to the smaller photographic guide of 2006 by the same authors. This is the only complete field guide to cover these unique islands in the Indian Ocean. Fortunately, as the only guide, it is also a very good guide. The illustrations are high quality and the text is well-written to aid the birder with the more difficult groups of birds such as warblers, newtonias, and greenbuls. A range map has been supplied for each of the birds. Given the high percentage of birds endemic to this area -- which is probably a key attractor for anyone birding here -- it would have been helpful to make some type of visual distinction in the map to signify if the range reflects an endemic bird or the visitation grounds of a migrant/visitor. To be fair to the authors, this information is clearly stated

within the text under "Status". This book is invaluable - and a necessity - for birding the smaller islands around Madagascar. For a visit to only Madagascar, this book will be as equally useful as the few other field guides written for this country. I've listed several related books below...1) A Photographic Guide to the Birds of the Indian Ocean Islands by Sinclair2)

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