

'If I had this book in my early birding years, the
lifers would have come rolling in!'
Ian Sinclair

GAUTENG BIRDING

The greater Gauteng region, including Pretoria and Johannesburg, is home to over 5 000 birders. While often overlooked by birders on their travels further afield, the Gauteng region, with its diversity of natural and modified habitats, offers over 450 bird species. Many specials, including 80 endemics/near-endemics, are more easily seen here than anywhere else on Earth!

- 101 **birding sites** with in-depth details on access, accommodation, habitats and specials
- full-colour **site maps** and **information icons** indicating facilities, directions and safety
- illustrated features on identification challenges and finding sought-after species
- supplementary information on other wildlife, geology and botany
- a selection of **top weekend trips**, including new sites not covered elsewhere
- recommended **birding itineraries** for local and visiting birders
- bi-monthly **birding calendar** with suggested birding activities for the whole year
- annotated **checklist** (English and Afrikaans), featuring old and new bird names

Etienne Marais owns and operates *Indicator Birding* (established 1998), an eco-tourism company specialising in finding and ensuring good views of the more elusive specials throughout southern Africa. Etienne is the founder of *The Raiders of the Lost Lark*, the first birding team to record 300 species in one day—all within the Gauteng region! Etienne has nearly 40 years' birding experience and is a past chairman of BirdLife Northern Gauteng. He lives in Centurion with his wife Alice and children Kayla and Ruben, sharing their garden with a pair of Little Sparrowhawks.



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