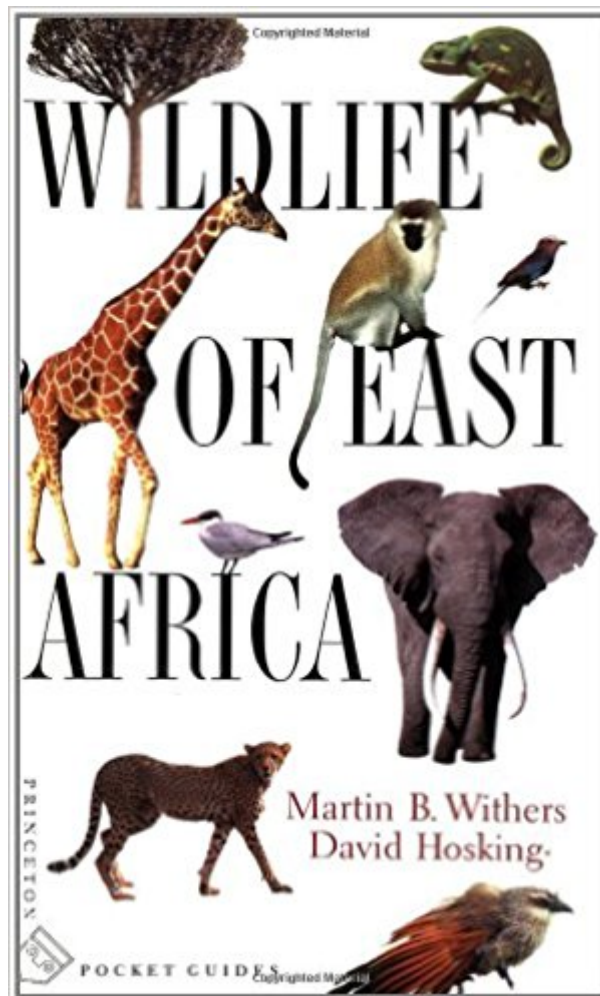




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Synopsis

Those looking for a concise yet informative, visually breathtaking yet affordable East African safari need look no further than this spectacular field guide. Featuring full-color photos of 475 common species of bird, mammal, snake, lizard, insect, tree, and flower, *Wildlife of East Africa* takes us on an exquisite one-volume tour through the living splendor of the main national parks and game reserves of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Many of the species included--from pelicans to plovers, ostriches to elephants, from the daintiest of antelopes to cattlelike giants, from leopards to lions, baboons to gorillas, chameleons to crocodiles, acacias to aloes--also inhabit neighboring countries. The selection was based on the personal experiences of the authors, wildlife experts who have been leading safaris in the region for more than twenty years. Each species is illustrated with a photo and a detailed entry on the facing page; the text is commendably rich for such a compact guide. This information enables the particular animal or plant to be identified by such traits as size, plumage or pelage, color, and shape. An opening section on wildlife photography provides helpful tips on the best type of camera, film, and lenses to use, techniques, and codes of conduct. *Wildlife of East Africa* is a must for anyone considering a first-hand look at, or simply daydreaming of, the elegant, enormous, or exotic wildlife of East Africa. Covers the main parks and reserves of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, plus surrounding countries 475 common species of bird, mammal, snake, lizard, insect, tree, and flower--from ostriches to elephants, leopards to lions, baboons to gorillas, chameleons to crocodiles, acacias to aloes Full-color photographs and detailed entries describing each species Written and illustrated by wildlife experts who have been leading safaris in East Africa for more than 20 years Tips on wildlife photography, techniques, and codes of conduct

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Customer Reviews

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My wife and I were planning a two week safari in Kenya when, several weeks ago, we bought this volume and a number of other guide books to the birds and/or other wildlife to be found in East Africa from . Most of the larger and far more comprehensive volumes offered us endless details and pictures that this easy-to-carry volume did not but because of its size, this was the only book that we chose to take with us. We are so glad that we did! To be sure, there were times when we spotted this or that species of animal or bird that we found ourselves wishing that we had brought the larger volumes, but this book was perfect for quick identifications and the instant gratification of being absolutely sure of what we had seen. I cannot begin to estimate how many times our book was passed back and forth among the little group with whom we traveled. All too often, I got endless requests to "pass your book up (or back) here" and, by the end of our trip, the little volume was lovingly bedraggled but used so often that, if books could feel empathy, it would have been proud of itself. *Wildlife of East Africa* is, as it was intended, in no way comprehensive. There are many species, especially birds, which are not included here, but all the really important ones are and the convenience of carrying this little book in a pocket more than makes up for the omissions. Anyone going to Kenya or other countries in East Africa who wants a small, easy-to-handle guide would be well-advised to purchase this excellent little text.

We took this book on our trip to Tanzania and Kenya last fall. Our guides were outstanding and provided incredible background on Africa, but the book was our go-to-source of information when the guide was not available. Lots of photos and basic descriptions of the wildlife and vegetation added to our trip's enjoyment.

This is an excellent quick yet thorough reference for nearly every animal seen in East Africa. The pictures featured in the book are outstanding and the descriptions are consistently accurate. I highly recommend reviewing this material prior to any African trip, and if room permits, take it along in your luggage.

Excellent book to have on safari. Good pictures and info on the wildlife. Best part is small enough to carry on safari.

We just came back from Kenya and Tanzania and need the book to label our pictures. It was a life saver. We were able to match up birds and animals where we had forgotten what they were.

I bought this on the strength of previous reviews, but I am disappointed and will probably return it. No range maps! No real distribution information at all. No sizes! No tracks for mammals. No Swahili names. Teeny tiny print that you need a magnifying glass to read. The information is not really organized at all, but just strung out in one long paragraph, so you need to hunt through to find specifics. The photos are of varying quality...some not very good. Over 2/3 of the book is birds...I plan to bring a separate field guide for birds, so I didn't really need the bird section. Very few insects or reptiles. I suppose if you want an all-in-one book with a little bit of everything, it may be useful, but for my purposes, not so much. It's too bad there wasn't a preview for this one, or I would have known these things up front. I'm going to try this one for mammals, which seems much better organized. *Pocket Guide to Mammals of East Africa*

When I went on my first safari in Tanzania I did not take any reference books. I found that to be a mistake. This reference guide proved to be very valuable because it included just about everything I saw and then some. Prior to leaving on my second safari I purchased this book. The guides on safari are always very knowledgeable and helpful. But I found that having my own reference book was very helpful for names and spellings during and after the safari, particularly for identifying animals and birds on the many, many photos that were taken.

Easy to use, good clear content. Though we also had the Audubon Guide at home, chose to take *Wildlife of East Africa* on our trip to Tanzania because it was lighter weight for use on safari

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