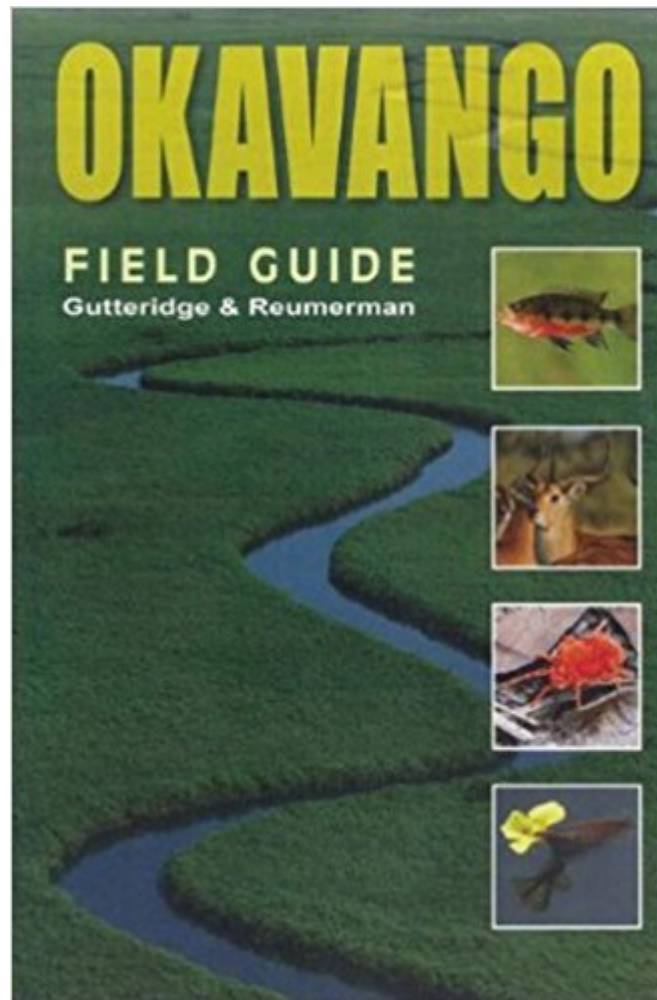




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OKAVANGO: A Field Guide (Southbound Field Guides)



Synopsis

After The South African Bushveld-A Field Guide from the Waterberg, this is the second comprehensive field guide to be published in southern Africa that covers a detailed cross-section of the most prominent animals, plants, birds, fish, insects and tracks and signs of a particular region. It includes a detailed natural history section for a greater understanding of the geology, habitats and ecology of the region. This book negates the need to carry more than one guide book when visiting the Okavango. Contents include: Geology, Habitats, Ecology, Mammals (and diseases), Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Scorpions, Spiders, Insects, Butterflies and Moths, Fish, Flowers, Trees, Grasses, Tracks and Signs, Fungi, Aquatic Plants and more. Lee Gutteridge was born in Sheffield, England, in 1973. His family moved to South Africa in 1982. Since his first encounters with snakes in the mid-eighties he has been passionate about African wildlife. He is now a professional field guide with 19 years' of bush experience. He is the principal trainer of the Entabeni Nature Guide Training School. Passionate about the learning and sharing of knowledge, his first book, the best-selling South African Bushveld-A Field Guide from the Waterberg, was published in 2008. He has also co-authored San Rock Art: A Field Guide (2011). He lives in the eastern Waterberg with his wife Sarah and his two children, Kellen and Savannah. Tony Reumerman was born and raised on the Highveld of South Africa and from an early age developed an interest in bird, insect and plant life. He was schooled at St. John Bosco College in Daleside where his interest in natural history unfolded, becoming an obsession during his years as a soldier and later as a microbiology student. Excursions into wildlife areas in southern Africa became so regular that he decided to pursue his passion and work as a field guide. He was to spend eight years guiding, managing and training other guides at Sabi Sabi Game Reserve in the Kruger region before moving, in 2000, to the Okavango where he joined Wilderness Safaris. He heads up the training team and has an avid interest in mammal behaviour, photography, botany and ornithology. Tony is based in Maun where he lives with his wife Andrea and son Aidan.

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I was very impressed with this guide. It works well on my iPad Kindle Reader. It is a large book in the terms of the number of pages. It is well illustrated. The photos are a reasonable size and upscale

well on the iPad! I got it as the Okavango was mentioned in 1 or 2 documentaries I was watching. It has the usual information on different vegetation areas, animals, reptiles, birds, trees etc all of these are well done. I may have missed it in my other books but this guide had a good guide to grasses, giving their type, where they typically occurred, what their nutritional value was and of these what animals grazed them. They were illustrated with one or more photos. Another thing one occasionally hears on documentaries is about various animal diseases. This guide has a helpful guide to the more important of them. The descriptions are on the full side but are very well written and have added to my knowledge substantially. I like the WILDguides (Princeton University Press) a lot and have a variety of other wildlife guides etc on Kindle. I held off buying this guide as I didn't really think I needed it. Well I was clearly wrong and am very happy to have it. It often has information not found in other guides which can help answer a number of questions. One small quibble-- the maps are poor (but Google Maps can help out.) Highly recommended

Bought this on a Kindle and I wish I had purchased a hard copy. Read on the plane on my way to Botswana and enjoyed the information. As a reference, a hard copy would have been easier to flip through while traveling.

We recently returned from a 2-week stay in the Okavango and this field guide was constantly in use. The Kindle version was perfect for our trip, especially with the travel weight limits for gear. The index with clickable links to specific subjects was very helpful, though occasionally they would take you to a nearby page instead of the intended page. The field guide pictures and maps were very good in the Kindle version. All of our guides carried this book.

If you are headed for the Delta this is the book for you. A comprehensive view of the complete ecosystem. The Kindle version renders perfectly on a tablet and will let you keep up with the incredible floral, fauna and geology of this amazing region of the world.

Good reference book. Could have more photos of the animals to help with identification.

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