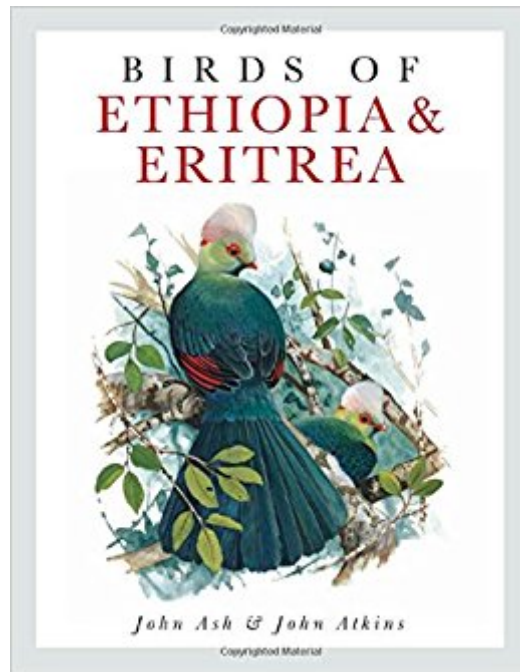




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# Birds Of Ethiopia And Eritrea: An Atlas Of Distributioa



## Synopsis

Ethiopia and Eritrea have a fascinating and unique avifauna. Poorly known in comparison to many parts of Africa, knowledge on bird distribution in the two countries is scattered throughout the literature. For more than 35 years, the authors have been painstakingly collecting bird records in the region and plotting them on half-degree maps, including published records, data from museum specimens, sightings from their own extensive travels and, more recently, records from the many birdwatchers that now visit Ethiopia. The resulting atlas provides, for the first time, an accurate assessment of the distribution of each of the 870 species known from the two countries, including valuable information on breeding. The succinct text summarises the results and discusses distribution to subspecies level. Extensive introductory chapters cover topics such as topography, geology, vegetation, climate, habitats, conservation, migration, breeding seasons, bird ringing, and the history of ornithology in the region. This groundbreaking book fills a large hole in the literature for one of the most diverse and least known areas of Africa.

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John Ash is a distinguished ornithologist who spent much of his career on bird-related research in Africa, including many years in Ethiopia and Eritrea. He has travelled extensively in the region and was senior author of the acclaimed Birds of Somalia (Pica Press, 1998). John Atkins lived in Ethiopia for several years while working for the British Council, travelling widely and developing a deep knowledge of the region's birds.

Basics: 2009, hardcover, 463 pages, 29 of 32 endemics with color photos, 872 species with a breeding/status atlas map, text of distribution and habitat, many lists This is a thorough reference book to the distribution and status of all species found in both Ethiopia and Eritrea. The heart of the book is its 872 atlas style maps. Using a grid of 528 squares over the region, the presence of each bird in a square is represented by four distinct symbols. These represent either a confirmed sighting/specimen, an uncertain record, confirmed breeding, or uncertain breeding. The paragraph accompanying each map consists of the bird's status in the country, migration pattern, distribution notes, breeding behavior and dates, and favored sites. This information is about one paragraph in length. Other than a dozen or so black-and-white photos of various habitats, the only other photos in this book are 29 excellent, nice-sized color images. These represent all but 3 of the region's 32 endemic birds. Not illustrated are the Red-billed Pytilia, the uncertain Ethiopian Cliff Swallow, and the never seen Nechisar Nightjar (known from only a single wing). For the data oriented birder, this book offers a great deal of additional information. The 70 pages at the beginning cover a wide range of information from ornithological history to topography and geology to vegetation to breeding seasons. There are also 14 good quality color maps of the region showing a variety of geologic, climate, and vegetative aspects. The last 78 pages of the book offer many lists that cover hybrids, endemics, hypotheticals, important bird areas, bird ringing/banding, a gazetteer, and references. This book will appeal to the more ardent ornithologist, the traveling birder, and the Abyssian enthusiast; however, its emphasis on maps and data with few photos and no identification may be a little dry for many other birders. I've listed several related books below...

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