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About the Author

Ber van Perlo is the author and illustrator of numerous popular field guides including *Birds of Eastern Africa*, *Birds of Southern Africa*, *Birds of Western and Central Africa*, and *Birds of Mexico and Central America*. Until 1991 he worked as a geographer and physical planner for the Dutch National Forest Service.

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