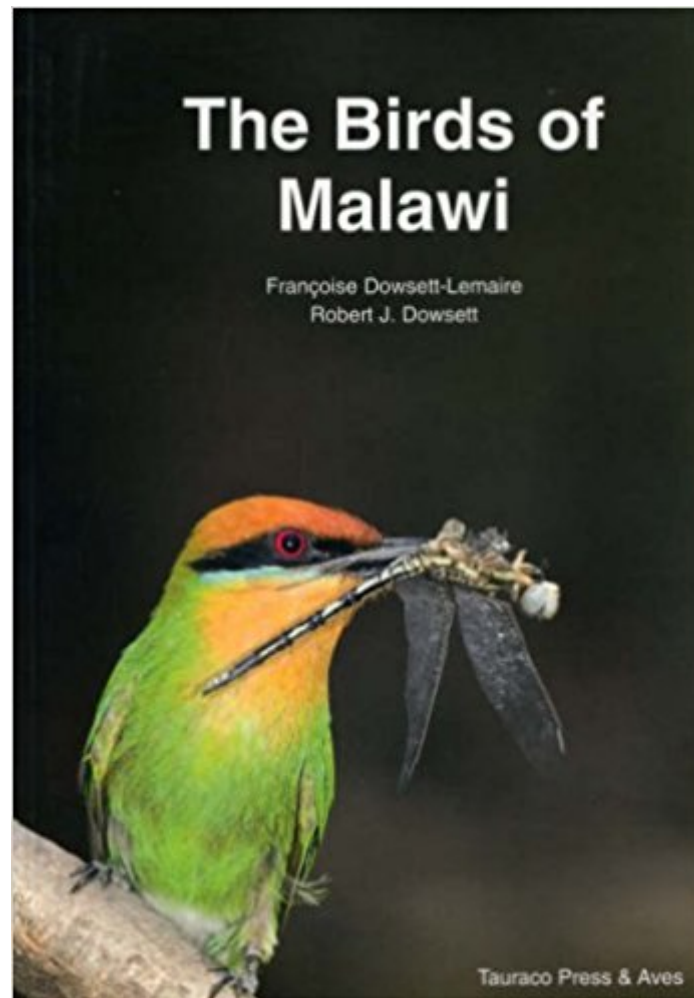




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Francoise Dowsett-Lemaire and Robert Dowsett have an unequalled knowledge of the birds of Malawi. They have travelled and camped throughout the country, especially during 5 years' residence, and Robert had previously studied the wildlife of neighbouring Zambia over 17 years.

They are also co-authors of the standard works on the mammals of Malawi (Ansell & Dowsett 1988) and the forest flora (White, Dowsett-Lemaire & Chapman 2001).

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