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Hilary Fry has had a distinguished career in African ornithology, including lengthy teaching posts in Nigeria, Aberdeen and Oman. He co-founded the West African Ornithological Society and edited its journal Malimbus for many years, and is the author of more than 200 publications

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Martin Woodcock is an acclaimed artist and illustrator whose work has graced many books covering the birds of such diverse locations as India, South-East Asia and Oman. His crowning achievement is that he painted virtually all the plates for the entire Birds of Africa series. He also served as president of the African Bird Club for many years.

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