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New internet resources on Benin

We are pleased to announce that the Benin pages of the African Bird Club web site <www.africanbirdclub.org/countries/Benin/introduction.html> have undergone a major revision to include new pages on geography, IBA, hotspots, visiting and conservation, as well as many new photographs, links and an up-to-date country checklist. They now provide a wealth of information on bird species and where to find them, special sites with conservation potential, and practical information about Benin, which should be helpful to tourists, as well as to residents planning off-the-beaten-track trips to learn about their local birds.

Benin has great potential as an emerging ecotourism and birding destination and we hope that you will find the site useful and attractive. Many thanks are due to John Caddick, Bob Dowsett and Françoise Dowsett-Lemaire for their work to produce this revision.

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Peter Alexander-Marrack was born in 1946 in Hammersmith, London, and educated at Hendon County Grammar School, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (1965–71). He obtained a double first in Natural Sciences, specialising in Geology, and gained a Ph.D. for his geological work in east Greenland. He was a member of the Cambridge Bird Club, and also took part in a university botanical expedition to Turkey.

Peter joined the Shell Group in 1971, specialising in the geological interpretation of seismic data for oil and gas exploration. After basic training, he worked in the Netherlands, Brunei and Sarawak, Nigeria (1977–81), Thailand, Gabon (1986–90) and Norway. In 1994, he married Jo Draisma, whom he had first met in Borneo.