

Living Color

One of the glories of a Safari to Africa are the beautiful and colorful birds. This drawing is the first of a series featuring mammals with those vivid birds. Here 3 dazzling zebra, *Equus burchellii* the most common zebra, seem to admire five tiny jewels of the savannah in the form of a group of white throated bee-eaters, *Merops albicollis*.

Social in nature, the four birds in front of the zebra are joined by a 5th still in flight. The heavy left side of this off-balanced composition is delicately off-set by this flying bird.

The original drawing was rendered in colored pencil on a hand-made paper from the Philippines called Lupa with pine needles.