

Tour Report South Luangwa Photo Safari 9 - 18 November 2024

Leopard cub



African elephant



Lion



Swallow-tailed bee-eater



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Day 1:

London Heathrow to Dubai

Saturday 9 November 2024

The group caught their flight from their overnight flight from London Heathrow to Dubai, before connecting through and catching the onward flight to Lusaka.

Day 2:

Lusaka to Mfuwe; Flatdogs Camp

Sunday 10 November 2024

Upon arrival in Lusaka, the group had to pass through immigration before picking up their luggage and transferring across to the domestic terminal. The group was split across two flights, arriving in Mfuwe where Ben and I were waiting to greet them.

Once all of their luggage had been collected, we loaded everyone into the minibus and Landcruiser, driving the 40 minutes through Mfuwe to Flatdogs Camp. Upon our arrival, everyone was given the opportunity to order their dinner, before a safety briefing by the lodge's team.

Some of the group went back to their rooms, while others stayed and enjoyed a drink at the bar before dinner. Everybody, was understandably, very tired and enjoyed their first meal before retreating to bed for a very well-earned rest.

Day 3:

South Luangwa National Park

Monday 11 November 2024

We arranged to meet up bright and early, for a light breakfast, before heading out for our first safari in South Luangwa National Park. The group met our incredible local guides for the first time – Bwalya and Jonathan – and climbed aboard the vehicles. Flatdogs is located right by the park entrance and we were soon across the bridge, looking for our first wildlife encounters.

Starting off, we worked our way around the drying Mbangula lagoon searching for the resident leopard and her young cubs. On this occasion, we were unable to find her (despite our best efforts) and we continued on to the open plain of Wamilombe. On our way, we came across our first buffalo, impala, Thornicroft's giraffe (a regional endemic), elephant, waterbuck and puku (another regional endemic animal).

On the river bank, we found a group of yellow baboons posing in the gorgeous morning light. They were the perfect subjects. There were also blacksmith and white-crowned lapwings, a little bee-eater, red-billed oxpecker and yellow-billed kite providing plenty of other interest. It was then that one of the group noticed a giant kingfisher perched up on the banks of the river. It was one of the best views you could ever ask for of what is usually an elusive bird.

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We continued working our way south-west, following the course of the Luangwa, with a banded mongoose, vervet monkey, slender mongoose and kudu all seen. Wakumba was our destination this morning (an old bend of the river) and it was here we took a break under a large sausage tree. Enjoying our teas and coffees, we cut open a sausage fruit (a favourite food of hippos), so that the group could see inside. Giraffes were sitting underneath another sausage tree, also enjoying the shade. With the heat of the day starting to build, it was time to work our way back towards camp. On the way, we checked the area around where the leopard had been seen once again, but instead, we found a large bull elephant feeding in the diminishing waters. There were also countless African jacanas, African spoonbills, yellow-billed and saddle-billed storks, alongside great egret and grey heron. The heat was now really starting to build and we made our way back to the park's exit and the short distance to Flatdogs Camp.

Back at camp, everyone had the middle of the day to relax and enjoy the fabulous food that the expert team produced. We reconvened in the afternoon for tea, before heading back out into the park for our second drive of the day. As we passed by Mbangula Lagoon, the large elephant was still there, while a hippo wallowed in the thick mud. We continued on, always searching for the leopard and her cubs, but to no avail, we couldn't find her so we moved on. We came across a family of warthogs, with the piglets constantly being chased by Egyptian geese at Mfuwe Lodge Lagoon. There was also an African fish eagle perched up, while an African jacana worked its way up and down a hippo's head and back. It was a relaxed evening with most of the highlights being the magnificent birdlife, but as we enjoyed the sunset, and sundowners, a large herd of elephants walked past us. Amazing!

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After enjoying the sundowners, we worked our way back to camp, searching for nocturnal species with the spotlight. Our first sighting was of a distant genet, while lesser bush babies put on a show in a tree close to the track. We were even treated to views of Pel's fishing owl on the branches above Mfuwe Lodge's lagoon. Upon our arrival at camp, we were all treated to yet another fabulous meal before retiring to our rooms.

Day 4:
South Luangwa National Park

Tuesday 12 November 2024

For our week in the Luangwa Valley, we organize permits to enter the park half an hour early – this not only allows us to hopefully enjoy exclusive sightings but also to find subjects in ideal light conditions. And so, we met up for an early breakfast – at 5 am – before heading into the park for 5.30 am.

We were treated to views of a plethora of the region's varied birdlife, including white-browed robin chat, horus swift, crowned hornbill, hamerkop, western banded snake eagle and African goshawk. Working our way along the drying lagoon, we searched high and low for our elusive leopardess (and her cubs). It looked like we may, once again, be unlucky when we decided to check one particular spot. Our guide, Bwalya, suddenly spotted some movement under a tree. There, only 18-metres away were two leopard cubs playing in the thicket. We moved into position and ... wow! What an incredible encounter. The cubs continued to play, pouncing on one another and periodically pausing and posing perfectly for some incredible portraits.



Seeing wild leopard cubs is a privilege that few safari goers ever get to enjoy, let alone photograph. We worked our way around the cubs, always trying to give them space while also giving our group the best angles for photography. Both of the cubs were relaxed, only pausing for brief moments to pose and get a better look at their enthralled onlookers. We parked down in a gully, trying to maximise the angle for the group to get the best images. It was then that the cubs got particularly excitable and they started climbing up and down a small tree. One of them then worked its way along a branch and paused for a brief moment, looking right at us. Oh my goodness. What an unbelievable sighting.

The photography opportunities were out of this world as we had full-frame portraits of the cub in the most delightful setting. The soft, warm colours of the leopard's coat against the vivid, rich greens of the surrounding vegetation. It was a moment that I am sure will stick long in everyone's minds and the resulting images were more than we could have asked for. What a remarkable start to our day.



With the cubs in a difficult spot, we moved out of the way, to let our second group in and then headed off to see what else we could find. Down near the Mushilashi, we found a lovely herd of elephants crossing the road. We carried on up towards the airstrip where we encountered a vehicle which managed to get stuck in a patch of very sticky mud. Once they were free, we decided to head back the way we had come. Our timing was impeccable as a large male leopard walked out in front of us. He nonchalantly strolled by. We tried to get ahead of him, which we just about managed to do before he leapt towards the road right in front of our vehicle. What an amazing morning!

Having had such a wonderful start to the day, we headed for morning tea at Big Baobab. Other notable highlights this morning included a large herd of giraffes (although the light was a little harsh for photography), a warthog mother with seven piglets and a posing lilac-breasted roller. With a fabulous morning of incredible sightings behind us, it was time to head back to camp for brunch and some downtime.

With the heat at the beginning of the day starting to ease, it was time to meet up for afternoon tea and get our things together for our next safari. We decided to take our time this evening, not rushing and simply enjoying whatever sightings presented themselves. Passing by on the opportunity to see the leopards, we headed through the dry habitat away from the river. We worked our way along and found a group of male waterbucks in beautiful soft light. Zebra were grazing on the fresh grass after the rains the week before.

It looked as if we may be lucky and miss the rains and so we worked our way back towards Big Baobab where we planned to enjoy our sundowners. However, the weather gods had decided to throw a spanner in the works. As we enjoyed our drinks, the clouds built up very quickly and suddenly the wind hit. It was apparent we were going to be hit by a storm if we didn't get on the road. The vehicles were packed up in no time and we made a dash for the park's exit. However, halfway back, the heavens opened and we had to battle our way through the waterfall now plunging towards the ground. Arriving back at Flatdogs, we were a little on the damp side but all in good spirits. Some people headed back to their rooms to dry off, while others waited in the dining area. We all enjoyed another fabulous meal and then headed off to bed.

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Day 5:

South Luangwa National Park

Wednesday 13 November 2024

After the heavy rains of the night before, the light this morning was beautifully soft. A welcome relief. As we drove along the main road we came across a large male elephant and he posed in the soft morning light, allowing close-up photography and the details on the face.



Further down the road, we came across a herd of zebra with a young foal, a herd of buffalo and a big male giraffe posing nicely as he plucked the leaves off of a tree. Birding highlights included white-browed coucal, shikra, paradise flycatcher, Wahlberg's eagle and a grey-headed kingfisher. After stopping for morning tea, we came across a number of hyenas which were wallowing in a muddy pool. With the heat starting to build once again, we headed for the exit and came across a family of wallowing warthogs close to the bridge.

What I love about South Luangwa National Park, is that even when the iconic predators are absent, there is always so much to see. From the exotic birdlife to the rich plantlife, there is plenty to enthrall. As we entered the park for our afternoon drive, we worked our way along to Mbangula where elephants were once again enjoying the water and vegetation. There was also a woodland kingfisher that was low down, but it never really presented us with great photographic opportunities. We continued to where Lucy the leopard had a kill in a sausage tree, but we knew there would be several vehicles within no time. With limited photographic opportunities, we searched for the cubs and found one of them asleep in the heart of some thick scrub. Having no real success with photographs, we worked our way down to the dry river bed of the Katete, where we tried to find the lions. Despite our best efforts (and finding where the lions had been resting), we were on this occasion unable to find them. We stopped for sundowners, avoiding a rain storm in the distance, while the second vehicle had views of the leopard cubs (it was busy with vehicles). We stopped by to see the leopard and her cubs quickly at the start of our night drive before moving on. We found a tiny little chameleon, genet, hyena and Pel's fishing owl, before returning to camp for another fantastic meal.

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Day 6:

Thursday 14 November 2024

South Luangwa National Park

We awoke to an overcast morning, with thunder rumbling in the distance. It's unusual to have thick cloud cover in the morning, but it does mean that the light stays good for photography throughout the day. We set off into the park after our usual light breakfast, quickly finding giraffe and impala, while we had our first views of ground hornbill.

Knowing that we were first in the park, we headed to find the leopard cubs, hoping they might still be on the kill. We arrived to find that the carcass had gone and so too had the leopard. We drove around the thicket and found a woodland kingfisher posing perfectly. With the lower light levels, everyone was just setting up their cameras to get their shots when Bwlaya looked to the right and there was the leopard and the cubs. The poor kingfisher was no longer of any interest as we watched and photographed the cubs with pure delight. We had them all to ourselves.



Seeing any leopard is always a privilege, but seeing such a relaxed mother and her cubs is truly exceptional. The group was treated to 15 minutes' worth of wonderful photography (despite the lower light levels) as the cubs played and moved around, with Mum always keeping a close eye on them. Our two vehicles had this exceptional encounter all to ourselves until the vehicles from our art safari turned up too. Wildlife Worldwide had these wonderful cats with nobody else for company. What luck.

The highlight was watching the cubs as they crossed the open area in front of the vehicles, Practicing their stalking and hunting skills, we all took great delight in watching their cheeky characters shine through. All the while, Mum walked across nonchalantly, seemingly unaware of our presence and displaying to us her relaxed attitude towards vehicles. You really can't ask for more from a big cat, let alone a leopard. Everybody was able to capture a fantastic range of imagery, making the most of this unique opportunity.

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The group really couldn't have asked for a better sighting of what is such an unusual encounter of the cubs.



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Knowing that more vehicles were likely to turn up and that the leopards were heading into another thicket, we decided to leave them in peace and see what else we could find. Our next highlight was a stunning chameleon, perfectly camouflaged in the thick scrub.



Carrying on south-west, we had heard that there were lions down near Wakumba. And so we set off, hoping to get there before the news spread. We arrived to find a couple of vehicles that were already enjoying views of the Chichele pride. They were resting around a patch of long grass, enjoying the cooler weather created by the overcast conditions.



Working our way around the pride, we tried our best to provide the best photography angles for the group. Lions are notoriously lazy and capturing memorable images wasn't easy, but our perseverance paid off as one young male sat up in the long grass and then played with his young relative.



Having had a bumper morning already, we decided to leave the lions in peace (it had started to get busy). Driving the short distance to the river, we stopped for morning tea. It was here we got to enjoy great views of skimmers chasing and mobbing a poor hamerkop. It was a very unusual sight, but it provided yet more fantastic photography. We really were spoilt this morning.

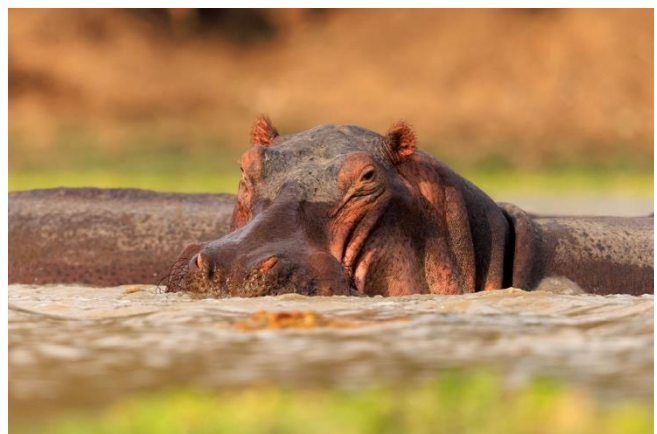


With an action-packed morning and countless photography opportunities, we decided to head back to camp for brunch and the chance to rest as it started to heat up once again.

This afternoon, knowing that everyone was likely to head to the lions or the leopards, we decided to head in the opposite direction. Up through the stunning open woodlands around Mushroom Lagoon. Our first notable sighting was a crowned eagle sitting on a nest, high in the canopy of an ebony grove. These huge birds are rarely seen in the valley, but to see one in a nest is very special indeed. Photographically speaking, there really wasn't much we could do, but not a bad way to start the day. We carried on towards the lagoon when we found a lone female kudu, quickly followed by a woodland kingfisher posing on an open branch.



Arriving at Mushroom Lagoon, we found the hippos resting in the Nile cabbage and jacanas working their way along the shoreline, searching for food in the vegetation. Both provided us with some great photography opportunities.



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We continued to the river, where we enjoyed sundowners overlooking the river and a large colony of southern carmine bee-eaters. As the sun set, the golden light illuminated the stunning birds as we tried to photograph them in mid-flight. Always challenging, the group persevered as the birds darted in towards the bank, beaks filled with insects for their young.



With memory cards now bursting at the seams, it was time to enjoy a night drive on our way back to Flatdogs. On this particular drive, we bumped into a huge number of hippos, all coming out to graze on the fresh grass which were all shooting after the rains. Several four-toed elephant shrews also made an appearance, while a small chameleon provided another delight as we neared the main road. Upon crossing the bridge, and leaving the park, we were soon back in the comfort of camp, enjoying another veritable feast.

Day 7:
South Luangwa National Park

Friday 15 November 2024

So far, the African wild dogs had eluded us and so we made the decision to head north up to the Luwi River, where there had been reports of dogs regularly over the past few weeks. As we passed by Mfuwe Lodge's lagoon, a herd of giraffes were drinking from the shallow pools which had formed from the receding water. Nearby there were also some young posing nicely, an unusual sight in the park as the lions favour young giraffes in this area.

Continuing on, we stumbled across a large herd of buffalo close to Nkonzi Camp – our first of the trip. With a lot of ground to cover, we carried on making our way north, finding a herd of zebra in the more open areas of the beautiful Miombo woodland. After around a 45-minute drive, we appeared on the open plains along the banks of the Luwi River. Our vehicles headed in different directions to try and cover as much ground as possible and maximise our chances of finding our target species – dogs and lions. It wasn't long before one of our vehicles found a large male lion resting on the bank of the dry river, but he wasn't overly interested and we left him in peace to see if we could find the dogs.

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Unfortunately, the dogs continued to elude us so, we returned to the male lion and drove down onto the river bed to get eye level with him. Photography opportunities were limited with a sleeping lion, but we did our best to capture some intimate portraits.



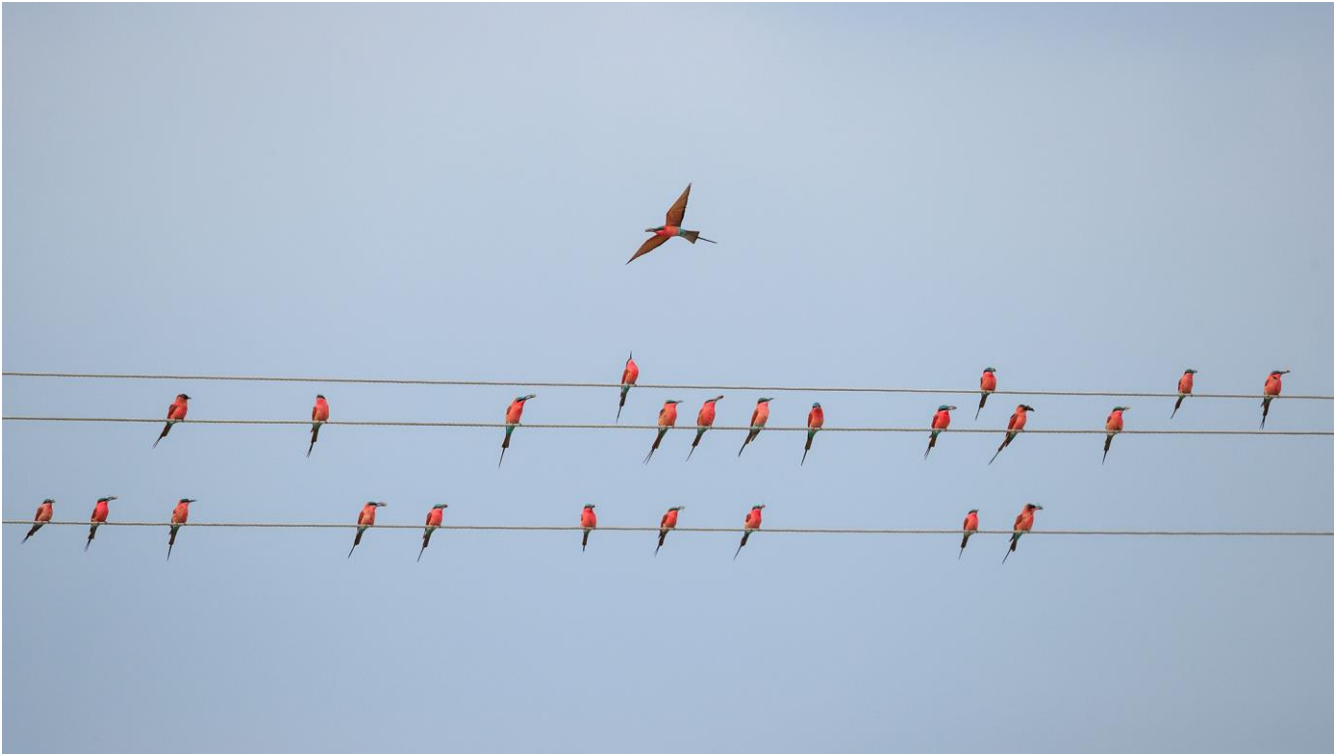
After leaving the lion to enjoy the peace and quiet of this beautiful area, we worked our way along the dry river bank and found a spot to enjoy our morning break. The group were all in great spirits, thoroughly enjoying themselves and with no further sign of any predators we started to head back south. We came across an elephant and a separate lion skeleton just down the road, before carrying on with some distance still to cover. Birding highlights on this overcast morning included a green wood hoopoe, Meyer's parrot, martial eagle and a western banded snake eagle flying along the road in front of us. We were also treated to a flash of colour as a Narina trogon flew across right in front of the lead vehicle – a new species for me in the valley after fourteen years. As we reached the main safari area, we heard of a male leopard right by the bridge (at the entrance) – sure enough, we found him underneath a sausage tree right by the bridge. There were no real opportunities to get photos, but it was great to see yet another leopard. We were soon back in the comfortable accommodation of Flatdogs, enjoying the fantastic hospitality and excellent food.

This afternoon, instead of entering the park through the main entrance, we headed south along the road that runs along the length of the river's eastern bank. Here after around 15-kilometres, we crossed the river using a purpose-built pontoon which gave us access to a quiet and beautiful area in the southern reaches of the park's main safari area. As we crossed the pontoon hundreds of southern carmine bee-eaters lined the overhead wires and came to-and-fro from their nesting holes on the steep river banks.

As soon as we crossed the river, there was a lovely herd of giraffes before reconnecting with the lions once more. Only a few hundred yards from where we left them the day before, we found the Chichele pride of lions. There was a lioness sitting on a termite mound, but she never posed for us (always facing away), while the rest of the pride were spread out under a tree and nearby bushes. The rain started to fall and the lions proceeded to move around, providing some memorable moments and photographic opportunities.

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As the rain started to get heavier, and with the lions heading further from the road, we worked a few more photography opportunities, before leaving the lions to enjoy early sundowners.



We stopped along Puku Ridge, with stunning views over the expanse of mopane forest and headed back to see what the lions were up to. We arrived to find one of the large males now sitting in the open with the

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females, posing beautifully in the now soft, warm light of the setting sun. It was a wonderful way to end what had been another fascinating day in South Luangwa National Park.



With the evening light starting to fade, the moon rose up behind the lions and it was time for us to make our way back to camp. We had quite a long night drive, working our way through the varied riverine and dry scrub habitats. The wildlife was varied as we saw white-tailed and bushy-tailed mongooses, large-spotted genet, spotted hyena and numerous hippos. Arriving back in camp, after a long day out in the bush, everyone savoured their delicious meals and retired to their beds shortly after.

Day 8:
South Luangwa National Park

Saturday 16 November 2024

This morning was much brighter than the day before, with the sun rising as we entered the park. A western banded snake eagle sat high in a dead tree by the road, in fact, it was a morning of birds as we enjoyed views of giant kingfisher, paradise flycatcher, ground hornbill and even a collared pratincole which was enjoying the warmth of the morning sun. Resting right in the middle of the track. We photographed the birds when they obliged and stopped to photograph impala in the long golden grass down by the Mushilashi/Luangwa confluence.

Carrying on, working our way down towards Wakumba, my vehicle came across a group of baboons which were enjoying the warmth of the morning sun. There were two adults grooming one another, with the female having a young baby. They made for a charming scene and the group diligently snapped away. It's always easy to overlook these smaller species, but they really can make the most fantastic subjects for photography. In fact, I often love the mornings where we don't focus on the larger species and we take our time, photographing the birds, smaller mammals and the herbivores. Only moments after leaving the baboons, we came across a zebra with a young foal, which provided yet more varied photography. It was a wonderful way to start the day in this wild part of Africa.

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We then stopped to photograph some spider lilies (while trying to track down the wild dogs) and then we returned to the vehicle when we spotted something ...



As we turned the vehicle around, Bwalya looked to the ground, and there were wild dog tracks. They were heading up the road which followed the course of the dry Katete River. With fresh dog tracks, there was only one thing to do – follow them. We set off up the road, following the tracks for many kilometres. We reached a junction on the road and the dogs seemingly turned off. This track was overgrown with plants and it was somewhere I had never been to before. Bwalya said we might as well try to follow as the tracks were still fresh.

What an adventure we had, clearing the road of low branches, always making sure the tracks continued on ahead of us. We must have covered over 15-kilometres in total, before the tracks finally turned off into the mopane scrub. It wasn't possible for us to follow, so we tried to carry on, hoping they might have rejoined the track. Unfortunately, we didn't find them and our second vehicle gave up the hunt as well. We stopped separately for our morning teas and coffees, realizing it would take too long to find one another.

After tea, we both started to drive back up north, working our way along the main road. It was here, fortuitously that we reconvened at an elephant sighting. A lovely family group, with a baby, walked across in front of us after feeding on fresh vegetation in a shallow depression. Despite a monumental effort by our guides, the dogs still eluded us, but you can't say they didn't try.

We returned to Flatdogs excited by the adventure, but a little disappointed we hadn't had the success that we desired. Such is the world of photographic safaris. Who knew what the afternoon would bring?

Our plan was to see if we could find the leopard and her cubs once again, or whatever might show itself. As we worked our way around her territory, we enjoyed views of a warthog, a yellow baboon, a herd of waterbuck and even a sun squirrel. An African fish eagle posed on a branch above the river and then when we reached the open area of Wamilombe, we heard the alarm calls of guineafowl. We couldn't find anything,

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and so we moved on, always keeping our eyes peeled for anything. We watched a fork-tailed drongo mobbing a Wahlberg's eagle, while a red-backed shrike made a quick flyby and a black-backed puffback fluffed itself up on the edge of a thicket. As we headed into the scrub, we saw some buffalo, which had been noticeably elusive on this safari (likely due to the early rains and plentiful associated browsing).

We continued our way north-east, working through the thick scrubby habitat, hoping to see if we could find any lions. Instead, passing by another vehicle, we heard that there was a leopard in a tree close to Wafwa Lagoon. We made our way towards where the sighting had been described, only to find that the leopard had gone. Perhaps we had missed our chance, but then as we rounded a bend we saw the leopard walking through an open woodland.



It was a female that I was familiar with and we watched and photographed as she walked nonchalantly through the stunning scene. Fresh grass was growing after the early rains and the scene was really rather magical. Spending time watching an apex predator walk through the open is always a treat, not that the nearby impala, puku or waterbuck were too impressed.

Working closely with Bwalya, we moved ahead of the leopard, allowing her to walk past us, providing yet more fantastic photography opportunities. Leopards like this female, are one of the absolute highlights of a safari in South Luangwa National Park. Of course, we don't always get views of a leopard right out in the open, but when it happens we do our absolute best to maximise the photographic opportunities. The spotted feline continued past us, across the track and descended into a dry gully before crossing over. The whole time, a number of antelope were alarming and watching her movements closely.

We worked our way around to the main road and moved into position as the leopard carried on walking parallel to the road's path. We pulled off to one side as she climbed atop a downed tree. She took her time as she surveyed the world around her. In absolutely no hurry, she simply sat there without a care in the world.

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We enjoyed fabulous views (albeit distant) as she sat there with the light falling beautifully around her. The surrounding trees, illuminated by the setting sun's golden hues, provided the perfect backdrop.



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With the light fading, we decided to leave her in peace and went to enjoy our sundowners on the banks of the Luangwa. On the way, one of the vehicles enjoyed a beautiful scene as elephants drank from the waters of Wafwa Lagoon. At sundowners, we were treated to views of a yellow-billed stork feeding in the shallow waters.



Our night drive started off with a white-tailed mongoose, quickly followed by a genet. As we carried on along the river, I spotted a huge flap-necked chameleon in one of the bushes – arguably the largest individual I have ever seen. We also came across a couple of hyenas, but the highlight was probably a pair of fishing owls perched above the waters of Mfuwe Lodge’s lagoon. What an incredible evening we were treated to once again. This is the magic of Luangwa.

Day 9:

Sunday 17 November 2024

South Luangwa National Park; Mfuwe to Lusaka; Lusaka to Dubai

For our final morning in Zambia, we awoke to another stunning morning. There wasn’t a cloud in the sky. Working our way around Mbangula, where the leopard and her cubs frequented, we had a plethora of familiar bird species such as hamerkop and grey hornbill. As we approached the spot where we had the leopard cubs on our second day in the park, a branch on the ground suddenly moved. It was, in fact, a huge rock python.

It turned out to be a morning for an exceptional amount of birdlife. We saw our first Abdim’s storks of the safari, migrants coming down to make the most of the rains. Grey-crowned cranes, crowned hornbill, shikra and Wahlberh’s eagles all provided notable sightings. It seemed though that the dogs, which we were still doing our best to find, would elude us this week. And so, we stopped for tea and coffee one final time down in Wakumba.

Before we headed back to the lodge, we made a little detour into the thick forest along the river bank, and

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suddenly a leopard leapt from a tree. It was a male. He darted through the forest, pausing for a moment as he tried to work out a plan. As our second vehicle approached (entirely unaware of his presence), he managed to slink off out of sight. One final leopard for one of our vehicles. It might not have provided any photographic opportunities, but that made seven different leopards in seven days.

We headed back to Flatdogs for the final time and the group had over an hour to pack up their things before needing to vacate their room (for our next group due to arrive the same day). With access to the swimming pool, shower facilities and the fantastic food on offer, the group spent the day relaxing in the comfort of the lodge. At 4 pm, it was time for everyone to hop aboard the minibus and Landcruiser and drive the 40-minutes to Mfuwe Airport.

We said goodbye to everyone (I said goodbye at the lodge as there wasn't enough space in the vehicles), while Ben escorted them to the airport. Everybody boarded the flight to Lusaka, before catching their overnight flight back to the UK, via Dubai.

Day 10:

Monday 18 November 2024

Dubai to London

The group arrived at London Heathrow at lunchtime, before collecting their luggage and making their own respective journeys home.

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Checklist for South Luangwa Photo Safari



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
	Birds										
1	African spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>			✓						
2	African sacred ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Hadedda ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓	✓				✓	
5	Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓						
6	Abdim's stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>									✓
7	Yellow-billed stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Saddle-billed stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>				✓	✓		✓		
9	Marabou stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>			✓						
10	African openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>									✓
11	Hammerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	White-faced whistling duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>				✓					
13	Spur-winged goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>				✓		✓			
14	Egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	White-backed vulture	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>				✓					
16	Hooded vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>				✓					
17	African fish eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>				✓	✓				
19	Martial eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>							✓		
20	Crowned eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>						✓			
21	Wahlberg's eagle	<i>Aquila walhbergi</i>					✓			✓	✓
22	Tawny eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>				✓					
23	Brown snake eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>							✓		
24	Western banded snake eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	
25	Yellow-billed kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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26	African goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>				✓					
27	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>					✓				✓
28	Little sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>				✓					
29	Helmeted guinea fowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Natal spurfowl	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>			✓			✓			
31	Red-necked spurfowl	<i>Pternistes afer</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Swainson's spurfowl	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Grey-crowned crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>									✓
34	Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						✓			
35	African jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Water thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>			✓						
37	Collared pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>								✓	
38	Blacksmith lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	White-crowned lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Common greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓					
41	Wood sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				✓					
42	African skimmer	<i>Rhynchops flavirostris</i>						✓			
43	Cape turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Emerald-spotted wood dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Lilian's lovebird	<i>Agapornis lilianae</i>			h	h	h	h	h	h	h
46	Meyer's parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>							✓		
47	Grey go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>				✓			✓		
48	Red-chested cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>			h	h	h	✓	h	h	h
49	Jacobin cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i>							✓		
50	White-browed coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>			h	h	✓	h	h	h	h
51	African wood owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>			h			h	h		h
52	Pel's fishing owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>			✓		✓			✓	
53	Bohm's spinetail	<i>Neafrapus boehmi</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Horus swift	<i>Apus horus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Wire-tailed swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>			✓		✓				✓
56	Red-faced mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>								✓	
57	Narina trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>							✓		
58	Giant kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>			✓					✓	
59	Pied kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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60	Woodland kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Brown-hooded kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>			h	h	h	✓	h	h	h
62	Grey-headed kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>					✓				
63	White-fronted bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Southern carmine bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Little bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Lilac-breasted roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Broad-billed roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>					✓				
68	Southern ground hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>			h			✓	✓	✓	
69	Trumpeter hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>			✓						
70	African grey hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>									✓
71	Crowned hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>				✓	✓				✓
72	Green wood-hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>						✓			
73	African hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>								✓	
74	Fork-tailed drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	White-browed robin-chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>				✓					
76	Southern black flycatcher	<i>Maelaenornis pammelaina</i>			✓					✓	
77	African paradise flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>					✓			✓	
78	Red-backed shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>								✓	
79	Retz's helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>				✓					
80	Tropical boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>			h	h	h	h	h	h	h
81	Black-crowned tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>				✓					
82	Meve's (long-tailed) starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Common myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>				✓					
84	Yellow-billed oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>				✓					
85	Red-billed oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>			✓						
86	Southern grey-headed sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>				✓					
87	White-browed sparrow weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Blue waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Jameson's firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Red-billed firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mammals										
1	Four-toed elephant shrew	<i>Petrodromus tetradactylus</i>						✓			

2	African (bush) elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Vervet monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Yellow baboon	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Lesser bushbaby	<i>Galago moholi</i>			✓						
6	Smith's tree squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Sun squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus mutabilis</i>								✓	
8	Thornicroft's giraffe	<i>Giraffa tippelskirchi</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Greater kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus sylvaticus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>					✓		✓		
12	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Puku	<i>Kobus vardonii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	
16	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Large-spotted genet	<i>Genetta maculata</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	
18	Spotted hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>					✓		✓	✓	
19	Slender mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>			✓	✓					
20	Bushy-tailed mongoose	<i>Bdeogale crassicauda</i>							✓		
21	White-tailed mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>							✓	✓	
22	Banded mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>			✓						
23	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>						✓	✓		
25	Crawshay's zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Reptiles & Amphibians										
1	Grey foam-nest tree frog	<i>Chiromantis xerampelina</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Flap-necked chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>					✓	✓		✓	
4	Wahlberg's striped skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Tropical house gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Rock python	<i>Python natalensis</i>									✓