

Tour Report Zambia - South Luangwa Photo Safari

5 – 13 November 2022

Greater kudu



Oxpecker on a giraffe



Leopard



Buffalo



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Day 1: Saturday 5 November 2022

The group met at London Heathrow and made introductions before catching an overnight flight to Dubai.

Day 2: Sunday 6 November 2022

Flying from Dubai to Lusaka and then to Mfuwe, we had a short transfer to our camp that would be our base for the next seven nights. We had our first dinner in Zambia before retiring for bed, ready for the early start in the morning.

Day 3: Monday 7 November 2022

Today we were up and out early for our first morning drive - the heat was already rising, and the light got harsh quite quickly, but that wasn't going to stop us. Going through the gate, we passed Mfuwe Lodge, stopping at the lagoon to see the storks, ibis and a family of banded mongooses around the water, whilst a fish eagle was in the tree above the lagoon calling good morning. Carrying on, we were heading towards Wafwa, where a pride of lions with cubs had been seen recently. We came across a male and female lion, lying close to the road near where the cubs were known to be hidden in the bush. The female was trying to get the male's attention, but he wasn't interested, so they walked off, through the gulley and into the opposite bush. We followed them in, just in case they led us to the cubs, but unfortunately, they passed by. Our guide Kennedy told us there were five cubs at the moment, three slightly older (six weeks) and two very small (around two weeks). We spotted the three older ones asleep in a bush, but there was no chance of them moving soon, so we decided to come back another time to try and see them in the open.



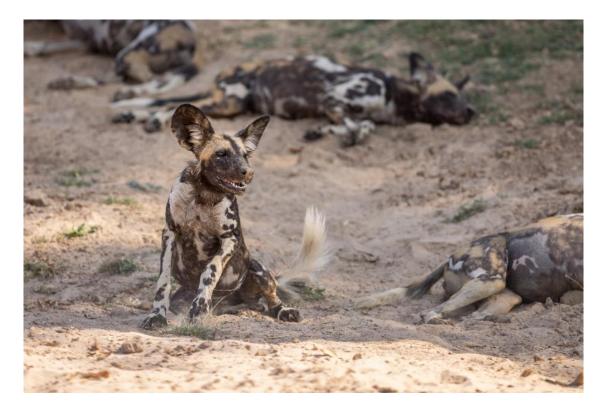




We saw some elephants across the open plains, so we approached them and spotted huge flocks of red billed quelia flying in murmurations around the bushes as we drove. It's an incredible sight with vast numbers of tiny birds creating beautiful shapes, like waves, in and out of the bushes and the sounds, both their wings and calls are amazing. Driving towards the river, we came across four lionesses asleep on the side of Wafwa Lagoon in the shade of a bush. We stopped for a while, but there were no good photographic opportunities, so we moved on to find a bachelor herd of waterbucks feeding on some leaves and stopped to photograph them in some lovely morning sunshine.

Further up the river at Wafwa, we came across the large pack of 26 wild dogs lying sated in the shade of the trees on the riverbank. We spent some time watching them, hoping they might move, but it became clear that they were not going anywhere in a hurry, so we enjoyed watching them relax and interact with each other when they did move.





To get out of the heat, we found a tree to provide shelter and stopped for a coffee. We were approached by some baboons who were inquisitive about what we were up to but (thankfully!) decided against coming any closer.

On the way back, we stopped for a herd of zebra as they were on the red sandy plains and on the edge of the Wafwa Lagoon, which contrasted beautifully with their black and white patterns. We also stopped a few times to photograph the blue waxbills, fire finches and Maeve's starlings as the sun brought out their colours. We checked on the lions as we passed the lagoon, but they were still sleeping and had retreated further into the shade.







As we returned to the main road close to Mfuwe Lodge, past a western banded snake eagle resting in the shade of a tree, we came across a pair of little bee-eaters flying around a slight dip next to the road. We soon realised they were catching insects and dragonflies and taking them to the nest in the ground, so we stopped to watch and practice birds in flight shots before returning to the camp for lunch and a rest.





This afternoon we went in the same direction with a plan to go and see the dogs at sunset in the hope of some action, but we took a different route, going around the elephant loop to see what we could find along the way. Before entering the park, we were greeted by the huge resident troop of baboons by the gate, which posed beautifully for us. We stopped for a grey-headed kingfisher and under the crowned eagle nest in a high tree above a valley, but unfortunately, we couldn't see the eagle, so we continued around the loop. We stopped briefly at the lions' den and got our first glimpse of the cubs just outside the bush, so we stopped for a few minutes to watch them before they went back in to rest.





As we reached the river, we could see the dogs ahead, still lying on the sand, so we slowed our approach, passing a herd of puku and impala grazing together and a couple of great crowned cranes slightly too far away to photograph. As we approached, we saw that the dogs had moved on to the sand, lying flat out with a couple of vultures and a giraffe for company. The sky was becoming a beautiful pink/orange colour, so we moved the vehicle to photograph the giraffe with the setting sun, hoping the dogs would get up soon. As we waited, a small herd of elephants came to drink from the river and cross over as the sunset. Unfortunately, the dogs made us wait until dark before stirring, moving and playing. This meant we missed out on photographing them in the lovely light, but they gave us an excellent show of playing and bonding, so we spent quite a while watching them and taking record shots before we went off for some sundowners further up the river.

After a refreshing drink, we set off back towards camp on our night drive, using a spotlight from the vehicle to view nocturnal species. We spotted three genets, the female lions (including the two mothers) now looking more awake after the sun had set and a civet. Most excitingly, we spotted a leopard walking across the bushy





areas, so we took photos of it in the spotlight coming very close to the vehicle before heading back to camp for dinner and off to bed to prepare for tomorrow morning.

Day 4: Tuesday 8 November 2022

We left slightly earlier this morning to try and get as much of the rising sunlight as possible. As we drove into the park, we quickly discovered a tower of giraffes eating the leaves of the trees by the road. We stopped for a while to photograph them in the lovely morning light before making our way towards Wafwa to try and find the lions, passing some hippos on their way back to the safe, cool waters of the lagoon. Today we were lucky and found the lion cubs at sunrise walking around outside their den and playing with/feeding from mum before going back into the safety of their bush while mum went off to hunt. We left them to sleep and approached the boreholes and the big baobab tree. Driving around the borehole, as our local guide Kennedy spotted a hyena fast asleep and very well hidden, we spotted a buffalo and calf that were sadly stuck in the mud. There is always plenty to see around the boreholes, particularly at this time of year as it is so dry around the park, so we enjoyed a variety of wildlife, including a very young baby elephant, warthogs, Lillian's love birds, guineafowl and more. We then drove around to see if we could get closer to the baby elephant as it looked so tiny and found it being sheltered by mum from the strong sunshine in the safety of the herd.





We continued through the bush and came across another vehicle stopped by a tree watching mating hyenas - something Kennedy had never seen in his 19 years of guiding, so it was fascinating. It was quite tricky photographically due to angles and lighting to get a good shot, but it was an incredible experience for everyone. It was very hot at this point, and the hyenas were struggling with the heat and had been quite active for over half an hour, so they were exhausted, offering some interesting images of their faces. We stayed for a while with them, watching their behaviour together, before returning to the camp for lunch and a break. As we passed the Mfuwe Lagoon, we spotted a warthog family drinking, so we waited, and the mother and three piglets ran up the hill, past the vehicle and crossed the road behind us. What a busy morning!





This afternoon we went south to Wamilombe and Wakumba. This area has stunning scenery and several small lagoons and rivers, so it is often an excellent place to see birds and other animals coming to drink. We stopped to photograph a herd of elephants feeding, a puku and a saddle-billed stork with lovely reflections in the still water. As we were photographing the stork, we spotted a tiny crocodile resting on a hippo's back, so we moved the vehicle around to get a better angle.





As we drove along the road, we encountered a couple of elephants ripping down large branches from the trees for the lusher leaves. It is incredible to watch the strength that elephants have in their trunks. They often lift their front legs off the floor to give them more height and can take down a huge branch, which they can then drag along with them as they tear the best leaves off to eat. A small herd of zebra were feeding on some dry grasses quite close to the road, and they had some oxpeckers dutifully taking ticks off their back, so we got as close as possible without disturbing them and focused on some close-up images of the oxpeckers.





We continued driving towards the river, crossing a dry river channel past a very handsome young male kudu and then came across our first colony of carmine bee-eaters. They are noisy enough, but where they nest, the crowned lapwings always seem to be as well, so you can't sneak up quietly, that's for sure! We stopped for a while, even though the light wasn't very good, to get our first experience of trying to photograph them flying to and from their nests in the sandy riverbank. A couple of great crowned cranes also flew over as the sky started to colour. As the sun began to get too low, we moved further along the river for some sundowners overlooking a pod of hippos yawning and fighting in the shallow river waters to keep us entertained.









On our night drive back to camp, we came across a couple of hyenas (potentially the ones we'd seen this morning) and genets foraging for food around tree trunks. We also saw a couple of nightjars, which roost on the ground so they can look like something else from afar, and a bushy-tailed mongoose and some bats flying alongside the vehicle.

Day 5: Wednesday 9 November 2022

This morning, we began by driving around the top end of Wamilombe, looking at the ponds and lagoons to see if we could find anything drinking in the heat, but we came across the usual mix of storks, herons and small birds, so we carried on. We passed several waterbucks and we could see it had rained a bit in the park as the road was a bit tackier than it had been over the last couple of days. As ever, we passed several small birds including white-browed sparrow weavers flying around their nests, Bennett's woodpecker, a lilac-breasted roller and oxpeckers feasting on some giraffes.





We spotted a hyena walking from a lagoon, so we drove quickly ahead and moved into a spot to capture some images of it as it walked past. It was very nonplussed and continued into a bush, where it decided to stop for a break. We moved past the lagoon and watched a couple of waterbucks jumping over an algae-filled channel to get to the other side and another small herd of elephants sheltering a very young baby from the harsh sunlight.









As the lagoons were looking fairly quiet, we drove past the borehole we visited yesterday, where we found a troop of baboons enjoying the water. The more we watched, we could see that they were a bit skittish, and they started alarm calling, so we drove around looking in the bushes and found a lioness eating the head of the poor buffalo calf from yesterday. As we drove further, we saw a large male lion and another lioness. We stopped for a while to observe the (slightly macabre) scene, but it was fascinating to see the behaviour of the two lionesses around the male as one tried to impress him with the calf's head, but he did not seem interested.





One lioness walked off across the sandy clearing, and the male was fast asleep, so we decided it was time for coffee, and we found a beautiful mango tree to enjoy some shade. A coffee stop doesn't mean we stop wildlife watching, though, and we found a beautiful moth camouflaged on the tree trunk, so those of us with macro lenses had a bit of fun photographing that before we made our way back to camp.

This afternoon the sky was starting to look quite threatening, and there were reports of rain nearby, so we decided to head south to an area with carmine bee-eaters and hippos, as it is much more difficult to access after any heavy rain. After a while, we came to the river and an opening with a huge sausage tree and a large colony of carmine bee-eaters. Unfortunately, the light was a little dull, but there was a small channel in the bank so we could get down to the water, and we spent some time on a small island just off the beach, where you could get some nice portrait shots of the birds straight ahead of us. We also took some from the top of the riverbank as you could get some lovely angles above their nests to capture them in flight and more creative portraits of them resting on branches before taking their prizes to the nest.

We drove another five minutes or so along the river near the pontoon, where we would later cross back into the park, and got out of the vehicle







again to photograph a big hippo pod. Towards the end of the day, they begin to yawn, fight and generally be more active, so it is a good time to watch them and get some interesting photographs.



We crossed the river, luckily shallow enough to drive along the pontoon, to the other side and drove along the bank until we found a spot for sundowners and began our night drive.

Luckily the rain didn't interrupt our drive, and we saw a great range of wildlife driving back to camp through Wakumba and Wamilombe, including three different types of mongoose - long-tailed, white-tailed and bushy-tailed, and several genets and elephant shrews. The most exciting sighting, however, was a male leopard we spotted walking through some dense bushes, so we stopped to see where he was going. He made his way into a clearing, where he sat down for a while to rest and wash. He was very comfortable with us being fairly close, and we got some lovely images of him in a few different positions before he walked further into the bush, so we left him to it and continued back to camp.









Day 6: Thursday 10 November 2022

Our goal today was to try and find the lion cubs, but on the way, we decided to drive around the small lagoons to search for leopards. We soon came across a newborn impala — only a few minutes old. The mum was licking herself clean, and the baby had just stood up for the first time, so it was fairly wobbly.

We watched for a few minutes as the interactions between mum and baby were beautiful. As we sat there, we turned around and saw a baboon mother with a tiny baby! This was feeling like a morning of babies already. When they all started to move, we did too – out onto the main entrance road through the park. As we passed Mfuwe Lagoon, we spotted our first malachite kingfisher on the water's edge, perching on a tree trunk.

We then continued towards the gulley, where we'd seen the lion cubs. They hadn't been seen for a couple of days, and there was no sign of them in the bush we'd found them in. However, we went slightly further along the edge of the gulley and spotted the two younger cubs on the floor. It looked like they'd fallen from their den, which was a real concern as they had no way to get back up the bank, and their mothers were a couple of kilometres away, so they were at a high risk of being found and eaten by birds of prey or other predators. We watched them as they tried to get up the bank, nuzzled each other and even started to try and suckle from each other, so they were obviously hungry! We stayed with them for a while, but when they fell asleep, we moved on, hoping to see them again.





Some zebras, including an adorable baby (to keep with our theme of the morning!), were on the lovely yellow/orange grass. We stopped with them for a bit and then continued, stopping briefly for ground hornbills, squirrels on the knot of a tree trunk, a broad-billed roller and a flock of Lillian's love birds. We passed a herd of elephants sleeping around a tree, which is always incredible to see. They lie around the tree trunk and rest for an hour or so, with someone always keeping watch.



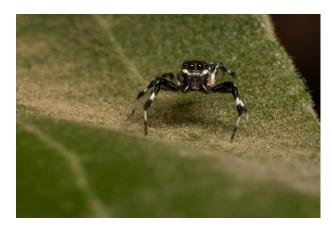


We made our way back to camp, stopping for more malachite and pied kingfishers on the edge of Mfuwe Lagoon and two monitor lizards on the edge of the road.





At lunch, those keen went out with our macro lenses for some tuition and to find some fascinating insects, which is always good fun.





This afternoon we went south towards Wakumba, searching for the elusive leopards. We spent some time with some vervet monkeys, one in particular who was enjoying some fruits from the trees in the leaf litter and interacting with us as we sat and watched it – a very funny sighting. A herd of pukus and impalas, with lots of young ones were enjoying the grasses by the river, and we came upon a large troop of baboons playing and relaxing on the bank. We parked the vehicle and spent some time watching them – each small group was fascinating in its own way as older baboons were eating the seeds from elephant dung, young ones were playing, and some were keeping watch while others slept. As we watched, a couple of young male impalas started playfighting in the background. Sometimes what you see when you stop and watch is really incredible.





We stopped further down the river, overlooking some hippos who entertained us while we had our sundowners. Then it was time to return to camp with the spotlight lighting our way. Before arriving at camp,





we spotted several genets, a spring hare and a chameleon. After dinner, a few of us took our cameras and photographed some scorpions in camp with the UV torch before heading off to bed.





Day 7: Friday 11 November 2022

This morning we drove to the edge of the gorge towards Wafwa. We looked for the female lions at a buffalo carcass we had seen yesterday. The carcass was still there, with some vultures enjoying the leftovers, but we initially couldn't see any lions! As we drove on, we spotted an impala looking pointedly across the plain and a female lion walking towards us from quite far away. We quickly repositioned ourselves to get the best angle as we could see that she should be coming over the crest of a hill, and as we turned the corner, we spotted the other three females lying on the edge of a bank in the shade. We waited, and the female walked straight towards us, giving us some lovely shots head-on as she approached and passed our vehicle. There were some lovely greetings as they reached each other – that's the one thing you can rely on with lions, and it's always such a lovely moment to watch. We could hear a male calling, so we drove in that direction and found another one on the road. After a few shots, we moved on, and as we climbed a small hill we saw the (beautiful) male who had been calling. We stayed with him for a while, but as the other vehicles arrived, we moved on as we were blocking the road. He was much lighter coloured than the other males we'd seen, so it was lovely to see a different one.



We drove past one of the boreholes and saw two hyenas fast asleep there. Unfortunately not in a very photographable position, but lovely to see them so relaxed. As we continued, we came across a huge herd of buffalo crossing the open space into a more bushy area. There must have been around 200-300 buffalo, so it was hard to know where to look, but we stopped in a few positions to get different perspectives and try different techniques.



As we left them, we were driving along and saw quite a large herd of elephants up ahead, so we passed them and stopped at a point that we hoped would mean they would walk towards us. We couldn't have picked a better spot! They walked in our general direction, and then suddenly, a couple turned and walked towards us, so we waited, and the rest of the herd followed. It was incredible having the elephants, which ranged from young babies to big bulls, passing fairly close to the vehicle. Most didn't show any interest, other than a couple of young males trying to assert dominance, so we sat still and let them all pass. Some began feeding off the trees behind us, so when it was safe, we moved around and watched them some more before returning to camp.





At lunch in the camp, we spotted a family of banded mongooses running along the paths and the riverbank. They were quite shy, but a few people managed to get some shots of them before they disappeared under the boards by the swimming pool in camp.







This afternoon we started around the elephant loop spotting a western-banded snake eagle with its prey on a low branch. We turned a corner and came upon a warthog with four very young piglets foraging in the dirt. A couple of them were inquisitive and looked at us to see if they could figure us out, but then went back to the safety of mum. We came out into an open area, bathed in the morning sunshine, and found a lilacbreasted roller sitting on a low branch. We stopped, and thankfully it stayed there, so we waited and it put on an excellent show – diving into the grass to catch prey and returning to the same branch. It was a great opportunity to practice in-flight shots and get beautiful portraits. The light was beautiful, so we continued to the river and saw some hippos wallowing, fish eagles flying by, African jacanas, crowned lapwings, and plovers eating from the shallow waters. As we passed a vehicle, we heard that a leopard had been spotted not too far away, so we quickly drove there, but we were told it was a very shy male who had left the tree where he had just stored his dinner as soon as he was spotted and retreated into the bush. We could see him hiding, so we went off to have sundowners nearby so that we could return a bit later to see if we could spot him.





We had our sundowners next to Elephant Lagoon and were blessed with beautiful setting sunlight while a couple of hippos were having a play fight. As we drove back to camp with the spotlight, we came across a lions' pride and tried different spotlighting techniques to get a different image.

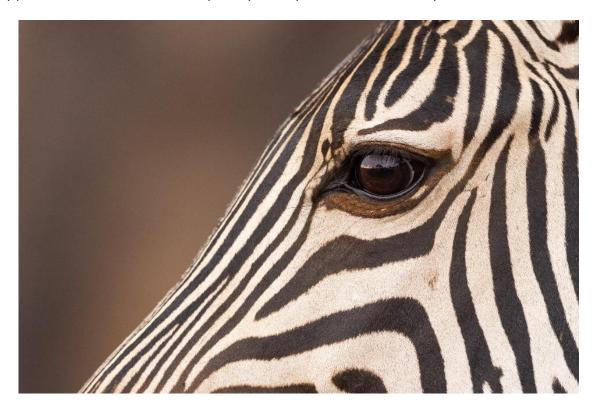






Day 8: Saturday 12 November 2022

We went south this morning on a new road around Wamilombe and came across a herd of zebra - better known as a dazzle – sharing a sausage fruit on the floor under a tree. As they were quite close, we got some lovely portraits and even some close-ups of eyes and patterns, which is always nice for a different shot.



Kennedy showed us an African honey bee nest on the trunk of a tree. Probably just under a metre in height, it was full of a swarm of bees, flying in and out and keeping very busy. The sound was incredible! As we turned a corner, a hyena was using the road for a quick nap, and it got up and walked straight towards, then past our vehicle. Even though most people think they're quite ugly, I have a real soft spot for them. We waited for it to pass, getting some lovely close-up shots.











As we reached the open plains of Wakumba, we stopped for another small herd of zebra in the lovely dry grasses, setting off their contrast beautifully and then we found a trio of ground hornbills by the edge of the grass. We stopped for a while, and they posed beautifully – one on a branch and one right on the edge of the plains before they carried on foraging for food. Continuing through Wakumba to the dried, sandy riverbed close to Katete Bridge, we came across the wild dogs fast asleep in the sand. It had been a couple of days since we had seen them, so it was lovely to find them again. We watched them for a while, but they weren't going anywhere fast, so we decided to head off for a coffee and come back to see if they were more active. We returned after some time, but they were still asleep, so we returned to the camp as it was heating up.





We entered the park this afternoon intending to go to see if we could see the lions and cubs, but as we were driving up the main road, we had a tip-off from another driver as we passed that two mating leopards had been spotted briefly this morning so we went round the Norman Carr memorial drive, where we saw a couple of kingfishers (brown-hooded and woodland). We emerged close to Wafwa, and as we came around the lagoon's edge, Kennedy sped up, and we spotted the two leopards drinking in the dry lagoon bed. Amazingly we were one of the first two vehicles there, and Kennedy drove us down closer to the edge of the water so that we were at eye-level with the leopards. Unfortunately, the male was more skittish than the female, so he quickly entered the bushes. The female stayed for a minute, drinking from the shallow water before ambling off to meet him in the bushes. We waited for a while as we could see her lying down, obscured by a lot of twigs, but she retreated further inside the bush, so we decided to leave them and drove to the riverbank as we'd been told there was a dead hippo in the water. When we arrived, we saw the carcass of a young hippo being devoured by around 30-40 crocodiles from all angles. Kennedy suggested it had probably been dead for around 2-3 days, and the crocodiles were feasting on it. Three of the lionesses were close by on the





bank, watching, and it looked like they wished the bank was shallower so they could have a share, but instead, they sat and watched the crocodiles before going back towards the gulley.





It was time for some sundowners, so we went back to the banks of the Wafwa Lagoon, past where the leopards had been, but as we were looking for somewhere to stop, we came across a small herd of buffalo heading to drink water. Some were already down at the water's edge in the lagoon bed, so we got some shots of them, and there were some more coming from our left, so we drove past and left them to their refreshments and went to have our well-earned final sundowners. What an afternoon!

After dark, we started spotlighting the area and quickly came across the female leopard who had returned to drink. As she went back towards the bush, a male and female lion both made their way down. After the female had drunk some water and the male rested, she walked towards him, greeted him, and then mated briefly before lying down to rest.

We continued and found the usual mix of genets, a great sighting of a civet and then the alpha female lion we followed along the edge of the gorge. She started calling for her pride, and the sound was just incredible. On our way back, we also saw a lovely chameleon on the edge of a bush and some hippos leaving the safety of the water. To top it all off, we photographed a katydid and a wood owl in camp before packing and downloading our images from today. It was an amazing day.

Day 8: Sunday 13 November 2022

Our last morning drive! Time really does fly here. We entered the park and went first to check on the buffalo that was stuck in the mud, which was still alive. Close by, we spotted what we initially thought was a stork but was a goliath heron. The fish eagles on the Mfuwe Lagoon were busy catching their breakfast and squabbling over their fish, and we also passed some other birds as usual on our drive, including carmine bee-eaters, various types of hornbills and red-billed wood hoopoes.

Driving towards Wafwa, where the den had been, we came across three lions lying in the road - two males and a female (including the mating couple from last night). One male walked off to rest in the bushes, and then the couple mated before lying back down, so we left them to enjoy the warmth of the morning sunshine.

We went to the riverbank near Wafwa Lagoon to see the dead hippo, which was still there and a little more bloated than yesterday, but there were now very few crocodiles eating as they'd obviously had their fill yesterday! We all noticed the Mexican poppies starting to grow on the lagoon's edge, signalling the change of season.

Driving past Wafwa Lagoon, we saw a large group of buffalo by the water, so we went towards the bank's top. As luck would have it (or Kennedy sent a message to the buffalo somehow!), they climbed the bank and crossed the top right in front of us. We stopped there for a while as more and more came up the bank to see what was happening. These opportunities can be overwhelming for photography but allow you to use wide-





angle lenses to capture the feeling and sheer number of animals, or you can zoom in and capture some lovely portraits. After a while, they made their way past us, some of them getting spooked and starting to run, which kicked up some sand — only adding to the atmosphere.





We stopped for our final morning coffee at Chipela Lagoon. As we stopped, we spotted a giant kingfisher just above where the vehicle stopped, so we quietly went over and grabbed some shots of it in case it flew off. It seemed more relaxed than anticipated, so the group managed to move into a better position and get a few different shots before it flew off. During our break, we also had visits from a pied kingfisher, visited the buffalo skull on the beach and photographed some crocodiles and hippos enjoying the water. The giant kingfisher returned before we left, so we had some more time with it before we returned to camp to pack, say farewell to Kennedy and head home.

Checklist



	Common Name	Latin Name
	MAMMALS	MAMMALIA
1	African civet	Civettictis civetta
2	Yellow baboon	Papio cynocephalus
3	Cape buffalo	Syncerus caffer
4	Thick-tailed bushbaby	Otolemur crassicaudatus
5	Bushbuck	Tragelaphus sylvaticus
6	Elephant	Elephantidae
7	Elephant shrew	Macroscelididae
8	Large spotted genet	Genetta tigrina
9	Thornicroft giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis thornicrofti
10	Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius
11	Spotted hyena	Crocuta crocuta
12	Impala	Aepyceros melampus
13	Greater kudu	Tragelaphus strepsiceros
14	Leopard	Panthera pardus
15	Lion	Panthera leo
16	Banded mongoose	Mungos mungo
17	Bushy-tailed mongoose	Bdeogale crassicauda
18	Slender mongoose	Galerella sanguinea
19	White-tailed mongoose	Ichneumia albicauda
20	Vervet monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus
21	Puku	Kobus vardonii
22	Scrub hare	Lepus saxatilis
23	Tree squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis
24	Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus
25	Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus
26	Wild dog	Lycaon pictus

27	Cookson's wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus cooksoni
28	Crawshay's zebra	Equus quagga crawshayi
	REPTILES	REPTILIA
1	Flap-necked chameleon	Chamaeleo dilepis
2	Nile crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus
3	Tropical house gecko	Hemidactylus mabouia
4	Water monitor lizard	Varanus salvator
5	Striped skink	Trachylepis striata
	BIRDS	AVES
1	Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
2	African fish eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
3	Tawny eagle	Aquila rapax
4	African marsh harrier	Circus ranivorus
5	Yellow-billed kite	Milvus aegyptius
6	Brown snake eagle	Circaetus cinereus
7	Western banded snake eagle	Circaetus cinerascens
8	Hooded vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus
9	White-backed vulture	Gyps africanus
10	Knob-billed duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos
11	Great white egret	Ardea alba
12	Yellow-bellied egret	Ardea intermedia
13	Egyptian goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca
14	Spur-winged goose	Plectropterus gambensis
15	Hammerkop	Scopus umbretta
16	Black heron	Egretta ardesiaca
17	Goliath heron	Ardea goliath
18	Green-backed heron	Butorides virescens
19	Grey heron	Ardea cinerea
20	African sacred ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
21	Hadeda ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
22	African spoonbill	Platalea alba



23	Marabou stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer
24	Saddle-billed stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis
25	African jacana	Actophilornis africanus
26	African skimmer	Rynchops flavirostris
27	Crowned plover	Vanellus coronatus
28	White-crowned plover	Vanellus albiceps
29	Common sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
30	Spotted thick-knee	Burhinus capensis
31	Water thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus
32	Grey-crowned crane	Balearica regulorum
33	Helmeted guinea fowl	Numida meleagris
34	Swainson's spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii
35	Cape turtle dove	Streptopelia capicola
36	Namaqua dove	Oena capensis
37	Emerald spotted wood dove	Turtur chalcospilos
38	White browned coucal	Centropus superciliosus
39	Grey go-away bird	Corythaixoides concolor
40	Lillian's lovebird	Agapornis lilianae
41	Purple-crested turaco	Tauraco porphyreolophus
42	African wood owl	Ciccaba
43	Pearl-spotted owlet	Glaucidium perlatum
44	Square tailed nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii
45	Brown-hooded kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris
46	Giant kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima
47	Malachite kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
48	Pied kingfisher	Ceryle rudis
49	Woodland kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis
50	Broad-billed roller	Eurystomus glaucurus
51	Lilac-breasted roller	Coracias caudatus
52	Little bee-eater	Merops pusillus
53	Southern carmine bee-eater	Merops nubicoides



54	White-fronted bee-eater	Merops bullockoides
55	Crowned hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus
56	Southern ground hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri
57	Red-billed hornbill	Tockus
58	Bennett's woodpecker	Campethera bennettii
59	Yellow-billed oxpecker	Buphagus africanus
60	Red-billed oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
61	Maeve's starling	Lamprotornis mevesii
62	African pied wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
63	Pied crow	Corvus albus
64	White browed robin chat	Cossypha heuglini
65	Red-billed firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala
66	Blue waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis
67	Red-billed quelea	Quelea quelea
68	White-browed sparrow weaver	Plocepasser mahali
	MISCELLANEOUS	
1	White tree frog	Litoria caerulea
2	Flat spider	Selenopidae
3	Kalahari ferrari	Solifuge
4	Jumping spider	Salticidae
5	Katydid	Tettigoniidae
6	African honey bees	Apis mellifera scutellata Lepeletier
7	Scorpion	Scorpiones

