



KWANDO
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fast facts

Game Sightings

Lagoon

- The coalition of four male lions was seen on several occasions. They were seen hunting Zebra and were heard calling around the area.
- A female leopard and her cub were seen feeding on an Impala kill while a male leopard was found resting next to his Impala kill. He was very relaxed and made for good photographic opportunities. Another female Leopard was seen just relaxing and she also allowed the guests to take some good photos.
- The three new male Cheetah were seen on several occasions hunting Impala but they made no kills. They are in very good condition though and very relaxed towards the game drive vehicles. A sighting of a single female Cheetah in the Water-cut area was also reported.
- The Lagoon pack of six adult Wild dogs and seven sub adult dogs were seen on numerous occasions during the month. Unfortunately one of the young dogs got attacked by a Leopard and got injured badly. The dog is still mobile though and will hopefully make a good recovery.
- The large breeding herds of Elephant have disappeared into the Mopane forests since the rain has started. Some of the smaller herds and bachelor males were still seen feeding on the flood planes.
- The big herds of Buffalo have now completely disappeared because of the rains. Some small bachelor groups were still seen feeding on the floodplains though.
- Night drives were exceptionally good during this month, with a very elusive Aardvark being spotted. Hyena, Jackal, Springhare and African Wild Cats were also seen on most drives. Bat-eared Fox with babies made for another unusual sighting.
- General game sightings were fantastic during this month as all the Tsessebee's and Impalas are having their babies now. Many Zebra were also seen as well as Giraffe, Kudu, Lechwe, Waterbuck, Reedbuck, Sable and Roan Antelope.
- Excellent sightings of Porcupines, Aardvark, Civet, Serval, Wildcat and Honey Badger were reported during night drives.
- Birding was very good during this month. The first sighting of Whiskered Turns were reported. Birds of Prey sightings were also very good with, Black Breasted

Snake Eagle, Martial Eagle, and African Hawk Eagle being seen..

Lebala

- The pride of three lionesses and their eight cubs have become such specialists in hunting Warthog, that they were seen killing two Warthogs in one day. They were also seen killing an Impala. The two dominant males are not always seen with the females but they do join up with them regularly.
- Leopard sightings were very good at Lebala this month with four different Leopards being seen. A young male was seen hunting twice in the woodland, while a shy female was seen hunting North of Lechwe corner. Another young female was also seen hunting West of camp. A big male Leopard was found with two kills up in a tree. It seems that he managed to kill both a female Impala and her newborn baby.
- The two male Cheetah were very active throughout the month. They were found feeding on a baby Wildebeest carcass and were also seen hunting and killing a young Red Lechwe. They also tried to hunt Impala and Warthog. A well-fed female Cheetah was found resting South of Camp. Three very skittish males were seen near Nare Pan.
- The pack of 10 adult Wild Dogs and two puppies still roamed around in the Lebala area. They were seen killing six Impala in two hunting sessions. The same afternoon they tried to kill a young Giraffe but failed. They also managed to kill a Tsessebe but a Clan of Hyena managed to steal the kill from them.
- Only the occasional glimpse of Elephant herds was reported during this month. Most of these big herds are now feeding in the Mopane woodland. Bachelor bulls were still seen feeding on the floodplains and having mud baths in the waterholes.
- Birding has been very good this month with a lot of the summer migrants starting to nest. Reptile sightings were excellent, with Puff Adders, Spitting Cobras, Boom slang and African Rock Pythons being seen.
- A Clan of Hyena were seen hunting a Hippo. They managed to do some major damage to the back of the Hippo before it managed to escape in to the water. Another Clan of Hyena was feeding on a Giraffe carcass when the Hippo hunting Clan turned up. There was some serious interaction between the two Clans before the Hippo hunters decided to run away.
- General game sightings have been very good through out the month due to the Impalas, Tsessebe and Wildebeest dropping their young. Good sightings of Roan Antelope were also reported.
- Civet, Serval, Porcupines as well as Honey Badgers were common sightings throughout the month. Two Aardvark were seen almost next to each other and Genets were spotted feeding on termites.

Kwara and Little Kwara

- Lion sightings in the Kwara area continue to be very good. The coalition of 7 male lions was very active throughout the month and one of the males were seen trying to kill a Leopard Tortoise but he did not succeed. One lone male Lion was seen roaming around the area, this is the partner to the male that was killed by Buffalo. The Tsum-Tsum pride consisting of seven females and one male were seen often on the North Western side of the camp. The three Lionesses and their 8 cubs were seen trying to take down some Zebra but were not successful, while the two big males were just resting in the shade. The Kwara pride managed to kill a Giraffe on Leadwood Island.
- The well-known female Leopard and her cub seemed to have now gone their separate ways. The mother was seen hunting Reedbuck whilst the youngster managed to kill an Impala lamb. A big male Leopard was found with an Impala carcass up in a tree with three Hyena waiting for some tit bits to fall down to them under the tree. An unknown female Leopard was seen hunting around the flood plains, but she was unsuccessful and lastly a male Leopard cub was spotted enjoying the sunshine from his position on top of a big log.
- The resident three brother Cheetah were seen hunting and killing Impala as well as Tsessebe. The other coalition consisting of two brothers managed to kill a baby Impala and was seen hunting baby Wildebeest. The Wildebeest were too clever though and managed to get away in time. They did manage to kill a male Impala shortly afterward though.
- Two packs of Wild Dogs were operating in the Kwara area this month. A pack of four dogs were found hunting but they were unsuccessful. A pack of twenty-one dogs managed to kill three baby Impala, close to camp and also killed a Tsessebe near the hippo pools.
- A couple of bull Elephants were seen crossing the channel in front of one of the boat cruises and made for a wonderful sighting. Some more bachelor bulls were feeding around the camps and were also seen having a mud bath on the edge of the lagoon. A small breeding herd of about twenty-two Elephants also made an unexpected appearance on the Tsum-Tsum plains.
- The Side Striped and Black Backed Jackal were very active hunting frogs during this rainy month. Hyena were also seen on almost every drive and heard during the night. Flapped Neck Chameleons were seen regularly as well. Four Bat-Eared fox started denning on the Tsum-Tsum plains.
- General game sightings were excellent throughout the month. The Impala, Tsessebe and Wildebeest are busy dropping their young, so lots of newborn babies around. Lots of Zebra and Giraffe around as well.
- A good sighting of a Serval hunting frogs were reported as well as a Honey Badger with a Python kill. Porcupine and many of the mongoose species were also sighted.

- Giant Bull Frogs and Banded Rubber Frogs were seen everywhere. A Black Mamba of about 2.5 meters was located near the camp and a Mozambique Spitting Cobra was seen on the Tsum-Tsum plains. One group of guests were very lucky to witness a big Python killing and swallowing a newborn Impala lamb. The Heronry at Gadikwe Lagoon were also very active and created good birding opportunities. Four Wattled Cranes were seen on the Kwara flood plains.