



KWANDO  
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fast facts

Game Sightings

## Lagoon

- A very good sighting of a single lioness was reported north of Lagoon camp.
- No leopard sighted but tracks of two leopards, possibly a mating pair, were followed.
- The 2 cheetah brothers visited the area and were found relaxing in the shade.
- The wild dogs continue to be sighted in the Lagoon area. The pack of 6 dogs was seen hunting and successfully killing an impala.
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- General game is very good with Tsetsebee, warthog, wildebeest, steenbok, lechwe, zebra seen on most drives. Some guests saw a shy bushbuck; whilst on their sunset boat cruise.
- Night drives found an African wild cat hunting rodents. A shy serval was also seen. A good sighting of some dwarf mongoose, relaxing on their termite mound house was also reported.
- Migratory birds are still out in force as well as osprey, slaty and black egret, and martial eagles along the riverfront.
- A black mamba was seen crossing the road, in front of the game drive vehicle.

## Lebala

- Three lionesses were tracked and found near White Plains. They were hunting wildebeest but did not succeed. Just before they disappeared into the mopane woodland, the guides observed that they were lactating. The conclusion was that they must have a den with cubs somewhere in the woodlands.
- Some very lucky guests got to spend a whole afternoon observing a very full-bellied male leopard at Hotwire pan. He was very relaxed and resting. He became active later in the afternoon and started marking his territory.
- The 2 cheetah brothers are still active South of the camp, and were found feeding on the carcass of a young lechwe.
- Big breeding herds of elephant, some of them up to 500 in the herd are found along the flood plains. A good sighting of a herd of about 150 elephant, having a mud bath in Kuku pan was reported.

- On one of the night drives a porcupine was seen coming out of his burrow, he got shy when he saw the vehicle and went back into his hole. Hyena are seen during the day and night, as well as both of the jackal species.
- Excellent general game with many large journeys of giraffe, impala, waterbuck, Tsessebe, Wildebeest, Steenbok zebra, red lechwe and kudu.
- Very good sightings of all the mongoose species were reported daily. Serval and Civet cats as well as porcupine have been seen on the night drives.
- Birdlife continue to be excellent, with three banded coursers, African skimmers, wattled cranes and a black-headed heron making up some of the rarer species to be seen. Painted reed frogs were also seen in the channel in front of camp
- Snakes sightings are frequent with common Night Adders, spotted bush snake, boom slang and an African rock python

## **Kwara and Little Kwara**

- The pride of seven lions, have split up with the 2 big males moving around by them selves. The rest of the pride (4 females and one sub adult male) was seen almost every day and at one stage were seen trying to kill a python. They did not succeed. They were also found feeding on a tsessebe carcass.
- A female leopard and her cub were found feeding on an impala carcass. They stayed on the same spot for 3 days and made for some fantastic sightings. An amazing sighting of a male leopard fighting with baboons was also reported.
- The female cheetah with her three cubs was seen at impala pan and another female with 2 cubs were found on mopane road. They were all looking very healthy. The 3 brothers were also found, with full bellies resting in the shade.
- A pack of 13 dogs were located at honeymoon pan. They stayed at the same spot, resting for a whole day. They started hunting in the afternoon, but were not successful.
- Solitary elephant bulls are all around as well as bachelor herds. A breeding herd, 100 strong were also seen.
- Three buffalo bulls were spotted after a long spell of not seeing any buffalo.
- Night drives provided sightings of hyena and, both jackal species. African wildcat and chameleon were also seen.
- General game sightings continue to be very good and the impala are also starting to rut.
- The birds are stunning with all of the migratory birds all over. The Heronry numbers have diminished but it still has many sacred ibis, woolly-neck, yellow and marabou storks. A good sighting of a giant eagle owl was also reported. One group saw an African rock python crossing the road in front of them