



KWANDO
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fast facts

Game Sightings

Lagoon

- A new pride of lion has been sighted - the 2 shy females and their 6 cubs (6 months old) made a brief appearance for two days.
- No leopard sighted but tracks seen and one heard calling just outside camp.
- The wild dogs continue to entertain the guests and were seen on six different days including them successfully hunting an impala near the airstrip.
- During the night drive, 15 hyenas were seen on one giraffe kill (killed by lions).
- Unseasonably large elephant herds have been seen just before sundown travelling to and from the river.
- Lone elephant bulls have been frequently seen, including some in musth.
- General game is very good with Tsetsebee, warthog, wildebeest, steenbok, lechwe, zebra seen on most drives.
- Night drives found porcupine, serval, honey badger, both genet species and a caracal.
- Migratory birds are still out in force as well as osprey, slaty and black egret, and martial eagles along the riverfront.
- Several pythons have also been seen.

Lebala

- Nearly every day, lion have been seen south of the camp
- Several wild dog sightings including one classic hyena interaction: - the dogs were found at Nari Pan with 7 hyena nearby. As the dogs commenced the hunt, the hyena followed and stole the impala just after the dogs had killed it. While the 7 hyena were eating the impala, with the dogs hungrily watching them, another 8 hyena approached and a fight ensued between the two clans. Then another group of 4 arrived and chaos reigned! The dogs made a swift exit and successfully killed another impala 30 minutes later.
- One another day, the dogs killed 3 times during one sighting and were late seen resting at a water hole.
- Leopard sightings included our old friend Limpy as well as a shy young male patrolling along the mopane woodland. A different female leopard was sighted on a kill which was raided almost immediately by hyena.
- The 2 cheetah brothers have been seen frequently including one successful warthog hunt which they fed on and finished within 45 minutes.

- Many elephant bachelor herds are in the area as well as a surprising number of breeding herds, some over 400 strong.
- The night drives have treated guests to porcupine, both jackal species, and a single hyena on a kudu carcass. During the sighting of Limpy the leopard, a serval was also present though it gave her a wide berth! Giant Eagle Owls were been seen on most drives. Yellow, slender, dwarf and banded mongoose were also seen. A single striped polecat provided one of the more rare sightings as it ran along the road but then disappeared in to the long grass.
- Excellent general game with many large journey of giraffe, impala, waterbuck, Tsessebe, Wildebeest, Steenbok zebra, red lechwe and kudu. Duiker have also been seen.
- The hippos continue to provide sundowner entertainment.
- One night an African Wild cat was seen with a kitten in her mouth.
- Birdlife is prolific with birders spotting over 200 species during their stays. 22 African Skimmer were counted at Skimmer Pan. The raptors are in full force. One morning at Twin pools 12 Kori Bustard and one Stanley's could all be seen at the same time.
- Snakes sightings are frequent with common Night Adders, spotted bush snake, boomslang and an African rock python.

Kwara and Little Kwara

- Game in general at Kwara had been outstanding and with the word spreading, both camps have been full!
- The pride of 7 (2 large males, one sub-male and 4 lionesses) have been prolific and sighted nearly every day. At the beginning of the month, they killed a baby hippo just next to Guest Tent number 1 and guests were able to see and hear them on the kill. Two days later they killed a red lechwe south of the airstrip, with the largest male running in and grabbing the kill from the others. One of the lionesses sustained an injury to her jaw which was very very swollen with open cuts. The guides concern for her well-being was soon gone after she led a spectacular kill in the front of camp: one of the Little Kwara vehicles had gone out early and bumped in to the lions hunting, the other guests at both camps skipped early coffee and raced out to join the hunt. All guests witnessed the hunt and the final attack (with the young male nearly giving the game away!) a young male lechwe was brought down. Once again the male caught up with the action and stole most of the carcass.
- The next 2 nights the lions were all around and in camp, including one late afternoon when the chef and waiter were found on top of the kitchen fridge armed with Kitchen knives
- Another 7 lionesses were seen in the Tsum-Tsum area.
- Guests saw a leopard while walking back to their tent, just outside tent 1 at Kwara.
- One a drive, a large male leopard was followed near Cheetah Plains. He was followed through the bush for a while and all were a bit shocked when he broke into a run, only to realise he was after a group of warthog, one of which he managed to kill.
- The following day another group tracked a leopard and found it feeding on a jackal pup. Several other leopard sightings also reported.
- The 3 cheetah brothers have been seen frequently, usually relaxing in the shade and often in the Tsum-Tsum area. One group stumbled on them by accident - they had stopped on the

edge of the mopane to look at some ostriches and were surprised as the 3 brothers came racing out of the woodland and killed one of the ostrich.

- The new female with the 2 six-month cubs has been seen again although all three are shy. She was seen hunting impala but was not successful.
- A previously unseen new adult male was tracked and found hiding in the bushes.
- The small packs of dogs (2 of them) were seen moving and marking territory.
- Solitary elephant bull is all around as well as bachelor herds. A breeding herd, 60 strong was seen on the Mophane Road.
- Another bull elephant was seen near the 6 month old elephant carcass. He spent some time smelling the bones and then proceeded to pick up one of the bones and put it in his mouth.
- One group while driving through the mopane stumbled upon 4 Bat-eared foxes.
- The only guests lucky enough to see buffalo saw them from the air - either during the transfer to camp or on one of the scenic game flights.
- Night drives provided sightings of many owls, a spotted genet with 2 babies, 2 honey badgers running along the road, caracal, serval, civet with babies, all mongoose species, both jackal species, and chameleon.
- One group heading back to camp caught a red eye in the spotlight and we delighted to find an armadillo.
- 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.
- Unbelievable enough, on one of the game flights, one group were amazingly lucky to see one of the few Botswana rhino from the air!!!
- General game has also been great, but there has been rather a lot to look at!!!