



Game Report



A slender mongoose by ranger Victoria Nuttall-Smith

MalaMala Game Reserve
April 2024

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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	35	27	Maximum	95	82
Minimum	13	17	Minimum	55.4	64
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
33		1.29		5	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	85
Leopard	143
Elephant	136
Buffalo	85
Cheetah	0
Cape Hunting Dog	18

**Sightings are tallied by day and not by drive. E.g., an individual leopard seen during the morning and afternoon drive on the same day is regarded as a single sighting.*

KILL STATS	
Lion	4 impala, 2 buffalo, 2 kudu, 1 warthog
Leopard	9 impala, 1 klipspringer
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	4 impala, 1 steenbok

**AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS*

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE	± 10 YEARS 10 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 9 MONTHS
9 CUBS	1 YEAR 4 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEAR 2 MONTHS
3 CUBS	0 YEARS 9 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON
(11 sightings)

The members of the Kambula spent much of their time west of MalaMala and were seen on fewer occasions compared to previous months.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, the pride was northeast of West Street Bridge.
- One lioness and five cubs were seen near Flockfield Camp on the 4th, the next day, the majority of them fed on a kudu east of the Airstrip.
- On the 10th, they stumbled upon a fresh impala kill presumably made by the Nkoveni female.
- They returned to MalaMala on the 17th, when they were found at Princess Alice Pans.
- On the 19th, they crossed east over the Sand River and were at Kapen Open Area.
- On the 20th, they were east of West Street Bridge trailing a herd of buffalo. The next day they were north of the Airstrip.
- The 13 cubs were seen alone to the northeast of West Street Bridge on the 24th.
- All 18 members of the pride were seen on the 25th, northeast of West Street Bridge where they killed an impala ram.
- The next day they were seen further east of the Matshapiri River on the MalaMala Flockfield Boundary.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = 26

7 ADULT FEMALES	UNKNOWN AGES
6 ADULT FEMALES	± 8 YEARS 0 MONTHS
7 SUB-ADULTS	± 3 YEARS 7 MONTHS
6 CUBS	±1 YEAR 3 MONTHS

EASTERN EYREFIELD
(0 sightings)

The members of the pride were not seen on MalaMala in April.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

1 ADULT FEMALE

3 CUBS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(37 sightings)

11 YEARS 1 MONTH

± 10 YEARS 10 MONTHS

0 YEARS 5 MONTHS

We enjoyed many sightings of this small pride. As the young cubs grow, they are moving around with the lionesses more.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, they were with the Ndhzenga males at the Mlowathi Spot.
- On the 2nd, a lioness stole a kill from the Piccadilly female at Lower Mlowathi Crossing and shared it with her cubs, while the other two lionesses were south of Mlowathi Dam Crossing.
- On the 6th the three lionesses had a run-in with the Piccadilly female and chased her up a tree in the Mlowathi River, north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- They were all resting in the Sand River in front of MalaMala Camp from the 7th and 8th.
- On the morning of the 9th, one lioness was with the Ndhzenga males at Mlowathi Dam but joined the other two lionesses that afternoon at Senegal Bush.
- The next day, the mother of the three cubs was south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing but met up with her cubs at the prominent rocks to the northwest that afternoon.
- They were all south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing with the Ndhzenga males on the 11th.
- The cubs were seen alone in the same area on the 12th and 13th, while the females were around Piccadilly Triangle.
- On the 16th, they were together with the Ndhzenga males at Piccadilly Triangle; where they spent most of their time for the four days that followed.
- On the morning of the 21st, one lioness was on the Old Airstrip while the cubs were with the Ndhzenga males south of Campbell Koppies. The females joined them here later in the day.
- On the 23rd, a lioness and the three cubs stole the remains of an impala ram from vultures at Fred's Tree.
- On the 28th, the three lionesses and a Ndhzenga male stole a kill from the Stone Drift female east of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot.
- The next day, two lionesses and the three cubs were with a Ndhzenga male west of Piccadilly Triangle, feeding off the remains of another impala ram kill.
- On the last day of the month, the three lionesses were feeding on yet another impala ram kill in the western parts of Piccadilly Triangle.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 16

3 ADULT FEMALES

2 ADULT FEMALES

7 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 4 MALES)

WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

± 7 YEARS 8 MONTHS

± 4 YEARS 10 MONTHS

± 3 YEARS 0 MONTHS

No members of the pride were seen on MalaMala in April, but there are reports from further north that the oldest lioness was found dead and looks to have been killed by other male lions.

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 5

2 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 9 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	4 YEARS 3 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	3 YEARS 8 MONTHS
2 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	2 YEARS 8 MONTHS
<i>SOUTHERN CHARLESTON</i>	
(4 sightings)	

The members of the Sand River pride were seen on four occasions this month. On the 2nd, one lioness was with three Nkuhlu males in central Charleston, west of the Tjellahanga River. On the 12th, four lionesses were seen feeding on a kudu carcass at Island Crossing. On the 28th, one female was with a Nkuhlu male on the Charleston Toulon Boundary near the Sand River, and another lioness was seen to the west of Jakkalsdraai Open Area.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE	± 9 YEARS 2 MONTHS
1 ADULT MALE	± 8 YEARS 9 MONTHS
<i>WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON</i>	
<i>Dominant over the Kambula.</i>	
<i>First Encountered on MalaMala September 2020</i>	
(22 sightings)	

This month, the Ndhzenга males spent most of their time with the Ntsevu pride and their youngest offspring along the Mlowathi River.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, they were with the members of the Ntsevu pride at the Mlowathi Spot.
- On the 4th, they were further south of Styx Crossing but made their way north to the Airstrip by the next day.
- They were at Stwise on the 7th and moved north towards Mlowathi Dam on the 8th.
- On the 10th, a male stole a klipspringer kill from the Piccadilly female in the northern parts of Piccadilly Triangle.
- They were north of Maurice's Pan on the 14th and rejoined the Ntsevu pride at Piccadilly Triangle on the 16th.
- On the 19th, they were at Mlowathi Dam; the next day, they were at the Mlowathi Spot.
- On the 21st, they were with the Ntsevu pride to the south of Campbell Koppies.
- They were at West Street Pans on the 23rd and were east of the bridge on the 25th.
- They were with the Kambula pride on the MalaMala Flockfield Boundary, east of the Matshapiri River, on the 26th.
- A Ndhzenга male was with the three lionesses from the Ntsevu pride on the 28th when they stole a kill from a female leopard; his brother was with the three cubs at Piccadilly Triangle.
- The next day, one of the males was eating small remains of an impala ram kill west of Piccadilly Triangle with two Ntsevu lionesses and the cubs, while his brother was with the third Ntsevu lioness at the Mlowathi Spot.
- The two of them were together at Mlowathi Dam on the 30th.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 10 YEARS 10 MONTHS

EYREFIELD

First encountered in late 2019.

(1 sighting)

This male, and his three sons from the Nkuhuma pride, were seen on the 21st at the Borehole.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 2 MONTHS

NOMADIC

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve

(3 sightings)

On the 1st, he ate a buffalo calf on the Charleston Flockfield Boundary. He was west of Mamba Waterhole on the 22nd where he was found with a buffalo cow carcass; the Kambula males and their sister stole this kill the next day. On the 25th, he was at the confluence of the Kapen and Sand Rivers.

THE BLACK DAM MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 7 MONTHS

EYREFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022

(2 sightings)

On the 8th, these males were found west of Wild Dog Rocks Open Area, digging in a termite mound. The next day, their digging antics continued; finally, at dusk on the 9th, they retrieved a male warthog from the burrow.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **NKHULU MALES** (3 sightings) – Three males were seen on the 2nd with a single lioness from the Sand River pride in central Charleston. The next day, four males were seen on the Charleston Toulon Boundary, east of the Sand River. One male was with a Sand River lioness east of Flat Rocks.
- **NKUHUMA MALE** (1 sighting) – The son of the late Gowrie males was seen with another **unidentified** male lion near Jakkalsdraai Open Area on the 22nd.
- **KAMBULA YOUNG (3 MALES, 1 FEMALE)** (1 sighting) – On the 23rd, these four individuals were found feeding on the buffalo carcass that the Southern Avoca male had made west of Mamba Waterhole.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	47 (16 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

**THE PICCADILLY FEMALE
MALE CUB**

10 YEARS 3 MONTHS
1 YEAR 3 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], independent first quarter of 2016.

Mother of the Ngungwe female.

(19 sightings, 8 of female, 9 of female and cub, 2 of cub)

This female and her male cub still spend most of their time together, mostly along the lower reaches of the Mlowathi River. From the 1st to the 3rd, they shared an impala ram north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing. On the 6th, the Piccadilly female was found north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing in the morning and was joined by her cub later that day. On the 10th, she caught a young male klipspringer of Piccadilly Triangle and dragged it into the long grass, but she was unable to place the kill in a tree before a male lion stole it (see 'NDHZENGA MALES'). On the 12th, she was seen alone east of the Mlowathi Spot. She was alone to the west of Bicycle Crossing on the 16th but was joined by her cub the next day in the Manyeleti River, east of its confluence with the Sand River. On the evening of the 19th, she was seen west of Campbell Koppies looking at a male impala. She was found the next morning with the kill in a tree nearby, and her cub also joined her. The next day, she was seen with the Flat Rock male west of Piccadilly Triangle and was back with her cub at Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 22nd. The two of them were west of Manyeleti Crossing on the 23rd. On the 25th, she was alone at the Mlowathi Spot, and her cub was seen to the south of Manyeleti Crossing the next day. They were together again on the 28th in the Mlowathi River, further north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.

**THE SIBUYE FEMALE
2 CUBS (1 MALE, 1 FEMALE)**

10 YEARS 3 MONTHS
1 YEAR 1 MONTH

WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], independent first quarter of 2016.

Mother of the Tlebe Rocks female, Langa female & Xaxa male.

(13 sightings, 2 of female, 3 of female and cubs, 9 of the cubs)

Most sightings of the Sibuye female and her cubs were in the vicinity of Mlowathi Dam. They were at Mlowathi Dam Crossing on the 1st. A cub was seen at Mlowathi Dam Crossing on the 4th and was seen in the Nwana Nonanshemeni Donga the next day. All three leopards were with the Ngoboswan male on the 8th, midway along the Mlowathi River, where they fed on an impala kill. On the 12th, the two cubs interacted with a hyena in the Mlowathi River at the Gowrie Boundary while their mother was at Tlebe Rocks. The cubs were in the same area the next day. The male cub was found at Mlowathi Dam Crossing on the 15th and the 21st. The mother was alone on the Gowrie Boundary, in the Mlowathi River, on the 18th. All three leopards were in the Nwana Nonanshemeni Donga on the 22nd.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE
2 CUBS

7 YEARS 9 MONTHS
1 MONTH

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], orphaned on 22nd May 2017.
(5 sightings, 4 of female, 1 of female & cubs)

On the 2nd, she was seen at West Street Bridge, and on the 12th, she was seen in the vicinity of Rattray's Camp. On the 14th, she was seen to the south of the Airstrip watching a large herd of impala. The next day, she was discovered amongst a pile of old wood to the south of Rattray's Camp Entrance Gate. Shortly after discovering her, two small cubs crawled out of the branches to suckle, they were estimated to be four weeks old. On the 29th, she was seen in the Sand River opposite Flockfield Camp.

THE ISLAND FEMALE

11 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Tamboti female[†], independent first quarter of 2015.
Mother of the Drum Crossing female.
(9 sightings)

Sightings of the Island female remain consistent. She was initially spotted near West Street Bridge on the 1st, then at Buffalo Pans on the 3rd, and Styx Crossing on the 4th. Later on the 8th, she appeared east of West Street Bridge, then on the 18th in the Tamboti Thickets, returning to West Street Bridge on the 19th. On the 22nd, she had an impala kill stolen by hyenas in the Tamboti Thickets; she returned there on the 25th, The following day she was at Emsagwen Waterhole.

THE NKOVENI FEMALE
3 CUBS

11 YEARS 8 MONTHS
3 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

Daughter of the Mashaba female, independent early 2014.
Mother of the Plaque Rock female, Xinkhova female, and Stone Drift female.
(1 sighting)

On the 10th, she was seen with one cub, north of the Airstrip; they moved away from the area where the Kambula pride was feeding on an impala kill, presumably stolen from her. Later in the month, we received reports that one cub had sustained an injury to the jaw, and the prognosis is not great.

THE PLAQUE ROCK FEMALE

6 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2019.
(2 sightings)

The Plaque Rock female was only seen twice this month. On the 5th where she was chased up a tree by the members of the Kambula pride to the east of the Airstrip and on the 24th, she was east of the Quarry at the Airstrip.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 3 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.

(1 sighting)

On the 23rd she was interacting with the River Rocks female and cub around Dudley Lookout.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE

±14 YEARS 3 MONTHS

NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(6 sightings)

The Lookout female was seen six times in April. She was at Flockfield Pools on the 2nd and was at Flockfield Lookout on the 5th and the 6th. On the 19th, she was north of Styx Crossing and was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 23rd. The next day she was north of Styx Crossing again.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 3 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.

(16 sightings)

We enjoyed 16 sightings of this female. On the 1st, she was at Kikilezihash Crossing and was further north of the Ngoboswan Donga on the 8th. She met up with the Flat Rock male east of Sandpit Crossing on the 10th and was seen along the Ngoboswan Donga on the 12th and 14th. From the 16th to the 19th, she fed on an impala ram kill, which she reluctantly shared with the Flat Rock male on the 18th. She unsuccessfully hunted impala near Plank's Pan on the 22nd. Between the 24th and the 28th, she mated with the Flat Rock male between the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot and Stwise. On the last day of the month, she killed an impala ram near Plank's Pan and was seen in this area again on the 30th. Unfortunately, the kill was stolen by lions.

THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE

6 YEARS 3 MONTHS

2 CUBS

2 MONTHS

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.

(9 sightings, 7 of female, 2 of female & cubs)

On the 7th, she was north of Campbell Koppies. On the 11th, she killed an impala northeast of Campbell Koppies, one of the cubs was present. She fed on the kill until the next day. She was west of Campbell Koppies on the 13th. On the 16th, she was east of Campbell Koppies. On the 19th, she moved her cubs from Campbell Koppies towards Ostrich Koppies. She was south of Fred's Tree on the 25th and was south of Campbell Koppies from the 26th to the 27th.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE MAXIM'S MALE

± 9 YEARS 8 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA

First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.

(5 sightings)

We enjoyed five sightings of the Maxim's male this month. He was on West Street Bridge on the 1st. On the 4th, he was on Rhino Pens, having another territorial dispute with the Flat Rock male, and on the 13th, he was seen in the Sand River, in front of Rattray's Camp. On the 17th, he walked through Sable Camp and was south of the Airstrip the next day.

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

MARTHLY

Son of the Porcupine female. First seen on MalaMala in early 2017.

(15 sightings)

The Flat Rock male was our most-viewed male leopard, with 15 sightings. On the 1st, he chased the Eyrefield male east of Emsagwen Waterhole. He was involved in another territorial dispute with the Maxim's male at Rhino Pens on the 4th. On the 10th, he was east of the Causeway and met up with the Stone Drift female near Plank's Pan. On the 13th, he walked into a clan of hyenas at their den south of Tlebe Rocks. On the 18th, he shared the remains of an impala ram with the Stone Drift female, east of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot. The next day, he was around Campbell Koppies. On the 21st, he was with the Piccadilly female at Piccadilly Triangle, and the next day, he was eating another impala ram at Plank's Pan, where he stayed until the 23rd. He was with the Stone Drift female again on the 24th at the Ngoboswan Donga. The pair mated over four days as they moved north towards Stwise.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

6 YEARS 5 MONTHS

MARTHLY & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Son of the Emsagweni female, independent in late 2019.

(4 sightings)

This male was seen with the Sibuye female and her cubs on the 8th east of the central parts of the Mlowathi River. On the 12th, he was in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, east of the Mlowathi River, and was to the south of Tlebe Rocks the next day. On the 19th, he was near Mlowathi Pans.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

6 YEARS 5 MONTHS

NOMADIC*Son of the Emsagweni female*, independent in late 2019.*

(1 sighting)

On the 1st, the Flat Rock male chased him up a tree east of Emsagwen waterhole. This interaction highlighted how much smaller he is than most adult male leopards.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

9 YEARS 9 MONTHS

CHARLESTON*Son of the Ostrich Koppies female*, independent latter half of 2015.*

(7 sightings)

The Split Rock male was seen on seven days this month. On the 2nd, he was at Buffalo Pans and was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 11th. He was finishing off the remains of an impala at Styx Rocks on the 13th. He was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 15th and was at Matshapiri Open Area on the 24th. The next day he was at Flockfield Lookout and was at Matshapiri Waterhole on the 26th.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE & MALE CUB** (7 sightings) – On the 22nd, they were west of Mamba Waterhole. The next day, they had a standoff with the Xinkhova female at Dudley Lookout. They were together on the 24th at the Kapen Breakfast Spot. The cub scavenged on the remains of a buffalo kill west of Mamba Waterhole on the 25th. They were together at the Kapen Breakfast Spot on the 27th. On the 28th the cub was at Charleston North Crossing.
- **KAPEN FEMALE & FEMALE CUB** (7 sightings) – The cub was at Styx Crossing on the 1st, and they were together at Lion Rocks on the 3rd. The female was at Styx Crossing on the 6th and the cub was east along the Charleston Flockfield Boundary on the 9th. The female was chased up a tree by Cape hunting dogs on the 10th at Rhino Skull. She was also chased by a herd of buffalo on the 13th at Dudley Lookout but was found in the same area the following day.
- **2:3 YOUNG MALE** (1 sighting) – This young male was at Emsagwen Open Area on the 20th.
- **NKOVA MALE** (2 sightings) – He was on the Charleston Toulon Boundary, east of the Sand River on the 3rd and was at Rocky Crossing on the 22nd.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED MALE** was at Flockfield Lookout on the 5th.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 15th.
- Another **UNIDENTIFIED MALE** was seen on the 29th at Pete's Bridge.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED

32 (10 cubs)

CHEETAH

There were no cheetah found this month.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED

0 (0 cubs)

CAPE HUNTING DOGS

We enjoyed a total of **18 sightings** of Cape hunting dogs in April. The pack of three, made up of one female and two males were seen most regularly this month.

Noteworthy Sightings:

- The pack of three was seen at Matshapiri Open Area Crossing on the 4th and was at Kikilezihash Crossing the next day where they killed an impala.
- They killed an impala along the Mlowathi River on the 6th and were at the Sausage Spot on the 8th.
- On the 9th, their impala kill at Senegal Bush was stolen by the Ndhzenga males and an Ntsevu lioness, but they killed another at the same spot the next day.
- A pack of 11 was also seen on the 10th, chasing the Kapen female up a tree midway along the Charleston Flockfield Boundary.
- On the 12th, a pack of four was seen at KK Crossing.
- On the 13th, the pack of 11 chased the pack of three to the east of the Tamboti Thickets.
- The same two packs were seen the next day, but the pack of three had moved northwards to the Mlowathi Spot, where they interacted with some Black-backed jackals, and the pack of 11 was found to the northeast of West Street Bridge.
- Five individuals killed an impala to the north of West Street Bridge on the 16th.
- The pack of three was at the Sausage Spot on the 18th and were further north along the Mlowathi the next day.
- Two CHDs were seen at Flockfield Tower on the 21st.
- The pack of three killed a steenbok west of Tlebe Rocks on the 27th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED

18 (0 pups)

CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **136 sightings** of **Elephants** in February with 105 of those sightings being of herds and the remaining 29 sightings were of bulls.

There was a total of **85 sightings** of Cape buffalo this month, with 71 of those sightings being of the old bulls we see mostly on the banks of the Sand River and the remaining 14 sightings were of herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **16 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property. The den site on F-Bend Open Area is active and the clan members were seen there on 5 occasions, with at least four cubs. The den site south of Tlebe Rocks was seen active once when a male leopard disturbed them (see 'FLAT ROCK MALE' for more).
- There were **four sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILLS** in April.
- There were **18 sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** this month.
- **HONEY BADGERS** were seen on **four occasions** in April.
- There were **four sightings** of **AFRICAN WILD CATS**.
- A **SECRETARY BIRD** was seen twice this month.
- There were **individual sightings** of a **SERVAL**, a **CARACAL (WITH ONE KITTEN)**, an **OTTER**, a **PORCUPINE**, and a **SIDE-STRIPED JACKAL** this month.