



Game Report



A farewell to the Plaque Rock female, by Gareth Nuttall-Smith

MalaMala Game Reserve
June 2024

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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	31	24.8	Maximum	87.8	76.6
Minimum	4	10.4	Minimum	39.2	50.7
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
10		0.4		2	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	99
Leopard	150
Elephant	169
Buffalo	78
Cheetah	2
Cape Hunting Dog	2

**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	2 impala, 2 waterbuck, 1 buffalo, 1 leopard, 1 warthog, 1 wildebeest
Leopard	19 impala, 2 duiker, 1 kudu 1 monkey
Cheetah	1 steenbok
Cape Hunting Dog	2 impala

**AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS*

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE	± 11 YEARS 0 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 11 MONTHS
9 CUBS	1 YEAR 6 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEAR 4 MONTHS
3 CUBS	0 YEARS 11 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(14 sightings)

The members of the Kambula pride spent much of their time west of MalaMala this month, but provided exceptional sightings when they were seen on the property.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, all 18 members of the pride were at Confluence Crossing where they had an interaction with two honey badgers.
- Two days later they had another unusual encounter, east of Kapen Rocks, where they found a pangolin walking in the long grass. The cubs tried to unravel it but were unsuccessful. The pangolin moved off later in the day after hours of harassment.
- On the 6th, they were joined by the Ndhzenga males north of Paddy's Pools, but only five of the older cubs were found at Matshapiri Open Area the next day.
- On the 8th, one cub was east of West Street Bridge, while the bulk of the pride was south of Lion Waterhole.
- The lone cub was seen again on the 11th, when he stole the remains of an impala kill from the Island female, by climbing a large tree south of West Street Bridge. By the 14th, he had reunited with the rest of the pride at Flockfield Pool.
- The next day the lionesses killed a waterbuck at West Street Bridge, which fed the whole pride.
- On the 16th, they killed an impala in the same area, with an Ndhzenga male.
- The entire pride was seen at Old Dudley Crossing on the 22nd and killed a wildebeest two days later at Vulture Waterhole, where they remained until the 25th.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 11

2 ADULT FEMALES	± 7 YEARS 10 MONTHS
2 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 0 MONTHS
7 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 4 MALES)	± 3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD

(4 sightings)

After months of little sign of this pride on MalaMala, we enjoyed four sightings of them in June. On the 13th, one female and a sub-adult male, were seen on the Gowrie Boundary, west of the Matshapiri River and on the 19th, the same lioness was with one sub-adult male and three sub-adult females at Matshapiri Dam. This same group was seen again on the KNP break, east of Paddy's Pools on the 21st and were further north on the boundary, near Clarendon Dam, the next day.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 11

2 ADULT FEMALES

1 ADULT FEMALE

3 CUBS

4 CUBS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(43 sightings)

11 YEARS 3 MONTHS

± 11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

0 YEARS 7 MONTHS

± 1 MONTH

Once again, the members of the Ntsevu pride were our most viewed lions on MalaMala. Their presence was consistent throughout the month, likely because their chosen den sites for the four new cubs are conveniently close to the MalaMala Camp.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st and the 2nd, the lactating lioness was at her den on Campbell Koppies, while the rest of the pride was near Kigelia Crossing.
- On the 3rd, she left her den to scavenge on an elephant cow carcass further southeast of Campbell Koppies. The other lioness with the older cubs stole an impala kill from the Piccadilly female west of Piccadilly Triangle, and the third lioness was mating with an Ndhzenga male north of Elephant Rock.
- Two of the lionesses were with the Ndhzenga males the next day at Elephant Rock and the third lioness and three cubs joined them on the 5th.
- On the 6th and the 8th, members of the pride were seen at Bicycle Crossing and, on the 9th, they were with the Ndhzenga males at the Causeway, where they found and killed the Plaque Rock female in the Sand River.
- From the 11th to the 14th, they were spread out between Lower Mlowathi Crossing and Manyeleti Crossing.
- On the 15th, the newest mother moved her four young cubs to another den site in the Mlowathi River, south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing, where they were seen the next day.
- The third lioness was mating with an Ndhzenga male at Mlowathi Dam on the 16th.
- On the 20th, the whole pride, including the newest members, were at the den site south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- Two lionesses and the youngest cubs were at the den with the Ndhzenga males on the 22nd, while the third lioness and three older cubs were east of Kigelia Crossing.
- The bulk of the pride were with the Ndhzenga males across the Sand River opposite MalaMala Camp on the 24th, while the new mother and cubs were at the den site in the Mlowathi River.
- On the 27th, the four young cubs followed their mother to a new den on the northern bank of the Sand River, west of Bicycle Crossing.
- All 10 members of the pride were at the new den site on the 29th, but only the lioness and the three older cubs were seen in the area the next day, along with the Ndhzenga males.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = Unknown

7 ADULT FEMALES

6 ADULT FEMALES

7 SUB-ADULTS

6 CUBS

EASTERN EYREFIELD

(1 sighting)

UNKNOWN AGES

± 8 YEARS 2 MONTHS

± 3 YEARS 9 MONTHS

±1 YEAR 5 MONTHS

Four lionesses from this pride were seen at Clarendon Dam on the 2nd.

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 11 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	4 YEARS 5 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	3 YEARS 10 MONTHS
2 SUB-ADULT FEMALES	2 YEARS 10 MONTHS
<i>SOUTHERN CHARLESTON</i>	
(4 sightings)	

On the 2nd, four lionesses killed an impala with the Nkhulu males at Calabash Crossing and three individuals were seen at Charleston Rocks on the 4th. A single lioness, along with two Nkhulu males, killed a waterbuck at Charleston Rock on the 23rd and a single lioness was seen at Rocky Crossing two days later.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE	± 9 YEARS 4 MONTHS
1 ADULT MALE	± 8 YEARS 11 MONTHS
<i>WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON</i>	
<i>Dominant over the Kambula and Ntsevu Prides.</i>	
<i>First Encountered on MalaMala in September 2020</i>	
(24 sightings)	

Sightings of these two dominant males remained consistent in June with the smaller of the males taking the brunt of the territorial work, while the larger male spent most of his time with the largest Ntsevu lioness, who despite many attempts, has not fallen pregnant.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, they were feeding on an elephant carcass to the southeast of Campbell Koppies, but one of the males left the next day to meet up with the Ntsevu pride at Kigelia Crossing.
- On the 3rd, the larger male was mating with a lioness from the Ntsevu pride in Marthly, while the smaller male stole an impala kill from a leopard at Piccadilly Triangle (see 'TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE' section).
- They were together the next day, at Elephant Rock with two lionesses from the Ntsevu pride.
- On the 6th, they joined the members of the Kambula pride to the north of Paddy's Pools, but were back with the Ntsevu pride at Bicycle Crossing two days later.
- On the 9th, they were with the Ntsevu pride at the Causeway, when they assisted in killing the Plaque Rock female. The larger male was also mating with the largest lioness at this time.
- The larger male stayed with the same lioness until the 13th, where they were found near Matumi Rocks, while the other brother defended the territory and was at Rattray's Stones.
- The next day they were both with the bulk of the Ntsevu Pride near Elephant Rock.
- On the 15th, one of the males ventured north to Mlowathi Dam and was joined by a lioness from the Ntsevu pride the next day, while the other male was with the Kambula pride, to the north of West Street Bridge, eating an impala kill.
- On the 22nd, they were with the Ntsevu pride at the den site south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing and were with them again across from the Main Camp Pool on the 24th.
- On the 30th, they were both in the Sand River, west of Bicycle Crossing, near the new den site of the Ntsevu pride.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*EYREFIELD**First encountered in late 2019.*

(3 sightings)

The last remaining Northern Avoca male has been displaying some interesting behaviour lately, for the sake of his own survival, he has been seen spending time with unrelated nomadic males as well as his older sons. On the 26th, he was found with a fresh buffalo kill in the Mlowathi River, south of Mlowathi Dam, which he was sharing with members of the Talamati pride and surprisingly, the smaller Black Dam male. He remained in this area until the 28th.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 4 MONTHS

*NOMADIC**First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve*

(5 sightings)

This older male was seen five times in June. On the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th, and 9th, he was attempting to feed on very little remains of an old buffalo carcass in the Sand River, at its confluence of the Rock Drift Donga.

THE BLACK DAM MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 9 MONTHS

*EYREFIELD**First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022*

(4 sightings)

An unusual turn of events for these males, as the larger brother seems to have moved back northwest to his natal grounds, and has left the other male to fend for himself on MalaMala. The remaining male was seen four times this month. On the 23rd, he was on the Gowrie Boundary, far east of the Mlowathi River, where he stole a warthog kill from young members of the Talamati Pride. From the 26th to the 28th, he was feeding on a buffalo kill in the Mlowathi River, south of the dam, with his past rival, the Northern Avoca male, as well as three members of the Talamati pride.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **STYX PRIDE** (3 sightings) – Two lionesses and a young male were at Verreaux’s Crossing on the 25th. One lioness also gave birth to at least two young cubs, who were seen around Beaumont’s Camp on the 22nd and two lionesses were in this area on the 30th.
- **4-WAYS PRIDE** (1 sighting) – On the 1st, two lionesses and three sub-adult males were north of the Windmill.
- **TALAMATI MALE** (3 sightings) – This nomadic male was seen on the 2nd at Matshapiri Dam and at the Old Borehole on the 20th. The next day he was seen near Gowrie Boom trailing a herd of buffalo into our neighbour’s property.
- **TALAMATI PRIDE** (6 sightings) – Two lionesses and a sub-adult male killed a warthog on the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River on the 23rd, which was immediately stolen by the Black Dam male. The same three individuals were feeding on a buffalo kill with the Northern Avoca male and Black Dam male in the Mlowathi River, south of Mlowathi Dam, from the 26th to the 28th. The sub-adult male was alone on the 29th, just east of the buffalo kill.
- **NKUHLU MALES** (4 sightings) – Two of these males were seen with four lionesses from the Sand River pride at Calabash Crossing, where they killed an impala. One male was with two lionesses from the Sand River pride at Charleston Rock, where they killed a waterbuck. One male was seen at F-Bend Open Area on the 25th. On the 30th, all four males had a territorial dispute with the two Gijima males at Calabash Crossing. There were blows exchanged, but the Nkuhlu males managed to chase the rival males’ southwards out of their territory.
- **GIJIMA MALES** (1 sighting) – These two males were only seen once this month, on the 30th, when they were chased out of the Nkuhlu males’ territory (see above).
- A group of nine **UNIDENTIFIED** individuals were seen on the KNP Boundary in the Split Rock Donga on the 25th.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	66 (22 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

**THE PICCADILLY FEMALE
MALE CUB**

10 YEARS 5 MONTHS

1 YEAR 5 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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

Mother of the Ngungwe female.

(21 sightings, 6 of female, 9 of female and cub, 6 of cub)

Sightings of the Piccadilly female and her cub were consistent this month. On the 1st and 2nd, they were near Mlowathi Pans and on the 3rd, they were feeding on the remains of an impala kill, west of Campbell Koppies, which was later stolen by a lioness. Over the next two days they were seen separately along the lower reaches of the Mlowathi River and were together again at Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 7th. On the 11th, the cub was seen further north in the Mlowathi River and the Piccadilly female was at the Confluence of the Three Rivers the next day. On the 14th, she caught an impala south of the Causeway, which she shared with her cub for two days. From the 16th to the 17th, the cub was alone at Mlowathi Koppies and she was at the Causeway on the 18th. She killed another impala on the 20th south of Piccadilly Triangle, while her cub watched and eventually joined her to feed. The kill was stolen the next day by the Flat Rock male. From the 24th to the 27th, they were seen between Bicycle Crossing and Mlowathi Pans.

**THE NKOVENI FEMALE
2 CUBS**

11 YEARS 10 MONTHS

5 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.

(3 sightings, 1 of female, 2 of female & cubs)

The Nkoveni female was seen three times this month and twice with her two growing cubs. On the 4th, all three of them were feeding on the remains of an impala kill, south of the Parking Bay, but had their kill stolen by an unknown shy male leopard later that evening. She was seen alone at the Quarry east of the Airstrip on the 18th and was sharing an impala kill with her cubs, east of the Windsock, on the 23rd.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 5 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(1 sighting)

This young female was only seen once in June. On the 29th, she walked through Sable Camp Rotunda.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 5 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(15 sightings)

Once again, the Stone Drift female was seen on numerous occasions. On the 3rd, she was with the Flat Rock male east of the Causeway, but left him the next day to kill an impala at Kikilezihash Crossing, which she fed on until the 5th. On the 7th, she was at Maurice's Pan and moved north to the Causeway on the 9th. She was at Old Wildebeest Crossing on the 10th and was east of Sandpit Crossing on the 15th. On the 17th, she was north of Fred's Tree showing major signs of injury to her front left leg and chest. On the 22nd, she was recovering in the Ngoboswan Donga and unwillingly shared an impala kill with the Maxim's male, south of Kikilezihash Crossing on the 25th. On the 28th, she fed on another impala further north of Maurice's Pan, showing good progress in the healing of her wounds. The next day, the Flat Rock male stole her kill, but she remained in the area with him until the end of the month.

THE PLAQUE ROCK FEMALE

6 YEARS 4 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2019.

(1 sighting)

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to the Plaque Rock female this month. On the 9th, she had a fatal encounter with the Ntsevu pride and the Ndhzenga males, where the lions caught and killed her in the Sand River in front of Sable Camp. She left behind at least one young cub, who unfortunately would not survive without its mother and has not been seen since her death.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE

7 YEARS 11 MONTHS

2 CUBS

3 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Kikilezi female, orphaned on 22nd May 2017.

(6 sightings)

There were fewer sightings of this female leopard in June and still no sign of her cubs, despite the appearance of suckle marks. On the 8th, she was feeding on an impala kill to the north of Maxim's Lookout and was at Princess Alice Pans two days later. On the 12th and the 24th, she was south of Airstrip and on the 29th, she was south of West Street Bridge. The next day she was at Flockfield Tower.

THE ISLAND FEMALE

11 YEARS 4 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Tamboti female, independent first quarter of 2015.**Mother of the Drum Crossing female.*

(12 sightings)

On the 1st, she was northeast of West Street Bridge and was feeding on an impala further south the next day. On the 3rd, she killed an impala ram, west of Buffalo Pans, which was immediately stolen by a hyena. She was at Styx Crossing on the 5th and Donald's Crossing on the 9th. She was feeding on an impala kill in a tree on the eastern bank of the Sand River, south of West Street Bridge on the 11th, which was later stolen by one of the older cubs of the Kambula pride. She was south of West Street Bridge again on the 16th and killed a monkey east of the bridge on the 18th. The next day she was at Flockfield Lookout and returned to West Street Bridge on the 21st, where she remained until the next day. On the 27th, she was looking heavily pregnant at White Cloth Open Area and moved towards the Hogvaal Donga, where she has kept cubs in the past.

THE SIBUYE FEMALE

10 YEARS 5 MONTHS

2 CUBS (1 MALE, 1 FEMALE)

1 YEAR 3 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Kikilezi female, independent first quarter of 2016.**Mother of the Tlebe Rocks female, Langa female & Xaxa male.*

(9 sightings, 2 of female, 3 of female and cubs, 4 of the cubs)

There was a notable decrease in sightings of this female and her cubs, with them spending much time north of MalaMala. All three were east of the northern parts of the Mlowathi River on the 5th and she was alone on the 11th, north of the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga. On the 14th, she was in the Mlowathi River, south of Mlowathi Dam and was seen with both the cubs as well as the Ngoboswan male further north, on the Gowrie Boundary, three days later. One cub was at Mlowathi Dam on the 18th and the male cub was seen east of that on the 20th. Both cubs were at Mlowathi Dam on the 22nd and the next day they were with their mother, east of the Mlowathi River, when she killed an impala, which was immediately stolen by the Ngoboswan male. They all stayed in this area until the next day.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE

±14 YEARS 5 MONTHS

1 CUB

±2 MONTHS

NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(3 sightings, 2 of female, 1 of female & cub)

On the 9th and the 26th, she was at the Treehouse and after months of speculation, where it seems she has been hiding a cub. Finally, on the 30th, she was leading her nervous cub to an impala kill east of the Tamboti Thickets.

THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE
2 CUBS

6 YEARS 5 MONTHS
4 MONTHS

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.
(17 sightings, 8 of female, 9 of female & cubs)

Sightings of the Tlebe Rocks female were consistent in June. On the 1st, she was alone at Fred's Tree and was seen with both cubs and an impala kill west of Piccadilly Triangle on the 3rd, which was later stolen by a male lion. All three were seen at Fred's Tree the next day. She killed an impala in Piccadilly Triangle on the 5th, which she shared with her cubs until the 6th. On the 7th, the Kangela male stole the kill and we assume he killed one of the cubs, because only one has been seen since this event. She was with one cub at the Quarry East of Fred's Tree on the 15th, feeding on the remains of another impala kill. The next day, they were south of Campbell Koppies and she was alone further south of that area on the 21st. They were feeding on a duiker kill to the south of Campbell Koppies on the 22nd and 23rd. On the 27th, she was near Sandpit Crossing and was at the Sausage Spot on the 29th and 30th.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE MAXIM'S MALE

± 9 YEARS 10 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA

First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.
(11 sightings)

In June, the Maxim's male spent most of his time along the Sand River, between Bicycle Crossing and Sandpit Crossing. On the 3rd, he was at the Hippo Pools west of Bicycle Crossing and, on the 6th, he was east of the Causeway. On the 10th, he was feeding on small remains of an impala, south of the Causeway. He was at West Street Bridge on the 13th and at Sandpit Crossing the next day. On the 17th, he was at the Causeway again and was west of Bicycle Crossing the next day. On the 25th, he fed on an impala kill at Kikilezihash Crossing with the Stone Drift female in the area as well.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

9 YEARS 11 MONTHS

CHARLESTON

Son of the Ostrich Koppies female, independent latter half of 2015.
(7 sightings)

He was seen on seven occasions in June. On the 5th, he was at West Street Bridge and at Emsagwen Crossing on the 11th. The next day, he was south of West Street Bridge and on the 15th, he was in the Tamboti Thickets. On the 25th, he was at Styx Crossing and was further north up the Matshapiri River at Emsagwen Crossing the next day. He was back in the Tamboti Thickets on the 28th.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

6 YEARS 7 MONTHS

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

(0 sightings)

This nomadic male was not seen on MalaMala in June.

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

11 YEARS 2 MONTHS

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

(14 sightings)

The Flat Rock male was seen on numerous occasions this month and was once again our most viewed male leopard. On the 1st, he was north of Maurice's Pan and joined the Stone Drift female at the Causeway on the 3rd. On the 6th, he was west of Bicycle Crossing and two days later he was further downstream at Kikilezihash Crossing. He was at Sandpit Crossing on the 13th and 14th, and joined the Tlebe Rocks female east of Fred's Tree with small remains of an impala kill. On the 21st, he stole an impala kill from the Piccadilly female and her cub northeast of the Causeway. On the 25th, he was west of Bicycle Crossing again and the next day he was at Plank's Pan. On the 29th, he stole an impala kill from the Stone Drift female, north of Maurice's Pan, and remained feeding until the end of the month.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

6 YEARS 7 MONTHS

MARTHLY & WESTERN EYREFIELD*Son of the Emsagweni female, independent in late 2019.*

(3 sightings)

Once again, this male leopard was only seen three times on MalaMala in June. On the 17th, he was with the Sibuye female and cubs on the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River and on the 23rd, he stole an impala kill from the Sibuye female further south and east of the Mlowathi Dam. He remained in this area until the 24th.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **KAPEN FEMALE** (4 sightings) – She was at the Kapen Breakfast spot on the 8th and shared a kudu carcass with her daughter at Lion Rocks on the 11th, but it was stolen by a hyena the next day. On the 17th, she was at Mamba Waterhole.
- **DAUGHTER OF THE KAPEN FEMALE** (4 sightings) – On the 11th and 12th, she shared a kudu carcass with her mother at Lion Rocks and was seen further east on the 13th. On the 17th, she was at Styx Crossing.
- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE & MALE CUB** (9 sightings) – The cub was at Charleston North Crossing on the 3rd and his mother was mating with the N’weti male in the same area the next day. On the 14th, the cub was close to Verreaux’s Crossing and the next day he was at the confluence of the Sand River and the Rock Drift Donga, while his mother was at Verreaux’s Crossing. She was in the same area on the 19th and her cub was at Dudley Lookout on the 22nd. She was mating with the N’weti male again on the 25th, at Beaumont’s Camp and her cub was only at Dudley Lookout again the next day.
- **NTSUMI FEMALE & 2 CUBS** (1 sighting) – On the 19th, the Ntsumi female was seen with two very small cubs at Beaumont’s Camp.
- **N’WETI MALE** (3 sightings) – On the 4th, he was mating with the River Rocks female at Charleston North Crossing and was opposite Trollip’s Camp on the 16th. On the 25th, he was mating with the River Rocks female again, in front of Beaumont’s Camp.
- **HANYILE MALE** (3 sightings) – On the 8th, he was at KK Pans in the same area as the young Nkova male. He was at Island Crossing on the 14th and at Charleston Rock on the 23rd.
- **NKOVA MALE** (2 sightings) – He was at KK Pans with the Hanyile male on the 8th and at KK Crossing on the 22nd.
- **KANGELA MALE** (1 sighting) – This young male stole an impala kill from the Tlebe Rocks female on the 7th, to the east of Piccadilly Triangle. It is also assumed that he killed one of her two cubs in this interaction.
- **TSEMBA MALE** (1 sighting) – this young male was seen at Matshapiri Dam on the 3rd.
- The same **NERVOUS YOUNG MALE** (3:2 spot pattern) was seen on the 4th, when he stole an impala kill from the Nkoveni female and her cubs, to the south of the Parking Bay.
- An older **UNKNOWN FEMALE** was seen near Emsagwen Waterhole on the 7th.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was seen west of the Causeway on the 8th, but this was likely the Plaque Rock female, as she was seen in this same area the next day.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was seen at Maxim’s Lookout on the 23rd.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG MALE** was seen at Lion Rocks on the 16th and was at Hyena Waterhole the next day.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	37 (11 cubs)
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CHEETAH

On the 21st, a male cheetah was seen close to the KNP Boundary, east of Paddy's Pools. On the 28th, a female cheetah killed a steenbok at east of Clarendon Dam.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	2 (0 cubs)
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

There were only **2 sightings** of Cape hunting dogs in June. The 11 members of the Toulon pack killed an impala, west of Styx Rocks on the 8th and caught another impala at Maurice's Pan on the 18th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	11 (0 pups)
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **169 sightings** of **Elephants** in June with 137 of those sightings being of herds and the remaining 32 sightings were of bulls.

There was a total of **78 sightings** of Cape buffalo this month, with 59 of those sightings being of the old bulls along the Sand River. The remaining 19 sightings were of herds also closer to the river than previous months, as other water sources continue to dry out.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **26 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property this month, many of which were seen at two different elephant carcasses, one near Campbell Koppies and the other south of Paddy's Pools.
- There were **two sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL**s in June, one group were at West Street Bridge 21st and a group of three were at Piccadilly Triangle on the 25th.
- There was **one recorded sighting** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** at Mlowathi Dam on the 9th and **one sighting** of **SIDE-STRIPED JACKALS** at Clarendon Dam on the 28th.
- **HONEY BADGERS** were seen on **eight occasions** in June and once interacting with lions (see 'KAMBULA PRIDE' section)
- There were **four sightings** of **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTERS** in the Sand River this month.
- A **SECRETARY BIRD** was seen on **six occasions** this month.
- There were **INDIVIDUAL SIGHTINGS** of a **SERVAL**, **MATING PUFFADDERS** and an **OSTRICH**, with **two sightings** of **PANGOLIN**.