



Game Report



The new cubs of the Ntsevu pride, by ranger Nick du Plessis

MalaMala Game Reserve
July 2024

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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	35	29	Maximum	95	84
Minimum	-1	8	Minimum	30	46
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
0		0		0	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	102
Leopard	168
Elephant	216
Buffalo	79
Cheetah	3
Cape Hunting Dog	4

**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	3 kudu, 2 buffalo, 2 impala, 1 hyena, 1 giraffe, 1 nyala
Leopard	19 impala, 4 scrub hare, 3 nyala, 2 bushbuck, 2 duiker, 1 steenbok
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	1 kudu

**AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS*

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE	± 11 YEARS 1 MONTH
4 ADULT FEMALES	± 6 YEARS 0 MONTHS
9 CUBS	1 YEAR 7 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEAR 5 MONTHS
3 CUBS	1 YEARS 0 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(19 sightings)

Sightings of the Kambula pride were consistent in July, many of which were of feeding and hunting behaviour, owing to the increased pressure on the lionesses to feed their large family.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, two of the youngest cubs were found at Confluence Crossing, while the rest of the pride were trailing a herd of buffalo north of Styx Rocks.
- The next day, they were all found feeding on small remains of a buffalo calf east of Confluence Crossing, where they were joined by the Ndhzenga males later that morning.
- On the 7th, they were east of Matshapiri Open Area Crossing and were north of West Street Bridge the next day.
- Only three cubs were found in this area on the 9th, but they were back with the pride near the Parking Bay the next day.
- They were at Emsagwen Crossing on the 11th and were south of Styx Crossing on the 12th.
- On the 13th, they were in the Sand River at Old Dudley Crossing.
- Two days later, they were midway along the Charleston Flockfield Boundary feeding on a giraffe calf, and the next day, they were at Charleston North Crossing.
- On the 17th, they were joined by the two Ndhzenga males at Styx Crossing.
- They killed an impala on the 24th, east of the Sand River and north of the Ngoboswan Donga, and were on Dudley Lookout two days later.
- On the 27th, they were found at Confluence Crossing but moved north and killed a nyala in the Ngoboswan Donga.

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES	± 6 YEARS 0 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	4 YEARS 6 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	3 YEARS 11 MONTHS
2 SUB-ADULT FEMALES	2 YEARS 11 MONTHS

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(6 sightings)

Two lionesses were with a single Nkuhlu male at Flat Rocks on the 14th. Five lionesses were west of KK Crossing on the 18th. On the 23rd, four lionesses were with the four Nkuhlu males at Charleston Rock and were joined by another lioness the next day near Tjellahanga Pans. On the 25th, three lionesses were with three Nkuhlu males west of Flat Rocks and on the 27th, they were joined by another female and two more Nkuhlu males to the east of Verreaux's Crossing.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 11

2 ADULT FEMALES

11 YEARS 4 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

± 11 YEARS 1 MONTH

3 CUBS

0 YEARS 8 MONTHS

4 CUBS

± 2 MONTHS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(44 sightings)

The members of the Ntsevu pride were seen on numerous occasions this month, with majority of the sightings being on Marthly, as the lioness with the youngest cubs has been keeping them in different den sites in this region.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, two females and the older cubs were at Piccadilly Triangle, while the third lioness was with the larger Ndhzenga male at the Airstrip.
- The next day, the four new cubs as well as the three older cubs were seen at the new den site west of Bicycle Crossing and one lioness was at Piccadilly Pans.
- The next day the young cubs were joined at the den site by their mother and the older cubs were in the Manyeleti River, north of the Sand River.
- On the 4th, the new mother moved her young cubs back to the den site in the Mlowathi River, south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing and the rest of the pride were east of Campbell Koppies.
- The next day, the bulk of the pride were feeding on a kudu kill south of Campbell Koppies.
- Three lionesses were joined by the two Ndhzenga males west of Bicycle Crossing on the 6th, while the older cubs were at Piccadilly Triangle and the younger cubs were at the den site.
- On the 10th, two lionesses crossed south over the Sand River at Elephant Rock Lookout to join the Ndhzenga males, while the other lioness and all seven cubs moved back to their den site to the west of Bicycle Crossing.
- The three lionesses killed a kudu bull at Matumi Rocks on the 13th and the three older cubs were collected shortly afterwards and brought to the feast. Later that afternoon, the four youngest cubs were seen at this position as well.
- Members of this pride were seen in the same area every day, until the 19th, when two of the lionesses were near Stwise.
- For the next three days, all 10 members were west of Elephant Rock Lookout with very small remains of a kudu kill, while a young male leopard was in a tree with a leg of the kill nearby.
- On the 24th, only the three lionesses were at Kigelia Crossing, but all members of the pride were seen in this area two days later.
- On the 28th, all seven pride members were in the Sand River in front of MalaMala Camp, but they moved back into Marthly the next day.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 11

2 ADULT FEMALES

± 7 YEARS 11 MONTHS

2 ADULT FEMALES

± 5 YEARS 1 MONTH

7 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 4 MALES)

± 3 YEARS 3 MONTHS

WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

Members of the Nkuhuma pride were not seen on MalaMala in July.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = Unknown

7 ADULT FEMALES

6 ADULT FEMALES

7 SUB-ADULTS

6 CUBS

EASTERN EYREFIELD

(1 sighting)

UNKNOWN AGES

± 8 YEARS 3 MONTHS

± 3 YEARS 10 MONTHS

±1 YEAR 6 MONTHS

Two lionesses and two cubs were seen at Clarendon Open Area on the 9th.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 5 MONTHS

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON**Dominant over the Kambula.**First Encountered on MalaMala September 2020*

(25 sightings)

There were many sightings of the two Ndhzenga males this month, they were seen with Kambula pride on numerous occasions.

Noteworthy sightings:

- The smaller male was at Sandpit Crossing on the 1st and joined his brother and the larger Ntsevu lioness at Piccadilly Triangle later that morning.
- The next day, they joined the Kambula Pride at Confluence Crossing and were only seen again on the 6th, when they were with the members of Ntsevu Pride west of Bicycle Crossing.
- One male was at the Old Airstrip on the 8th and were both at the Broken Dam on the 10th.
- Both males were at Mlowathi Pans on the 12th and were further south in the Tamboti Thickets the next day.
- On the 14th, one male was seen at Princess Alice Pans and the next day they were both with the Ntsevu pride near Matumi Rocks.
- On the 17th, they joined the members of the Kambula Pride at Styx Crossing.
- From the 20th to the 23rd, they were feeding on the little remains of a giraffe carcass at Buffalo Pans and had killed a hyena in this area as well.
- They were at the Sausage Spot on the 24th and scavenged the remains of an impala carcass south of Flockfield Tower the next day.
- They were in the Tamboti Thickets on the 26th and joined the Kambula pride at Confluence Crossing the next day.
- They were north of New Rocks on the 29th and moved west to Dudley Crossing on the 30th.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 1 MONTH

*EYREFIELD**First encountered in late 2019.*

(1 sighting)

He was on the Gowrie Boundary at Gowrie Circle on the 9th.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 5 MONTHS

NOMADIC

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve

(0 sightings)

This older male was not seen on MalaMala in July.

THE BLACK DAM MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 10 MONTHS

EYREFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022

(1 sighting)

On the 23rd, one male was seen north of the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, east of the Mlowathi River.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **STYX PRIDE** (1 sighting) – A young male and female from this pride were in the Sand River at the confluence with the Rock Drift Donga on the 14th.
- **TALAMATI MALE&NKHUMA MALE** (2 sightings) – These two males were seen together north of Clarendon Dam on the 19th and they were feeding on a buffalo kill south of the Windmill on the 22nd.
- **KRUGER MALES** (1 sightings) – These two males were seen at Clarendon Dam on the 19th, shortly after the Talamati & Nkhumma males left the area.
- **NKUHLU MALES** (7 sightings) – Two males were at River Rocks on the 12th and one male was with the Sand River pride at Flat Rocks on the 14th. All four males were at Tjellahanga pans on the 18th and were with the Sand River pride at Charleston Rocks on the 23rd and returned to Tjellahanga Pans the next day. On the 25th, three of the males were with the Sand River pride west of Flat Rocks. They were east of Verreaux's Crossing with the Sand River pride on the 27th.
- **GIJIMA MALES** (1 sighting) – These two males were in the Sand River at the confluence with the Rock Drift Donga on the 13th.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	54 (22 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

THE PICCADILLY FEMALE

10 YEARS 6 MONTHS

MALE CUB

1 YEAR 6 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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

Mother of the Ngungwe female.

(21 sightings, 9 of female, 3 of female and cub, 9 of the cub)

There were fewer sightings of this female and her cub together this month, as she seems to be pushing him towards independence. On the 3rd, she was east of the Mlowathi River, north of Senegal Bush, while her cub was further south. The next day, she was west of Campbell Koppies and was at Kigelia Crossing on the 5th, while her cub was in the Tlebe Rocks Donga, east of the Mlowathi River. On the 7th, she killed a scrub hare at the Mlowathi Spot. The cub was at Elephant Rock Lookout on the 12th and joined his mother at an impala kill at the Mlowathi Spot the next morning. He was in this area the next day and the Piccadilly female was seen on the 15th in the Sand River north of the Causeway, where she killed a male impala. Her cub joined her the next day, but they were chased off the kill by the Flat Rock male. On the 18th, they were at the Confluence of the Three Rivers and on the 20th, she was east of Mlowathi Koppies, while her cub was feeding on the leg of a kudu in a tree to the west of Elephant Rock Lookout (see 'NTSEVU PRIDE'). On the 22nd, she met up with her cub at Kigelia Crossing and the next day, her cub chased a hyena from Mlowathi Koppies. She killed and ate a scrub hare on the 25th and on the 29th, she was chased into the Sand River at Bicycle Crossing by the Maxim's male.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 6 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(17 sightings)

Another successful month for the Stone Drift female, as she was seen on 17 occasions in July. On the 1st, she was east of the Causeway and was feeding on an impala kill north of Maurice's Pan the next day. She finished the carcass the next day and walked through the Sable Camp Rotunda on the 6th. On the 9th, she killed an impala east of Sandpit Crossing before hoisting it up a large Sycamore Fig and was joined by the Flat Rock male the next day. She killed a Scrub hare to east of the Causeway on the 12th, but was interrupted by the Flat Rock male and an unidentified female. On the 14th, she was east of the Causeway but had crossed west over the Sand River on the 16th, when she was found south of the Causeway. On the 19th, she was south of Plank's Pan and on the 23rd, she was north of Maurice's Pan. She was further east on the 25th and on the 28th, she was mating with the Flat Rock male on Stwise.

THE NKOVENI FEMALE
2 CUBS

11 YEARS 11 MONTHS
6 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.

(13 sightings, 3 of female, 9 of female & cubs, 1 of the cubs)

With the loss of the Plaque Rock female, her inherited territory is now vacant and it seems that the Nkoveni female might be interested in moving back in. On the 2nd, she was feeding on the remains of an impala kill with her two cubs, north of Maxim's Lookout and they were all in the same area the next day. On the 5th, they were feeding on another impala on the Western Boundary, north of the Parking Bay and they were east of the Windssock on the 6th. On the 20th, she was feeding on a hoisted impala kill west of the Old Airstrip before crossing west over our boundary to collect her cubs. On their way back, she killed a duiker on the Western Boundary, east of the Parking Bay, which she shared with her cubs. Afterwards, they moved back to the impala kill and remained in this area until the 22nd. On the 24th, she was north of the Airstrip and was with the cubs again on the 26th, west of the Airstrip. On the 27th, she shared small remains of an impala kill with her two cubs, north of Maxim's Lookout.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 6 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(9 sightings)

A silver lining to the loss of the Plaque Rock female, has been an increase in sightings of this young leopard. On the 5th, she was at the Causeway and on the 15th, she was on the Old Airstrip. The next day she was feeding on an impala kill west of MalaMala Camp. On the 20th, she was feeding on small remains of an impala kill, north of the Settling Ponds and remained in this area until the 22nd, when she chased a hyena away and began rasping territorially. On the 24th, she was at the Boom Hut and on the 26th, she was north of Maxim's Lookout. On the 31st, she was at the entrance to MalaMala Camp.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE
1 CUB

8 YEARS 0 MONTHS
4 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

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

(4 sightings, 2 of female, 2 of female & cub)

This female was quite elusive in July and was only seen on four occasions. On the 4th, she was north of Rattray's Access and on the 7th, she was with one cub at Rattray's Stones, feeding on an impala kill. They were still in the area the next day, but she was only seen again on the 25th, alone at the Airstrip.

**THE ISLAND FEMALE
CUBS**

11 YEARS 5 MONTHS
1 MONTH

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Tamboti female, independent first quarter of 2015.

Mother of the Drum Crossing female.

(13 sightings, 12 of female, 1 of the cubs)

Exciting news, as the Island female has given birth to a new litter of cubs! On the 9th, she was south of Donald's Crossing and on the 11th, she was at Emsagwen Waterhole with clear suckle marks. On the 15th, she killed an impala at the confluence of the Sand River and the Matshapiri River, which was stolen by the Split Rock Male the next day. The den was discovered on the 16th in the Matshapiri River north of Matshapiri Open Area Crossing, with only sounds of the cubs indicating their existence. She was found with a fresh impala kill north of Flockfield Camp on the 18th, which she fed on until the next day. On the 22nd, there was limited view of at least two cubs at her den. On the 28th, she killed an impala east of Flockfield Lookout and hoisted the kill. She remained in this area for the next two days.

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

10 YEARS 6 MONTHS
1 YEAR 4 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Kikilezi female, independent first quarter of 2016.

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

(10 sightings, 2 of female and cubs, 8 of the cubs)

This month, there were very few sightings of the Sibuye female, but her two cubs were seen on 10 days. On the 5th, both cubs were on the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River, when a pack of Cape hunting dogs ran past them. They were both on the Gowrie Boundary, closer to the Mlowathi River, on the 11th, and just the female cub was seen in this area on the 14th. The female cub was at Mlowathi Dam on the 17th, and all three of them were together with the Ngoboswan male on the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River, the next day. The female cub was in this area on the 19th and her brother was there the next day. On the 23rd, the female cub was further south of the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River and the next day, she was at Mlowathi Dam. On the 30th, all three of them finished a duiker kill in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, east of the Mlowathi River.

**THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE
1 CUB**

6 YEARS 6 MONTHS
5 MONTHS

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.

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

On the 9th, she was on the northern parts of Piccadilly Triangle and on the 21st, she was at the Sausage Spot. On the 24th, they were both found feeding on a steenbok kill at Wild Dog Rocks Open Area.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE

±14 YEARS 6 MONTHS

1 CUB

±3 MONTHS

NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(13 sightings, 3 of female, 10 of female & cub)

There was an increase in sightings of this female leopard and her cub in July. On the 2nd, she was fighting with the 2:3 male leopard at the Treehouse, likely in defence of her young cub. Two days later, she was in the same area with her cub and a fresh female nyala kill, which they fed on until the 5th. On the 6th, she killed an impala lamb at the same spot and shared the kill with her cub. They remained in this area until the 9th. On the 13th, they were east of the Tamboti Thickets. She was on the eastern bank of the Sand River, opposite Rattray's Camp on the 17th, and was joined by her cub that afternoon. On the 18th, she was in the Tamboti Thickets, and the next day, she was south of the Treehouse with her cub and the Split Rock male, sharing an impala kill. She was still there with her cub on the 20th. They were last seen this month together to the east of the Tamboti Thickets on the 23rd.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE MAXIM'S MALE

± 9 YEARS 11 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA

First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.

(9 sightings)

On the 7th, he was mating with the Ximungwe female in the Sand River, north of Confluence Crossing. He was west of Bicycle Crossing on the 9th. On the 14th, he was at West Street Bridge roaring at the Flat Rock male who was doing the same nearby, he was back at the bridge two days later. On the 22nd, he was mating with the Ximungwe female at Elephant Slide Crossing and was west of Confluence Crossing on the 24th. On the 29th, he aggressively chased the Piccadilly female away at Bicycle Crossing, and he had an impala kill west of the Causeway the next day. On the 31st, he killed a bushbuck in front of the main deck at MalaMala Camp during early morning coffee.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

6 YEARS 8 MONTHS

NOMADIC

Son of the Emsagweni female[†], independent in late 2019.

(2 sightings)

This nomadic male was seen on two occasions in July. On the 9th, he was south of Clarendon Dam and on the 25th, he was at Matshapiri Dam, where he was chased by a large herd of buffalo.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

10 YEAR 0 MONTHS

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

(8 sightings)

He was with the Kapen female at Kapen Open Area on the 10th and was mating with her the next day at Vulture Waterhole. On the 15th, he stole a freshly impala kill from the River Rocks female, south of Kapen Breakfast Spot and the next day he stole an impala kill from the Island female at the confluence of the Matshapiri River and the Sand River. On the 19th, he joined the Lookout female and cub at an impala kill, south of the Treehouse. He was west of Lion Rocks on the 21st and was at Matshapiri Open Area on the 30th. The next day he was west of Mamba Waterhole.

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

11 YEARS 3 MONTHS

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

(16 sightings)

He was east of the Causeway on the 2nd, and at Sandpit Crossing the next day. On the 7th, he was between the Manyeleti and Mlowathi Rivers and remained in this area until the 8th. He shared an impala kill with the Stone Drift female at Sandpit Crossing on the 10th and was mating with an unknown female in the area two days later. On the 14th, he was east of West Street Bridge, rasping and scent-marking at the Maxim's male nearby. On the 16th, he stole an impala kill from the Piccadilly female and cub in the Sand River, north of the Causeway. He was north of West Street Bridge on the 19th and was east of the bridge two days later. He was further north at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 22nd and was east of the Causeway the next day. On the 28th, he was mating with the Stone Drift female at Stwise Koppies and was at Piccadilly Triangle two days later. On the 31st, he was at Manyeleti Crossing.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

6 YEARS 8 MONTHS

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

(1 sighting)

Only one sighting of this male in July. On the 18th, he was seen with the Sibuye female and her two cubs on the Gowrie Boundary, east of the Mlowathi River.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **KAPEN FEMALE** (6 sightings) – She watched an injured male nyala die and later fed on the carcass, near Cuckoo Pans on the 9th. The next day, she was with the Split Rock Male at Kapen Open Area and was mating with him at Vulture Waterhole on the 11th. On the 26th, she was at Piccadilly Crossing and was on the prominent rocks further south the next day.
- **DAUGHTER OF THE KAPEN FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was in the same area as her mother (Cuckoo pans) on the 9th, but no interaction was observed.
- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE & MALE CUB** (11 sightings) – She was seen on the 7th, to the west of Mamba Waterhole and was at Calabash Crossing on the 12th. On the 15th, she killed an impala south of Dudley Lookout, which was stolen immediately by the Split Rock male. Her cub was at the confluence of the Sand River and the Rock Drift Donga that same day. He was further north at the confluence of the Sand River and the Kapen River the next day. The cub was seen again on the 18th on the Charleston Flockfield Boundary, east of the Sand River. He was in the same area from the 22nd to the 25th, with a hoisted impala kill. He was still near Charleston North Crossing on the 29th.
- **TENGILE FEMALE & CUB** (3 sightings) – On the 28th, she was at Beaumont’s Camp, while her cub was seen further north of the camp. They were together east of Beaumont’s Camp with two hoisted impala carcasses on the 31st.
- **XIMUMGWE FEMALE** (2 sightings) – An unusual visitor to MalaMala, as it seems she followed the Maxim’s male onto the property, and was mating with him north of Confluence Crossing on the 7th and again on the 22nd, at Elephant Slide Crossing.
- **XIVINDZI FEMALE & CUB** (2 sightings) – On the 18th, she was with her cub at KK Crossing and they were together again on the 23rd with an impala kill in Ingwe Donga.
- **MONDZO FEMALE** (1 sighting) – On the 22nd, she was seen at Clarendon Corner.
- **MASHABA FEMALE** (1 sightings) – A welcome visit from the Mashaba female on the 28th, when she was seen at Charleston North Crossing.
- **NTSUMI FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was south of Charleston North Crossing on the western bank of the Sand River on the 28th, with the Mashaba female nearby.
- **2:3 MALE** (6 sightings) – On the 2nd, he was fighting with the Lookout female at the Treehouse and was chased away. Two days later, he was seen at Dudley Lookout and on the 8th, he was west of Mamba Waterhole. On the 9th, he was hiding in the long grass near Hyena Waterhole when the Daughter of the Kapen female moved past. He was at Cuckoo Pans on the 13th and was only seen again on the 27th, at Donald’s Crossing.
- **N’WETI MALE** (1 sighting) – On the 22nd, he was at the Kapen Breakfast Spot.
- **NKOVA MALE** (1 sighting) – This younger male was at Calabash Crossing on the 5th.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED MALE** was seen at Clarendon Corner on the 4th.
- The same **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE (3:3)**, who has been seen along the Matshapiri River in the past (see ‘GAME REPORT AUGUST 2023’ and ‘GAME REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023’), was mating with the Flat Rock male south of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot on the 12th.
- A young, nervous **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was southeast of Emsagwen Crossing on the 20th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	42 (13 cubs)
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CHEETAH

On the 11th, a female cheetah was in Clarendon Open Area and the next day, a male was near Campbell Koppies. Another female cheetah was seen at the Windmill on the 26th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	3(0 cubs)
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

There were only **four sightings** of Cape hunting dogs in July. Seven members of the Toulon pack were killed a sub-adult kudu to the east of West Street Bridge and were further north at Tlebe Rocks the next day. One individual was midway along the Gowrie Boundary on the 7th and all seven individuals were at Styx Crossing on the 19th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	7 (0 pups)
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **216 sightings** of **Elephants** in July with 187 of those sightings being of herds and the remaining 29 sightings were of bulls.

This month, there were **79 sightings** of **Cape buffalo**, 69 of which were of the old bulls along the Sand River. The remaining 10 sightings were of larger herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **32 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA**, as well as a new den site discovered near Mamba Waterhole, with five sightings of clan members at this spot.
- There were **four sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL**s and **SECRETARY BIRDS**, respectively, and **two sightings** of **OSTRICHES** at the Airstrip and the Borehole.
- There were **four sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** and **three sightings** of **SIDE-STRIPED JACKALS**.
- **HONEY BADGERS** were seen on an impressive **13 occasions** in July.
- There were **INDIVIDUAL SIGHTINGS** of an **AARDVARK** at Vulture Waterhole, **two CAPE CLAWLESS OTTERS** at the Causeway, a **CIVET** near Styx Crossing, a **SERVAL** near Clarendon Dam, and a den site of some **MELLER'S MONGOOSE** at Tlebe Rocks.