



Game Report



A Yellow-billed oxpecker landing on a Cape buffalo by ranger David Den Hartog

MalaMala Game Reserve
August 2024

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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	16	28		61	82
Minimum	9	14		48	57
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
10		0.4		2	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	82
Leopard	166
Elephant	213
Buffalo	58
Cheetah	2
Cape Hunting Dog	15

**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	5 buffalo, 1 impala, 1 nyala, 1 zebra
Leopard	24 impala, 4 duiker, 3 bushbuck, 1 scrub hare, 1 steenbok, 1 squirrel, 1 warthog
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	2 impala

*AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE	± 11 YEARS 2 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	± 6 YEARS 1 MONTH
9 CUBS	1 YEAR 8 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEAR 6 MONTHS
3 CUBS	1 YEARS 1 MONTH

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(24 sightings)

The members of the Kambula pride had a very successful month and were seen on numerous kills, five of those being adult buffalo, aiding to their ever-growing task of feeding 13 cubs.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, the entire pride was with the Ndzenga males in the Tamboti Thickets and the next day, they were west of Tlebe Rocks with only 10 cubs.
- The three remaining cubs were still in the Tamboti Thickets on the 3rd and the 4th.
- On the 8th, they killed a buffalo south of the Causeway and remained in this area until the 10th.
- On the 11th, they were joined by one Ndzenga male to the east of Campbell Koppies, but both males were with the pride at Kikilezihash Crossing the next day.
- On the 13th, they were feeding on a buffalo kill south east of Styx Crossing and were at Styx Rocks the next day.
- They fed on another buffalo kill on the 17th west of MalaMala Camp and were joined by the Ndzenga males and the Ntsevu pride, who they have not been seen with in over a year. They went their separate ways the next day.
- On the 20th and 21st, they were seen at Mlowathi Dam, much further north than we have been encountering this pride recently.
- On the 22nd, they once again feeding on the remains of a buffalo kill, this time south of Stwise and moved to Elephant Rock the next day.
- They killed a nyala at Flockfield Pools on the 26th and were resting under West Street Bridge the next day.
- On the 30th, five lionesses and only 10 cubs were feeding on a zebra kill south of the Charleston Flockfield Boundary, far east of the Sand River and were closer to the Windmill the next day, where they were feeding on a buffalo kill in a drainage line system. They also had to chase the young Kambula female and the young Styx male away from this area.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 11

2 ADULT FEMALES	± 8 YEARS 0 MONTHS
2 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 2 MONTHS
7 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 4 MALES)	± 3 YEARS 4 MONTHS

WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

This pride was not seen on MalaMala in August.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 10

2 ADULT FEMALES

1 ADULT FEMALE

3 CUBS

4 CUBS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(23 sightings)

11 YEARS 5 MONTHS

± 11 YEARS 2 MONTHS

0 YEARS 9 MONTHS

± 3 MONTHS

They members of the Ntsevu pride were seen half as much as last month, having spent most of their time west of MalaMala. Unfortunately, all members of the pride are suffering from a bout of mange but are still making kills regularly.

Noteworthy sightings:

- All 10 members of the pride were in the Manyeleti River, east of Kigelia Crossing on the 1st and two days later they were further west of Kigelia Crossing.
- On the 6th, only the three older cubs were seen north of Stwise and the next day the lioness with her four younger cubs was west of Kigelia Crossing.
- All seven cubs were at the rocky den site in the Manyeleti River, east of Kigelia Crossing, on the 11th but only four cubs were seen there the next day.
- On the 13th, two lionesses and the older cubs were north of Elephant Rock, while the four younger cubs were in the Manyeleti River, west of Kigelia Crossing. The third lioness was with the Ndhzenga males east of Campbell Koppies.
- All members of the pride were north of Campbell Koppies on the 16th, with the transient Styx male and Kambula breakaway female intruding in their territory nearby.
- On the 17th, for the first time in over a year, they joined the Kambula pride along with the Ndhzenga males, at a buffalo kill south of the Sand River, west of Bicycle Crossing. But they left them the next day and moved towards Matumi Rocks, where they stayed until the 20th.
- On the 24th, they were joined by the Ndhzenga males in this area and only six cubs were seen at Matumi Rocks on the 29th.

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

1 ADULT FEMALE

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

2 SUB-ADULT FEMALES

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(7 sightings)

± 6 YEARS 1 MONTH

4 YEARS 7 MONTHS

4 YEARS 0 MONTHS

3 YEARS 0 MONTHS

Five lionesses were with four Nkuhlu males in the Sand River, at Charleston Rock on the 4th. Later that day, they killed a nyala at Tjellahanga Pans. On the 8th, four lionesses were at Flat Rocks and at Island Crossing the next day. Five lionesses were at Rocky Crossing on the 20th. On the 24th, they killed an impala with two Nkuhlu males at Calabash Crossing. One lioness was with four Nkuhlu males along Ingwe Donga on the 25th, while two other lionesses were on the closer to KK Pans.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = Unknown

7 ADULT FEMALES

6 ADULT FEMALES

7 SUB-ADULTS

6 CUBS

EASTERN EYREFIELD

(0 sighting)

UNKNOWN AGES

± 8 YEARS 4 MONTHS

± 3 YEARS 11 MONTHS

±1 YEAR 7 MONTHS

Members of the Torchwood pride were not seen on MalaMala this month.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 6 MONTHS

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 1 MONTH

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

(15 sightings)

There were fewer sightings of the Ndhzenга males this month, once again spending more of their time with the Kambula pride than the Ntsevu Pride. This month they were challenged from the south by the Nkuhlu coalition, but still managed to maintain their large territory.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 1st, they were with the Kambula pride in the Tamboti Thickets and moved northwards with them the next day, towards Tlebe Rocks.
- They were at Old Dudley Crossing on the 5th and south of Plank's Pan the next day.
- One male was in the Tlebe Rocks Donga, east of the Mlowathi River on the 8th and the same male was with the Kambula pride east of Campbell Koppies on the 11th.
- On the 12th, they were both with the Kambula Pride at Kikilezihash Crossing, but the next day they joined an Ntsevu lioness to the east of Campbell Koppies.
- They joined both the Kambula and Ntsevu prides at a buffalo kill, west of MalaMala Camp on the 17th, and were still with the Kambula pride at Mlowathi Dam on the 20th.
- They were at the Mlowathi Spot on the 21st roaring in response to the Nkuhlu males further south and joined the members of the Ntsevu Pride at Matumi Rocks on the 24th.
- On the 29th, they were at Piccadilly Triangle and were north of Ostrich Koppies two days later.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 2 MONTHS

*EYREFIELD**First encountered in late 2019.*

(1 sighting)

He was only seen once in August when he was at Clarendon Dam on the 10th.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 6 MONTHS

*NOMADIC**First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve*

(1 sighting)

On the 14th, this older male was seen in the Rock Drift Donga, east of the Sand River.

THE NKUHLU MALES = 6

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 0 MONTHS

4 ADULT MALES

± 5 YEARS 0 MONTHS

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

(8 sightings)

We will be introducing the Nkuhlu male coalition to the main section of the game report, as they seem to have settled in as the dominant males in Charleston. On the 4th, four males were seen with members of the Sand River pride in the Sand River, west of Charleston Rock and killed a nyala at Tjellahanga Pans later that afternoon. Two males were in the Sand River at Ingwe Donga the next day. On the 8th, five males were at the confluence of the Sand River and the Tjellahanga River and four males were in the Sand River, south of Beaumont's Camp on the 16th. On the 21st, three of the males ventured northwards into Ndhzenga male territory and were roaring at Flockfield Camp, but the Ndhzenga males responding roar from the north sent the Nkuhlu males back south. On the 24th, two males were at Calabash Crossing with four Sand River lionesses and the next day, four of the males were with a single Sand River lioness at Ingwe Donga. On the 26th, one male was at F Bend Open Area.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **STYX MALE & KAMBULA BREAKAWAY FEMALE** (9 sightings) – These two young individuals were seen together on the 1st at Beaumont's Camp, the young Kambula lionesses seeming to have broken away from her brothers. On the 5th to the 7th, they were at Charleston North Crossing. On the 11th, they were at Matshapiri Dam. They were north of Campbell Koppies on the 16th, dangerously close to the members of the Ntsevu pride and continued north as the Styx male was seen at Mlowathi Dam the next day. On the 30th, they were in the Sand River at the confluence of the Rock Drift Donga and were south of the Windmill the next day, where they were chased away by the Kambula pride.
- **TALAMATI MALE & NKUHUMA MALE** (2 sightings) – These two males were seen east of Tlebe Rocks on the 16th and were further east near the Matshapiri River the next day.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	48 (20 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

THE PICCADILLY FEMALE
MALE CUB

10 YEARS 7 MONTHS

1 YEAR 7 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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

Mother of the Ngungwe female.

(28 sightings, 10 of female, 9 of female & cub, 9 of the cub)

The Piccadilly female started off the month by having a physical fight with the younger Stone Drift female at Sandpit Crossing. Neither female was seriously injured and went their separate ways. The next day she had another aggressive encounter, this time with a Honey badger in the Maponyeleni Donga, while her cub was in the Tlebe Rocks Donga, just east of the Mlowathi River. On the 3rd, they were together with an impala kill in the Maponyeleni Donga, west of the Mlowathi River. On the 5th, they were at Elephant Rock Lookout and had an impala kill in that area the next day. On the 7th, the cub was with the Flat Rock male at Bicycle Crossing but was back with his mother two days later, south of Campbell Koppies. On the 12th, she was at the Causeway and her cub was at Piccadilly Triangle the next day. The cub was with the Flat Rock male at Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 17th, while his mother was further west of Mlowathi Pans. They were back together on the 19th at Lower Mlowathi Crossing and on the 22nd and 23rd, they were feeding on an impala kill at Piccadilly Pans. The next day the cub was with the Flat Rock male again, finishing up a kill of sorts opposite MalaMala Camp. On the 25th, the Piccadilly female was joined by her cub on the most western section of Campbell Koppies with an impala kill. She was alone the next day further west of Campbell Koppies and she caught a scrub hare north of the Ngoboswan Donga on the 27th. On the 29th, she was at Manyeleti Crossing.

THE NKOVENI FEMALE
2 CUBS

12 YEARS 0 MONTHS

7 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.

(6 sightings, 2 of female, 4 of female & cubs)

The Nkoveni female and her cubs were only seen on six occasions in August. On the 6th, she was at the Airstrip and was with her two cubs at the Old Airstrip the next day. She was alone at the Windssock on the 9th and was only seen again later in the month on the 26th, when she shared an impala kill with her cubs to the south of the Airstrip Parking Bay. Over the next two days, they were feeding on a different impala kill to the north of Maxim's Lookout before returning west into our neighbours' property.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 7 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(14 sightings)

On the 1st, the Stone Drift female had a territorial fight with the more experienced Piccadilly female and held her own before going their separate ways from Sandpit Crossing. She was still in this area the next day and was further east on the 5th. On the 7th, she was north of Maxim's Lookout and was only seen again on the 13th, mating with the Flat Rock male at Stwise Koppies. She was with him again on the 15th at the Causeway. She killed two impalas at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 20th and remained in that area until the next day. She was chased up a tree by Cape hunting dogs on the 23rd at Maurice's Pan and later killed a duiker further north of this area. She was still feeding on the duiker kill the next day, but had it stolen by the Flat Rock male. On the 26th, she was in the same area as the Maxim's male north of Maxim's Lookout, where she had a bushbuck kill stashed in the reeds. She was still in this area the next day and she was south of Plank's Pan on the 29th.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 7 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

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

(3 sightings)

She was seen three times in August. On the 4th, she was seen to near the Settling Ponds, on the 20th, she was at the MalaMala Camp Pool, and on the 22nd, she was south of the Causeway on the western bank of the Sand River.

THE SIBUYE FEMALE

10 YEARS 7 MONTHS

2 CUBS (1 MALE, 1 FEMALE)

1 YEAR 5 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, 4 of female, 2 of female & cubs, 4 of the cubs)

She was at Mlowathi Dam Crossing on the 2nd and was east of the Mlowathi River on the 5th. On the 6th, the cubs were with her at an impala kill at Mlowathi Dam. On the 19th and 20th, she was feeding on a duiker kill further south along the Mlowathi River, north of the Tlebe Rocks Donga. The male cub was also seen on the 20th, feeding on an impala kill west of the Mlowathi River, on the Gowrie Boundary. On the 22nd, the female cub was in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, east of the Mlowathi River and both the cubs were at Mlowathi Dam the next day, feeding on a steenbok kill. All three of them were together on the 24th far east in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE**1 CUB**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

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

(6 sightings, 1 of female, 5 of female & cub)

8 YEARS 1 MONTH

5 MONTHS

She was first seen on the 2nd during a territorial dispute with the Island female across the Sand River at West Street Bridge. Although there was much scent marking and growling, there was no physical altercation and the Three Rivers female went back west to her cub at Princess Alice Pans, where they remained until the 4th. She was seen at West Street Bridge on the 10th and was with her cub near Princess Alice Pans again on the 12th. On the 28th, she killed an impala to the north of Princess Alice Pans and was joined by her cub for the meal.

THE ISLAND FEMALE

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA

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

(15 sightings)

11 YEARS 6 MONTHS

Unfortunately, it seems that the Island female may have lost another litter, as there has been no sign of her cubs, or suckle marks seen on her since last month. On the 2nd, she had a territorial dispute with the Three Rivers female at West Street Bridge and later met up with the Split Rock male further south of this area. She was further east in her territory along the MalaMala Flockfield Boundary on the 6th but was back at West Street Bridge on the 12th. The next day, she was feeding on an impala kill at Buffalo Pans, where she remained until the 14th. She was mating with the Split Rock male at Styx Crossing on the 18th and was with the Flat Rock male at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 22nd. She was at West Street Bridge on the 26th and the 27th.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE**1 CUB**

NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(9 sightings, 4 of female, 5 of female & cub)

±14 YEARS 7 MONTHS

±4 MONTHS

She was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 2nd and was at Elephant Slide Crossing on the 4th. On the 11th, she was seen in the Tamboti Thickets closest to the eastern bank of the Sand River. From the 15th to the 16th, she was with her cub in the Kapen River, near Lower Kapen Crossing. They were both north of Hyena Waterhole on the 19th and she was alone west of Kapen Open Area on the 22nd. She was with her cub again the next day in the Tamboti Thickets and they were also in this area on the 28th.

THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE
1 CUB

6 YEARS 7 MONTHS
6 MONTHS

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.
(6 sightings, 1 of female, 3 of female & cub, 2 of cub)

There were a few more sightings of the Tlebe Rocks female and her shy cub this month. On the 6th, she was with her cub far east of Campbell Koppies with a duiker kill. Only the cub was seen south of Campbell Koppies on the 11th, and it was found alone again further east on the 19th. They were both at Mlowathi Koppies on the 24th and she was alone at Campbell Koppies on the 25th, while the cub of the Piccadilly female was nearby. They were both feeding on a duiker and an impala kill in a tree along the southern bank of the Mhlabatini Donga, west of the Matshapiri River, on the 31st.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE MAXIM'S MALE

± 10 YEARS 0 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA

First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.

(10 sightings)

He was at West Street Bridge on the 1st and at Confluence Crossing on the 3rd. On the 6th, he was feeding on an impala kill at Elephant Slide Crossing and had another impala kill further north of that position on the 15th. He was on the eastern bank of the Sand River opposite Rattray's Camp on the 19th and was at the MalaMala Camp Pool two days later. On the 22nd and the 24th, he was north of Maxim's Lookout. He was with the Stone Drift female in the Sand River, north of Maxim's Lookout on the 26th, where she seemed to be defending her kill from him. On the 31st, he was south of the Airstrip.

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

11 YEARS 4 MONTHS

MARTHLY

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

(13 sightings)

On the 1st, he was south of Bicycle Crossing and had moved further east from Campbell Koppies the next day. He was with the Cub of the Piccadilly female at Bicycle Crossing on the 7th and at the Mlowathi Spot the next day. He was mating with the Stone Drift female at Piccadilly Triangle on the 13th and they were still together at the Causeway two days later. He moved far northeast to Buffalo Bush dam on the 16th but was back with the Cub of the Piccadilly female at Lower Mlowathi Crossing the next day. He was with the Island female at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 22nd and shared a kill with the Cub of the Piccadilly female near Bicycle Crossing the next day. He fed on an impala kill on the eastern bank of the Sand River, south of Pedro's Pub, from the 30th to the end of the month.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

10 YEAR 1 MONTH

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

(7 sightings)

On the 2nd, he was south of White Cloth Open Area before meeting up with the Island female around West Street Bridge. The next day, he was much further south, midway along the Charleston Toulon Boundary and was at Styx Crossing on the 5th. On the 8th, he was north of the Tamboti Thickets and at Drum Crossing on the 15th. He was mating with the Island female on the 18th at Styx Crossing and he was at Lion Rocks on the 27th.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

6 YEARS 9 MONTHS

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

(1 sighting)

He was seen once on MalaMala in August on the 17th at Matshapiri Dam.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

6 YEARS 9 MONTHS

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

(0 sightings)

The Ngoboswan male has not been seen on MalaMala this month, but it was reported that he was in a territorial dispute with the Tortoise Pan male to the north of MalaMala. It seems that he came away from this fight with some injuries, including a bad wound to his left eye.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **KAPEN FEMALE** (2 sightings) – She was south of Kapen Rocks on the 7th and was south of the Windmill on the 25th.
- **DAUGHTER OF THE KAPEN FEMALE** (2 sightings) – She killed a squirrel at Vulture Waterhole on the 13th and was midway along the Charleston Flockfield on the 16th.
- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE & MALE CUB** (8 sightings) – The cub was near River Rocks on the 5th, and they were together on the 6th at the Old Trollip's Crossing. They shared an impala kill at Beaumont's Hippo Pools on the 19th and she was still in the area the next day. On the 21st, she was at Beaumont's Camp, and she was mating with the Nkova male on the 27th, while her cub was closer to Charleston North Crossing. The cub was chased off his kill by a pack of Cape hunting dogs to the west of Jakkalsdraai Open Area on the 30th.
- **TENGILE FEMALE & CUB** (4 sightings) – They were feeding on an impala kill on Verreaux's Loop on the 1st and the cub was seen alone on the 9th at Old Trollip's Crossing. They were back on Verreaux's Loop on the 18th and was at Calabash Crossing on the 26th.
- **XIVINDZI FEMALE & CUB** (6 sightings) – They were feeding on an impala kill along Ingwe Donga on the 10th and were still in this area two days later. She was at Ivory Pans on the 23rd and she joined her cub at Flat Rocks on the 25th. On the 29th, they were midway along the Charleston Toulon Boundary.
- **NTSUMI FEMALE & 2 CUBS** (5 sightings) – She was feeding on an impala kill north of Beaumont's Camp on the 8th and was joined the next day by her cubs. She killed a bushbuck

lamb at Charleston North Crossing on the 26th and shared the meal with her cubs. One cub was on the Charleston Flockfield Boundary, east of the Sand River on the 27th. She killed a young warthog on the 28th north of Beaumont's Camp.

- **MASHABA FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was seen again in August at Calabash Crossing on the 10th.
- **2:3 MALE** (3 sightings) – On the 12th, he was at Emsagwen Waterhole and was at Emsagwen Crossing on the 14th. He was in the same area again on the 20th.
- **N'WETI MALE** (3 sightings) – He was at Calabash Crossing on the 1st, 25th and 26th.
- **NKOVA MALE** (2 sightings) – On the 9th, he killed a bushbuck along Ingwe Donga and he was mating with the River Rocks female on the 27th.
- **XISTALALA MALE** (1 sighting) – A new visitor to MalaMala, this young male was seen on the ridge between the Mlowathi and Manyeleti Rivers on the 17th.
- The **NERVOUS 3:2 MALE** was seen on three occasions. On the 27th, he was at Matshapiri Dam and had killed an impala here on the 28th, where he remained until the next day.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was seen east of Jakkalsdraai Open Area on the 22nd.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED NERVOUS** individual was briefly seen near the Hogvaal Donga on the 5th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	40 (13 cubs)
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CHEETAH

A male cheetah was seen around Clarendon Open Area on the 28th and 29th.

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

Members of the **TOULON PACK** were seen on numerous occasions this month as they have a den site all the way in the southwest corner of MalaMala, north of the Charleston Toulon Boundary. The den has been active **7 times** in August out of the total **9 sightings**, with seven adults and three pups. On the 30th, 6 members of the pack stole an impala kill from the cub of the River Rocks female near Jakkalsdraai Open area, which was in turn stolen from them by hyenas.

The **TOULON BREAKAWAY PACK** killed an impala at the Airstrip on the 23rd, but on the 24th, a pack of nine killed the alpha female at Sandpit Crossing, leaving two males behind.

Another pack with five adults killed an impala at Buffalo Pans on the 31st.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	27 (3 pups)
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **213 sightings** of **Elephants** in August with 207 of those sightings being of herds and the remaining 6 sightings were of lone bulls and bachelor groups.

There was a total of **58 sightings** of Cape buffalo this month, with 46 of those sightings being of the old bulls along the Sand River. The remaining 12 sightings were of larger herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **17 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property.
- There were **11 sightings** of **HONEY BADGERS** and **7 sightings** of **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTERS** along the Sand River.
- **SOUTHERN GROUND HORBILLS** were seen **4 times** and both **SECRETARY BIRDS** and **OSTRICHES** were seen twice this month.
- There were **3 sightings** of **PORCUPINES** and **3 SERVALS** were encountered.
- An **AFRICAN CIVET**, **AFRICAN WILD CAT** and **BLACK-BACKED JACKAL** were seen individually.