



Game Report



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MalaMala Game Reserve
November 2024

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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	39	31		102	88
Minimum	15	21		59	70
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
45.5		1.8		6	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	72
Leopard	145
Elephant	132
Buffalo	39
Cheetah	1
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	7 impala, 1 wildebeest
Leopard	21 impala, 1 bushbuck, 1 duiker, 1 kudu, 1 scrub hare
Cheetah	1 impala
Cape Hunting Dog	5 impala, 1 nyala

*AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

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

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(24 sightings)

This month, the members of the Kambula pride spent much of their time split up. Potentially the pressures of maintaining such a large pride are taking their toll. One of the lionesses was seen alone regularly leading to speculation that she may have been pregnant, but there was no clear sign that this was the case.

Noteworthy Sightings:

- One lioness and three cubs were at the Airstrip on the 1st and 2nd. These same three youngsters were with the older Ndhzenga male at West Street Bridge on the 3rd, feeding on a scavenged kill, while the lioness was further south at Confluence Crossing.
- At least 14 members of the pride were with an Ndhzenga male at Elephant Slide Crossing on the 4th.
- They were all split up on the 5th with two lioness and three cubs at Old Dudley Crossing, one lioness near Maurice's Pan and the rest of the pride were with the older Ndhzenga male in the Tamboti Thickets.
- After more than a week without seeing the pride, one young lioness was at Confluence Crossing on the 13th and she was alone again on the 17th with an impala kill north of West Street Bridge.
- The next day, she reunited with an adult lioness at this same position while at least 14 other members of the pride were with an Ndhzenga male at White Cloth Open Area and another lioness was on Flockfield Lookout.
- On the 19th, one lioness chased the Lookout female and cub off their impala kill and climbed the tree to retrieve it. The bulk of the pride were with the Ndhzenga males at the Airstrip while the three youngest cubs were further east of their position but reunited with the pride later that evening.
- A single lioness was north of Maurice's Pan on the 20th and two lionesses killed an impala at the Airstrip Parking Bay on the 28th.
- The same two lionesses with two cubs were at Maxim's Lookout the next day while the rest of the pride were at Senegal Bush.
- On the 30th, one lioness was with an Ndhzenga male at West Street Bridge and the rest of the pride were east of Campbell Koppies.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

11 YEARS 8 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

± 11 YEARS 5 MONTHS

3 CUBS

1 YEAR 0 MONTHS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(15 sightings)

They were seen on fewer occasions in November, spending much of their time further north and west of their usual territory in MalaMala.

Noteworthy sightings:

- All six members of the pride were at Elephant Rock Lookout on the 1st and killed an impala at the hippo pools west of Bicycle Crossing the next day. They were later joined by the Ndhzenga males.
- They were all at Matumi Rocks on the 3rd and 4th.
- On the 5th, they were sharing an impala with an Ndhzenga male west of MalaMala Camp and were in the Sand River north of this position for the next two days with both Ndhzenga males present.
- They were not seen again until the 20th, when they were at Kigelia Crossing and only the lionesses were west of Bicycle Crossing the next day.
- They were at Mlowathi Pans on the 22nd and 23rd, but were joined by the Ndhzenga males on the second day.
- On the 26th and 27th, they were north of the Mlowathi Spot and on the 28th, they were east of Plank's Pan and moved further south to Matshapiri Open Area the next day.

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

± 6 YEARS 4 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

4 YEARS 10 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

4 YEARS 3 MONTHS

2 SUB-ADULT FEMALES

3 YEARS 3 MONTHS

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(6 sightings)

Two lionesses were with the Nkuhlu males at Flat Rocks on the 3rd and three lionesses were with one Nkuhlu male at Charleston Rock on the 7th. A lioness was mating with an Nkuhlu male at Charleston Rock two days later and four lionesses were with two Nkuhlu males at KK Crossing on the 10th. The next day, they were far east of River Rocks and one lioness was with four Nkuhlu males at Rock Crossing on the 12th.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 8

2 ADULT FEMALES

± 8 YEARS 3 MONTHS

2 ADULT FEMALES

± 5 YEARS 5 MONTHS

4 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 1 MALE)

± 3 YEARS 7 MONTHS

WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

Members of this pride were not seen on MalaMala in November.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = Unknown

5 ADULT FEMALES

6 ADULT FEMALES

7 MALE CUBS

EASTERN EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

UNKNOWN AGES

8 YEARS 7 MONTHS

±1 YEAR 10 MONTHS

There were no sightings of the Torchwood Pride on MalaMala this month.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 9 MONTHS

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 4 MONTHS

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

(23 sightings)

Sightings of these two males were numerous this month, with the smaller male showing signs of a superficial injury on his front foot later in the month. This did not seem to stop him as they still were ever-vigilant in marking and defending their territory.

Noteworthy sightings:

- They joined the Ntsevu pride for an impala kill west of Bicycle Crossing on the 2nd and the older male met up with three cubs of the Kambula pride at West Street Bridge the next day, where he discovered an old kill buried in the bank.
- He joined the bulk of the pride at Elephant Slide Crossing on the 4th and in the Tamboti Thickets on the 5th. The younger male was still with the Ntsevu pride near Bicycle Crossing on the 5th, feeding on another impala kill.
- Both males were with the Ntsevu pride west of Bicycle Crossing on the 6th and 7th.
- On the 9th, the younger male was at the confluence of the Matshapiri River and Sand River and was at Piccadilly Triangle the next day. He was heading west towards our boundary south of the Airstrip on the 11th.
- Both males were far east in their territory at Buffalo Bush Dam on the 16th and rejoined the Kambula pride at White Cloth Open Area on the 18th.
- They were still with the bulk of the Kambula pride at the Airstrip on the 19th, where all the lions roared in unison as the sun set.
- They were at Piccadilly Triangle on the 22nd and joined the Ntsevu pride at Mlowathi Pans on the 23rd.
- The next day, despite the younger male having a sore foot, they were found much further south near Lion Rocks, when they heard leopards mating in the Kapen River and chased them away from that area.
- They were heading north from Mlowathi Dam on the 25th and on the 29th, one male was south of the Airstrip while the other joined the Ntsevu pride at Matshapiri Open Area.

THE NKUHLU MALES = 6

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 3 MONTHS

4 ADULT MALES

± 5 YEARS 3 MONTHS

CHARLESTON

Dominant over the Sand River pride.

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022

(7 sightings)

Three males were with members of the Sand River pride at Flat Rocks on the 3rd and one male was with them at Charleston Rock on the 7th. One male was mating with a Sand River lioness at Charleston Rock on the 9th and two of them were with the members of the Sand River pride at KK Crossing the next day. The same group were far east of River Rocks on the 11th and four males were with one Sand River lioness at Rocky Crossing the next day. On the 26th, two males were south of Trollip's Access.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 5 MONTHS

NOMADIC

First encountered in late 2019.

(0 sightings)

He was not seen on MalaMala this month.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 9 MONTHS

NOMADIC

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve

(0 sightings)

He was not seen on MalaMala in November.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **STYX MALE & KAMBULA BREAKAWAY FEMALE** (9 sightings) – the young Styx male was at the confluence of the Rock Drift Donga and the Sand River on the 3rd and was in the same area on the 9th, this time joined by the Kambula Breakaway female. The next day, they were in the Kapen River, east of the Sand River and they were much further east near the Windmill with a wildebeest kill from the 12th to the 14th. They were resting in Kapen Open Area on the 16th and were south of the Rock Drift Donga, east of the Sand River on the 19th. They were in the same area the next day.
- **KAMBULA MALES** (1 sighting) – Three of these young males were seen at Matshapiri Dam on the 13th.
- An **UNKNOWN MALE** was on the Gowrie Boundary, midway along on the 18th and further south the next day.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	42 (16 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

THE PICCADILLY FEMALE

10 YEARS 10 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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

Mother of the Ngungwe female & son of the Piccadilly female.

(11 sightings)

She was west of the Causeway on the 1st and was at Elephant Rock Lookout on the 11th. On the 14th, she was west of Bicycle Crossing feeding on an impala kill and she was still resting in this area the next day. She caught an impala lamb north of Piccadilly Triangle on the 16th and was in the Mlowathi River, north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing the next day. She was here again on the 19th and at Bicycle Crossing on the 20th. On the 25th, she had an impala lamb kill south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing and she was in the Tlebe Rocks Donga the next day.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE

±14 YEARS 10 MONTHS

FEMALE CUB

±7 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(20 sightings, 3 of female, 15 of female & cub, 2 of cub)

They were our most viewed leopards in November, spending much of their time along the lower reaches of the Kapen River. The cub was with the Split Rock male (presumed father) near Hyena Waterhole on the 1st, but later reunited with her mother further north of this position. They were around Hyena Waterhole on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, but were seen in the Tamboti Thickets on the 9th. They were further north of Hyena Waterhole on the 10th and she was alone in this area on the 14th. They were back at Hyena Waterhole on the 16th and 17th and were in the Tamboti Thickets again on the 18th. They were further north up the Kapen River on the 19th with a hoisted impala kill when they were chased away by a Kambula lioness, who stole the kill. On the 21st, they were further north of Hyena Waterhole with another hoisted impala kill, which the cub knocked out of the tree and then was joined by the Split Rock male, who ate part of the kill, leaving the rest behind for them to finish off the next day. On the 24th, she was watching on as the Split Rock male and Kapen female mated in the Kapen River near Styx Waterhole, while her cub was closer to Hyena Waterhole. On the 27th, she killed an impala ram to the north of Hyena Waterhole and she was joined by her cub in this area the next day.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 10 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA & WESTERN EYREFIELD**Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.*

(12 sightings)

She was seen fewer times this month but excitingly she seems to be showing signs of pregnancy! On the 6th, she was feeding on a hoisted impala kill west of Old Wildebeest Crossing and the next day this kill was stolen by her mother, the Nkoveni female. On the 8th, she was seen feeding on a kudu carcass in the Sand River, north of West Street Bridge and remained in this area until the next day. She was at Pedro's Pub on the 10th and was feeding on an impala west of the Causeway from the 11th to the 12th. On the 23rd, she was closely following the young and seemingly unsure Matumi male, more out of interest than aggression, in the Ngoboswan Donga. It seems that this may be her chosen den sight as there were suckle marks present later in the month. On the 27th, she killed an impala lamb southeast of the Ngoboswan Donga where she remained until the next day. On the 30th, she was south of Plank's Pan.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 10 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY**Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.*

(4 sightings)

She was on the northern parts of the Old Airstrip on the 8th and was west of Bicycle Crossing on the 11th. She was west of MalaMala Camp on the 14th where she chased a herd of impala towards the Sand River and on the 19th, she was south of Sable Camp.

THE SIBUYE FEMALE

10 YEARS 10 MONTHS

2 CUBS (1 MALE, 1 FEMALE)

1 YEAR 9 MONTHS

*WESTERN EYREFIELD**Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], independent first quarter of 2016.**Mother of the Tlebe Rocks female, Langa female & Xaxa male.*

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

They were only seen on six occasions this month as the two cubs move closer towards independence. On the 4th, she was with one of her cubs in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, where it meets the Gowrie Boundary. Her daughter was seen alone stalking some impala south of Wild Dog Rocks Open Area on the 10th and another young individual, thought to be her brother was seen briefly in the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga. The young male was west of Matshapiri Dam on the 24th and the Sibuye female was in the Mlowathi River on the Gowrie Boundary. On the 28th, she was midway along the eastern bank of the Mlowathi River. There were also reports this month that she has been mating with the Tortoise Pan male to the north of the Gowrie Boundary.

THE ISLAND FEMALE

11 YEARS 9 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & SOUTHERN MALAMALA**Daughter of the Tamboti female[†], independent first quarter of 2015.**Mother of the Drum Crossing female.*

(9 sightings)

On the 1st, she was at Styx Crossing and from the 2nd to the 3rd, she was feeding on a duiker kill to the east of Confluence Crossing. She had an impala kill in a drainage line east of Flockfield Lookout from the 8th to the 10th. On the 12th, she caught a Scrub hare at West Street Bridge and on the 25th and 26th, she was in the Matshapiri River, north of Drum Crossing with an impala lamb kill.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE

8 YEARS 4 MONTHS

FEMALE CUB

8 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & WESTERN MALAMALA**Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], orphaned on 22nd May 2017.**Mother of the Nsuku male.*

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

They were seen half as much this month. The two of them were north of Kikilezihash Crossing on the 1st and she was west of Confluence Crossing two days later. From the 5th to the 7th, they were feeding on an impala kill east of Princess Alice Pans. She was at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 15th.

THE NKOVENI FEMALE

12 YEARS 3 MONTHS

MALE CUB

10 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA**Daughter of the Mashaba female, independent early 2014.**Mother of the Plaque Rock female, Xinkhova female, and Stone Drift female.*

(1 sighting, 1 of female & cub)

Some good news after last months tragedy, the male cub of the Nkoveni female has been seen alive and well! They were together to the north of Maxim's Lookout on the 7th, when the Nkoveni female stole an impala kill from the Stone Drift female.

THE KAPEN FEMALE

8 YEARS 1 MONTH

2 CUBS

2 MONTHS

*CENTRAL FLOCKFIELD**Daughter of Lookout female, independent first quarter 2019**Mother of the New Rocks female.*

(3 sightings)

She was seen on the 15th with an impala kill at the Windmill, still showing signs of suckle marks, but no further sign of her young cubs yet. She was socializing with the Split Rock male at Styx Crossing on the 22nd and they were mating there on the 24th, which brings in some speculation as to if her cubs are still alive or not.

THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE**1 CUB**

6 YEARS 10 MONTHS

9 MONTHS

*CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD**Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.**(5 sightings, 3 of female, 2 of female & cub)*

On the 5th, she was with her cub to the south of Campbell Koppies and she was alone far east of Campbell Koppies on the 13th. She was back with her cub the next day at Fred's Tree and she killed an impala lamb east of this area on the 17th. She was alone again on the 19th far east of Plank's Pan.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE MAXIM'S MALE

±10 YEARS 3 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA**First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.**(8 sightings)*

On the 1st, he was east of Old Wildebeest Crossing and was west of Kikilezihash Crossing on the 6th. He was north of West Street Bridge on the 11th and was at Flockfield Pools on the 17th. He was west of Bicycle Crossing on the 21st and at Flockfield Pools on the 24th. The next day, he was in the Sand River on the Marthly Marthly Break and he was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 29th.

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

11 YEARS 7 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD, NORTHERN MALAMALA**Son of the Porcupine female*. First seen on MalaMala in early 2017.**(12 sightings)*

He was seen in the far corners of his ever-expanding territory this month. He was north of West Street Bridge on the 2nd and was at Elephant Rock Lookout on the 5th. The next day he had walked all the way east to the Split Rock Donga and was back west midway along the Mlowathi River on the 13th. He was at Matshapiri Open Area on the 15th and at Campbell Koppies the next day. On the 18th, he was at Kikilezihash Crossing and much further north at Mlowathi Springs the next day. He was feeding on an impala lamb kill to the south of Maurice's Pan on the 23rd and was at the Causeway two days later. On the 26th, he was east of Matshapiri Open Area Crossing and on the 28th, he was at Elephant Rock Lookout.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

10 YEARS 4 MONTHS

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

(7 sightings)

He was with the cub of the Lookout female near Hyena Waterhole on the 1st and killed an impala in the Tamboti Thickets on the 5th. He was seen east of the Sand River from the Rattray's Camp Deck on the 12th and stole an impala kill from the Lookout female and cub north of Hyena Waterhole on the 21st. The next day, he was socializing with the Kapen female at Styx Waterhole and they were mating there on the 24th and on the 28th, he was at White Cloth Open Area.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

7 YEARS 0 MONTHS

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

(0 sightings)

He was not seen on MalaMala in November.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

7 YEARS 0 MONTHS

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

(0 sightings)

Unfortunately, after months with no sign of this male we are forced to believe the worst. Tragically, it seems that the Ngoboswan male has died, likely due to the wounds he obtained fighting the Tortoise Pan male in August.

THE MATUMI MALE

1 YEARS 10 MONTHS

*NOMADIC**Son of the Piccadilly female, independent in late 2024.*

(13 sightings)

Exciting news for the son of the Piccadilly female as we have decided to give him a name! He seems to be thriving since his independence and was our most-viewed male leopard this month. The Matumi male was at Manyeleti Crossing on the 1st and 3rd. The next day, he was at Lower Mlowathi Crossing and at Manyeleti Crossing again on the 5th. He was exploring further north to the west of Mlowathi Dam on the 9th and was feeding on an impala kill west of Bicycle Crossing the next day. He remained here until the 11th and was at Mlowathi Koppies on the 12th. He was at Piccadilly Pans on the 20th and killed an impala lamb opposite MalaMala Camp the next morning. On the 23rd, he was followed by the curious Stone Drift female in the Ngoboswan Donga and he was in the Mlowathi River at the confluence with the Maponyeleni Donga on the 29th.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **TENGILE FEMALE & FEMALE CUB** (7 sightings) – They were together south of Beaumont’s Camp on the 3rd and had a bushbuck kill in the same area the next day. They were in the Sand River near Beaumont’s Camp on the 7th and she was alone here the next day. They were north of Trollip’s Camp on the 12th and 13th, and she was alone with an impala kill on Beaumont’s Northern Access on the 19th.
- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE** (6 sightings) – She was feeding on an impala lamb at the Kapen Breakfast Spot on the 7th and with the N’weti male, she stole an impala kill from some Cape hunting dogs in the Rock Drift Donga on the 11th. On the 20th, she was at Old Trollip’s Crossing and on the 24th, she was on the Charleston Toulon Boundary, east of the Sand River. The next day she was in the Rock Drift Donga, east of the Sand River and she was seen here again on the 29th.
- **XIVINDZI FEMALE & FEMALE CUB** (4 sightings) – The Xivindzi female has not been seen for weeks now and we fear the worst has happened as she was last seen up a tree surrounded by lions. Her cub, only 6 months old, was seen alone at Flat Rocks four times this month, but seems to be surviving on small kills like Scrub hares and impala lambs.
- **NEW ROCKS FEMALE** (2 sightings) – She had an impala lamb kill at the rocky den site of the Kapen Female, far south of Styx Crossing on the 25th, curiously she was contact calling. The next day there was brief visual of a leopard in this area with no confirmed ID, but it was likely to have been her. On the 30th, she was south of Styx Crossing.
- **MASHABA FEMALE** (1 sighting) – Despite her old age, she was mating with the N’weti male on the Charleston Toulon Boundary, east of the Sand River on the 17th.
- The same **NERVOUS 3:3 FEMALE** who was last seen in September, was east of the Tjellahanga River on the 14th.
- **N’WETI MALE** (3 sightings) – He was at Calabash Crossing on the 1st and was with the River Rocks female in the Rock Drift Donga east of the Sand River on the 11th, when they stole an impala kill from a pack of Cape hunting dogs. On the 17th, he was mating with the Mashaba female on the Charleston Toulon Boundary, east of the Sand River.
- **HANYILE MALE** (2 sightings) – He was in Ingwe Donga on the 1st and north of Calabash Crossing on the 20th.
- **NKOVA MALE** (2 sightings) – He was north of Rocky Crossing on the 5th and at Charleston North Crossing on the 22nd.
- **TORTOISE PAN MALE** (1 sighting) – He was only seen once this month on the Gowrie Boundary in the Mlowathi River on the 1st.
- **NOTTEN’S MALE** (1 sighting) – He was west of Charleston North Crossing on the 13th.
- A **NERVOUS MALE** was seen south of Mlowathi Dam on the 7th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	34 (8 cubs)
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CHEETAH

One **MALE CHEETAH** was seen with an impala kill on the KNP Boundary east of Clarendon Dam on the 3rd.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	1 (0 cubs)
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

- **TOULON PACK (7 ADULTS, 2 PUPS)** (9 sightings) – They seem to have lost one of their pups somewhere along the way and are now down to two. They caught a sub-adult nyala at West Street Bridge on the 10th and killed an impala midway along the Charleston Flockfield Boundary the next day, with one individual looking badly injured. They were still in this area on the 12th and only seven of the members (including the two pups) were there with another impala kill the next day. Six adults and only one pup was at Emsagwen Waterhole on the 15th and the same seven were in the Matshapiri River at Drum Crossing two days later. On the 25th, the seven individuals were on the MalaMala Flockfield, east of the Matshapiri River and they were at Mlowathi Dam the next day where they caught two impala lambs.
- **PACK OF TWO (2 ADULTS)** (6 sightings) – A collar was found near Matshapiri Dam seemingly belonging to the missing male of this pack (see “PACK OF THREE” in October Game Report), it is not known what became of him. The remaining male and female were seen west of Emsagwen Open Area on the 8th and at Mlowathi Dam on the 10th. They caught an impala lamb midway along the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga on the 12th and were followed by a hyena to the south of Campbell Koppies the next day. They were at Fred’s Tree on the 14th and were at Senegal Bush on the 20th.
- **PACK OF NINE (5 ADULTS, 4 PUPS)** (2 sightings) – This relatively nervous, unknown pack were seen at 4-Ways Open Area on the 23rd and ran back into the Kruger National Park later that day. They were on the Kruger National Park Boundary, east of Clarendon Open Area on the 27th with an impala lamb kill.
- **PACK OF THREE (3 ADULTS)** (1 sighting) – A female and two males from an unknown pack were in the Sand River north of West Street Bridge on the 24th, before running back west over the boundary into our neighbour’s property.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	25 (10 pups)
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **132 sightings** of **Elephants** in October with 109 of those sightings being of herds and 23 sightings were of lone bulls and bachelor groups.

There was a total of **39 sightings** of Cape buffalo this month, 29 of which were of groups of dagga boys with the remaining 10 sightings were of larger herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **25 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property. On the 5th, two hyenas were eating a nyala east of the Old Airstrip and one was running with two Cape Hunting Dogs south of Campbell Koppies on the 13th.
- **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTER** were seen on **8 occasions**, mostly between Bicycle Crossing and West Street Bridge. It seems at least two individuals have settled along this stretch of the Sand River for the time being.
- There were **14 sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKAL** this month, mostly a pair and their four young pups at a den site west of the Airstrip. **SIDE- STRIPED JACKAL** were seen on **3 occasions** at Clarendon Open Area.
- **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILLS** were seen on **12 occasions** and it seems that one flock may be nesting in a hollowed-out tree north of Campbell Koppies. **OSTRICHES** were seen **3 times** with young chicks observed in Clarendon.
- A **NARINA TROGON** was seen on the 4th near Confluence Crossing!
- **SERVALS** were seen on two occasions and **HONEY BADGERS** only once in November.
- The first impala lambs were seen midway through the month and a fully albino lamb was seen later in the month around Beaumont's Camp.