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Hi, Everyone,

Well here we are back at Olifants after a really great time down at Collisheen with our family, but how special is it to be back at Olifants, especially after all the fantastic rains, I know I always say how stunning Olifants is but these last rains have really put the cherry on the cake, emerald green and so thick and lush, what a way to start into the winter months, all the dams full and the Olifants running bank to bank and very strongly too, just magic. When we arrived back late Sunday it was the middle of the long weekend so we kept a low profile and only went out on our first drive this am.

Wednesday 28 am, Temps are definitely lower and a bit of overcast to start, just driving around after being away for sometime was great, saw a lion on the short cut from e/e to the palm, couldn't miss him as everyone was calling him over the weekend, seems he killed a fair sized giraffe on his own??? and was just off the road on the way down to the palm, a little agro and gave us a bit of a rev. we continued on through the tunnel and across to hide, a large troop of baboons, right near the top on the single pylons, enjoying the first rays of the sun, hide dam full, but no game about, we move up to jackal plains, passing impala, wildebeest and zebra, at star crossing we bump into Mario, and spent sometime catching up on all the news, then down first to double, a few impala about and the croc on his little island, both the dams are full as well, then along to big, again a fair amount of impala about, we stop off for T,C&R and watch a troop of dwarf mongeese having fun in those logs in the parking area, then past natural and sand dam, plenty of impala about on the plains and we take the road to rhino, more impala about at both rhino and at sable, we continue along sable plains, more impala and a couple of jackal, we decide to go up to wild dog for our breakfast, but very quiet here, then along the e/e, and down onto pels, nothing about, home.

Thursday 29 am, Stunning morning, clear as a bell, not a great deal to report though, brief glimpse of a lion on the giraffe kill, plenty of impala around hide along to sand where we find more, then we take the road to rhino turn off on phone clearing and back towards buff plains 3 and then down snake alley, & at the wallows, impala, and more around sable plus a herd of 14 zebra and 6 wildebeest close by, stop for a cuppa then across to wild dog and all the way down the fence line with nKosi (Miles Japhet's property, used to be Malans) looking for the lioness's and their cubs, no sign, then along the river, impala, waterbuck and a large troop of baboon, we stop off at fig tree grove for our breakfast before making for home.

Birds, black stork, flies off and we find him again at sand, 2 dark chanting goshawks near sable and a beautiful african gos near 56.

Friday 30 am, Around 7,30 last night we have a sudden wind and rain storm and this morning we find 15mm's in the guage, at the office 30, and the gate 3, still drizzling so we pop into Hoedies for the morning.

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Saturday 1st May 2010, A very heavy mist covers Olifants this morning, we leave a little later, when we call in at idube, we can hardly see the trough, no sign of the lion either, down the short cut, but dozens of vultures in the surrounding trees and the stench unbelievable, after that not a great deal to report, impala here and there of course, on parallel clearing zebra, impala and wildebeest, along the zozo hut road 5 giraffe and a large herd of impala, under the single pylons, more impala around both sable and rhino and then between big and double another large herd of impala, the sunset plains area, has few impala and except for the old hippo and croc at hide, nothing else about, then up to Geoff's table for our breakfast and then home.

A little thunder and lighting, a little rain, so we stay home.

Sunday 2, Can't believe, we have been back a week already, how time flies, thats the lot,

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