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Game Drive no 232 by Neil and Morag Hulett unit 45

Hi, Everyone,

Well here we are back after a great time in the Park, but of course its good to be back, Our Son and Grandchildren, arrive on Thursday and then friends of theirs join us for few days, and over the weekend we enjoy some really good viewing, especially lions, 4 lioness's on the road down to unit 10, on the Friday night, then the same 4 again, on the connecting road behind unit 22, and then last night the pride of 6 from across the Olifants along the e/e and then we find them again on the palm loop and they move onto serengeti plains. We also find a couple of elephant bulls, one at the top of kudu another at the waterhole on warthog, of course there's plenty of general game about. A number of leopard sightings were called in, at the dry spruit just past the turn off to 2 & 3, in fact a pair, another leopard on the road down glacier valley, so a very busy and exciting weekend.

Monday 14 am. Another stunning morning, temp down to 10 this am. After the very busy weekend, fairly quiet drive, couple old dagga bulls at warthog, a old but large elephant bull drinking at hide, plenty of impala about, we find the wildebeest herd also warthog, 4 of the jackal on the runway, up on jackal plains and sunset impala dotted about plus we spot a couple of giraffe, the down to first double and along engwe for big, impala here and there. Up to the 4 pylons and south for rhino, a few zebra plus plenty of impala along the way, past rhino, and on to mashatu drive, and then we stop off for T, C&R at Q"S corner, before cotinueing past sable and then along sable plains, find plenty of impala about, plus a few wildebeest near the single pylons, so across the palm and along the zozo hut road, more impala, cross the RWLR and onto lan's pan road and finally top of the airstrip, e/e kudu and at idube a herd of impala at the water.

Birds, Martial eagle at warthog and a Melanistic Gabar Gos with a dead dove, near double dam.

Tuesday 15 am, A short drive this am, Brian & Kim are away mid morning, so we don't go far, pick them up at the club house, then up mica and along the e/e and down the short cut, through the tunnel and on to hide, impala here and there of course, a lone buff bull, at hide, then round on hide loop, plenty of impala about on sunset, we pass hide once more and take the direct road for nkhonkoni and of course impala, and a herd of zebra, we go right at the TEE for nkhonkoni and find a rhino and then 2 elephant bulls at the water. buff plains has plenty of impala and another herd of zebra, make for warthog, 2 more buffalo bulls at the water, then up tp spaghetti junction, down glacier valley and along pels, find baboon, monkeys, impala and a bushbuck, call in at idube and find 4 giraffe at the water, home.

Wednesday 16 am, An absolutely stunning morning, but very cold, only 5 deg. on the deck and a icy breeze blowing, no drive this am, the Hulett family laid low by Gastric Flu, wow a night from hell.

Thursday & Friday, No drive. That flu has a firm grip on us, to the doc.

Saturday evening 19, Much against our better judgement we go driving, Wayne and the kids away tomorrow, although short we certainly see plenty, up kudu drive, lioness(the one with the glass eye and the surviving cub from the train accident) lying just off the road, then a dagga bull on warthog, and 2 rhino on the clearing under Geoff's table, along the RWLR and along zozo hut, and zozo hut ext. 2 pairs of mating lions about a 150 metres apart, and while sitting there here elephant trumpeting over toward sable, we move on to sand and then hide and find a large herd of buffalo just leaving the water, we then find elephant on the road to the railway line and along the RWLR, home.

Sunday Last nights drive did Morag no good so she's in bed for the day and Wayne & kids will leave tomorrow. Couple of pic's for you, a small elephant herd, crossing the strongly flowing Olifants, onto ON, just below us and a dead porcupine killed by a careless owner, or contractor, driving to fast, Mario came out and after a careful look, at all the sign about, no doubt run over by a vehicle. Thats the lot, you all take care now. Roars and Trumpets N & M



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