

MALAMALA GAME RESERVE GAME REPORT – MARCH 2015

AREAS COVERED: MARTHLY / EYREFIELD / MALAMALA / FLOCKFIELD / CHARLESTON

WEATHER SUMMARY – MARCH

Maximum temperature (°C)	38
Minimum temperature (°C)	16
Mean maximum (°C)	32.7
Mean minimum (°C)	20.8
Rainfall (mm)	2.5
Days of rain	2

*AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS AS AT END OF MARCH 2015

LIONS

STYX PRIDE = 9

1 ADULT FEMALE	12 YEARS 2 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	7 YEARS 2 MONTHS
2 FEMALE SUB ADULTS	4 YEARS 2 MONTHS
2 MALE SUB ADULTS	4 YEARS 2 MONTH
2 FEMALE CUB	1 YEAR 4 MONTHS
1 MALE CUBS	1 YEAR 4 MONTHS

MALA MALA, EYREFIELD
(30 sightings)

The Styx pride was seen on all but one day of March. However, there were more than thirty sightings of this pride, or representatives thereof - as on some days, different groupings of the pride were seen at various locations. All in all, there were a total of 40 sightings of the pride, more than one a day – on average, two of which included the pride being on kills of one buffalo and one kudu.

Again, this pride of lions clearly shows the fact that they have not established a territory as of yet as there is still much nomadism. There is a high affinity amongst the members, of this pride, to spend time either in the Sand River or in very close proximity to it. There were 19 sightings of the members of this pride in the Sand River and four in the general area during the month of March.

The core pride (two adult female and three cubs) were seen alone 11 times during March. They were joined by one, or both, of the sub-adult males on 12 occasions. These two sub-adult males were seen most frequently – with 13 sightings of them being recorded, during the month. On the other hand the two young sub-adult females were seen the least during March, with three sightings in total for these two.

The young males initially started spending less time with the pride in August 2014. At this stage all nine members were frequently seen together. The males started moving off and advertising their presence around the western bank. After some interaction with another pride of lions, the dark maned young lion was quite badly injured - shortly thereafter the two males were seen in the company of the pride yet again. The young male which had recently sustained the injuries, wasn't seen with them as often as he was somewhat slower in getting around. It was not until January when we noticed the males were, once again – spending a bit less time with the pride. During the following month of February, and again in March, that the young males were in fact seen apart from the pride more than they were actually seen with it.

The young females stayed in the company of the pride, until the latter parts of November, when it was noticed one of the young females was spending a bit of time away from them. During December there were almost an equal number of sightings of the young females as there were of the pride. The new year found the reports of the young females spending time with the Clarendon males to be true, as both of these young lionesses were found in the company of one of the Clarendon males. This was not their only clear display of moving away from the pride, they have also been seen on kills they have made themselves, as well as mixing with a pride of nine from the north.

Since the beginning of 2015, the entire pride has been together for a total of three consecutive days in January, the last of which had the pride making a kill around White Cloth open area. Since that time, the young females have yet to spend a day with any of the other members of the pride, while the young males are seen more so on their own too. In addition to the split, they have also been seen mating with one of the young lionesses from the Eyrefield pride on numerous occasions.

EYREFIELD PRIDE = 7	
2 ADULT FEMALES	7 YEARS 9 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	7 YEARS 8 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT MALE	3 YEARS 1 MONTH
1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	3 YEARS 1 MONTH
1 SUB-ADULT MALE	2 YEARS 10 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT MALE	2 YEARS 6 MONTHS
MALA MALA, FLOCKFIELD (4 sightings)	

The Eyrefield pride or at least a few members thereof were seen once more than the two months previously – with a total of four sightings. The first sighting in March found all seven members of the pride east on the property, at the junctions of the Charleston-Flockfield boundary and Lannea road. These lions continued to move west and the following day, they were relocated on Dudley lookout. They were not seen again for almost two weeks when two of the females, were found in the Sand River in front of Rattray’s camp with an impala kill, in the company of an unidentified male. On this same day, one of the young lionesses was found mating with the two young males from the Styx pride around West Street Pans.

The last sighting of this pride, was with all seven members on the eastern bank of the Sand River, south of the Tamboti thickets.

FOURWAYS PRIDE = 2	
1 ADULT FEMALE	UNKNOWN AGE
1 SUB ADULT FEMALE	4 YEARS 9 MONTHS
EASTERN MALA MALA, EASTERN EYREFIELD, EASTERN FLOCKFIELD (0 sightings)	

There were no confirmed sightings of this pride during March.

MARTHLY PRIDE = 7	
2 ADULT FEMALES	12 YEARS 7 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE	3 YEARS 11 MONTHS
3 MALE CUBS	1 YEAR 9 MONTHS
1 FEMALE CUB	1 YEAR 9 MONTHS

MARHTLY
(5 sightings)

Five sightings of the Marthly pride during March, all of which were between the southern parts of Marthly and around Mala Mala main camp. The first two sightings were over the first and second of the month, where they moved from track west of Bicycle crossing and just outside main camp. Twelve days passed and they were seen in the Manyalethi river in the morning, being relocated on Jerrimiah's loop that afternoon – a short while later the females successfully stalked and killed a female impala just south of the Sable Rotunda. The last two sightings of this pride were in the last half of the month, being seen once on track to Matumi rocks and the ridge between the Manyalethi and the Mlowathi.

CHARLESTON PRIDE = 3

1 ADULT FEMALE

10 YEARS 2 MONTHS

2 SUB ADULT MALES

3 YEARS 10 MONTHS

CHARLESTON

(0 sighting of the female; 2 sighting of the two males)

As in February, the Charleston pride was seen on one occasion – the difference was that the female was not seen once. The two young males were seen on the 28th of March, in Ingwe donga. Their aunt, has reportedly had two cubs, on the western bank of the Sand river, south of the Charleston-Toulon boundary.

TJELLAHANGA PRIDE=9

2 ADULT FEMALES

UNKNOWN AGES

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

± 3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

6 SUB-ADULT MALES

± 3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

EASTERN CHARLESTON, EASTERN FLOCKFIELD, EASTERN MALAMALA

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings of this pride during March.

JAKKALSDRAAI MALES = 2

2 SUB ADULT MALES

4 YEARS 9 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN CHARLESTON

(10 sightings)

Previously these two male lions have spent a majority of their time in the southern parts of the property, March found them moving further north on a number of occasions. On the third of the month, they were seen around White Cloth road and were not seen again until the ninth at Fourways crossing. Upon further inspection, at this last sighting – it was found these two males had killed an old buffalo bull. They remained with this carcass for a full week. Over the course of the seven days, there were numerous interactions between the two Jakkalsdraai males and the overzealous hyena, occasional brave jackal and the opportunistic vultures.

The following three sightings of these two males, was of them moving back south to the areas which they have become so accustomed to, of late. The first sighting of which found them at Lower Kapen crossing, followed by the southern parts of Charleston drive and then towards Calabash crossing.

CLARENDON MALES=2

2 ADULT MALES

±10 YEARS 3 MONTHS

NORTHERN EYREFIELD, EASTERN MARTHLY

(2 sightings)

The two Clarendon males were seen twice during March, about half the number of times as the two months previously. The first sighting was on the second, where they were not alone by accompanied by the two young lionesses from the Styx pride, on the northern parts of eastern side Mlowathi. The two males were seen again on their own about four days later. They were found on the same road about a kilometre further south of their previous position.

MANYELETHI MALES = 4

± 10 YEARS 7 MONTHS

MATRHLY, EYREFIELD, MALA MALA, NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD

DOMINANT OVER THE STYX, EYREFIELD, FOURWAYS, MARTHLY AND
BREAKAWAY MARTHLY PRIDES

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings of the Manyalethi males during the month of March. There has been a total of one sighting of all/any of these males during the first quarter of 2015.

Other lions encountered

- **No ID pride of 5** (1 sighting):
 - A small pride of three lionesses and two male lions were seen around the junction of Baby Elephant walk and Lion Rocks West. These animals were trailing a large herd of buffalo which was moving through eastern Flockfield, from the Kruger National park. They were not the most accustomed to vehicles, so we suspect they are from the national park and have not seen too many vehicles.
- **One No ID male:**
 - Seen once on the 23rd of March with two lionesses from the Eyrefield pride. The three of them were feeding of the remains of an impala carcass.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LIONS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

March	35
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LEOPARDS:

BICYCLE CROSSING MALE

13 YEARS 3 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN CHARLESTON
(4 sightings)

Two sightings in the first half of March, and two in the latter – the Bicycle Crossing male is still doing a fantastic job of keeping his presence known in his well-established territory. During three of the four sightings, this male leopard in close proximity to the Sand River – these positions included: Dudley crossing, the bottom track of the Tamboti thickets and the Rock Drift donga. These are smart places to for the Bicycle Crossing male to position himself, as there has been very little rain during the first three months of the year which has resulted in a more continuous movement of the general game towards the river, to drink. It is this type of behaviour which displays the large amounts of experience this individual has gained over the years.

AIRSTRIp MALE

8 YEARS 10 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD
(14 sightings)

The Airstrip male was seen more than two times as often during March as in the previous two months, with a total of 14 sightings of this male leopard. During these sightings, in and amongst maintaining a prominent presence in his territory just as successfully as his father – the Bicycle Crossing male, the Airstrip male had some very interesting interaction between two separate leopards on different occasions. The first of which was in Marthly, when the Airstrip male was seen in the same area as an unidentified male leopard – this was not all, as there was an impala carcass not too far from the leopards. We are not certain who made the kill, but the Airstrip male was not the one who skulked away into the bushes - a clear indication that this leopard is still very capable of defending his territory.

The second interaction this male leopard had, was with the Kikilezi female. She was found around Fred's tree, moving in a northerly direction. He was found on Northern Extension Picadilly, moving southwards. Eventually, they came into contact and successfully hunted an impala together – the Airstrip male had the final blows and later on we watched as both of these leopards began feeding off the carcass.

CHARLESTON MALE

8 YEARS 10 MONTHS

EASTERN CHARLESTON, NORTHERN TOULON
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

WEST STREET MALE

5 YEARS 10 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

NEWINGTON MALE

6 YEARS 5 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA
(5 sightings)

A sigh of relief was breathed amongst most when the first sighting of the Newington male was called in twelve days into March. An almost seven week absence of this male leopard had people in high spirits –

considering the dire condition he was in almost two months previously. The first three sightings were of this male between the airstrip and the river, the last of which was on the 19th of March. Two days later, the Newington male was seen on the eastern bank of the river, where he captured a male baboon in a very exciting hunt. Once this male had dragged his quarry to a nearby spike thorn thicket and was inspected closer – it was realised that he had sustained some very serious injuries. In some places his bones could be seen protruding through his skin and muscles.

Again, the nerves set in as the Newington male was not seen for almost a week after this incident, making everyone nervous considering his most recent injuries. Then in true style, much like his father (the Princess Alice Pans male), the Newington male was back. He made a kill in very close proximity to room 1 at main camp and was seen afterwards in the Sand River opposite the camp.

HOGVAAL MALE **7 YEARS 4 MONTHS**
EASTERN EYREFIELD, EASTERN MALAMALA, NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

TREEHOUSE MALE **± 5 YEARS 3 MONTHS**
WESTERN MALAMALA
(8 sightings)

With two sightings less of the Treehouse male in March, as in February, during the eight sightings of this leopard – we saw him move between the parking bay on the first of the month, all around the western bank. It still appears he is making himself known in this area, one which used to be patrolled frequently by the Princess Alice pans male.

The third sighting of the Treehouse male on the sixth of March, involved himself and a young nyala which had fallen his victim. This male leopard finished the carcass off rather quickly, and was not seen for a further four days – when he was seen around Confluence crossing.

TSLEBE ROCKS MALE **± 8 YEARS 8 MONTHS**
NORTHERN EYREFIELD
(1 sightings)

The Tsebe Rocks male leopard maintains his mysterious existence and was only found once during the month of March. He was seen in the last third of the month, around Mlowathi Dam. This leopard was in great condition and provided some great photographic opportunities, as he posed on the dam wall.

PRINCESS ALICE PANS MALE **14 YEARS 3 MONTHS**
WESTERN MALAMALA
(2 sightings)

The Princess Alice Pans male was not seen in his usual territory for almost two months. The last sighting of this leopard was on the 4th of February – well, that was until the 27th of March. He was located on the causeway, which is over the Sand River, just south of Mala Mala main camp.

Similarly to his son's reappearance, there was much excitement upon the return of this legendary individual. The Princess Alice Pans male is synonymous with the western bank, so not seeing him, or even any evidence of his presence was definitely noted. It was a very exciting morning when he was

found, as the Newington male also return from a second (albeit shorted) absenteeism – and both of these leopards were seen within 200 meters of one another.

During the second, and last sighting, of the Princess Alice Pans male during March, he was seen around the Sable Rotunda. Although, he was seen more infrequently in March, than in months prior to his sabbatical, he is still in good condition and it was still good to see him.

GOWRIE MALE

± 7 YEARS 7 MONTHS

NORTHWESTERN EYREFIELD
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

RIVER ROCKS MALE

5 YEARS 7 MONTHS

(1 sighting)

The 16th of March, was officially the first sighting of the River Rocks male, for 2015. This young male, has clearly still not established himself in a territory yet as he was seen moving around within his father (the Bicycle Crossing male's) territory – as was the case during his last sighting in the latter half of December 2014. During the first sighting this year, he was seen in close proximity to the treehouse on the main track of the Tamboti thickets.

KIKILEZI FEMALE

13 YEARS 6 MONTHS

2 FEMALE CUBS

1 YEAR 4 MONTHS

WESTERN MALA-MALA, WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLI
(6 sightings of female, 6 sightings of female and cub(s), 16 sightings of cub(s) without female)

Twenty three of the days, of the month of March – either the Kikilezi female and/or her cubs were seen. We are seeing quite a bit of the cubs on their own, this is more than likely due to the fact that the cubs are heading towards independence – especially the darker faced of the two, with the three-three spot pattern above her whisker line. Overall, during these 23 days of seeing these individuals – we had 28 sightings, which usually includes one of the cubs being located exploring the surrounds of the Kikilezi females territory and with one even making a kill this month. The cub successfully stalked and captured a scrub hare, constantly honing their survival skills before making their own way.

Along with the incredible sightings of this female in the company of her ever playful offspring, the Kikilezi female had two very interesting sessions during March which involved other leopards. The first of which involved the Airstrip male and during events, mentioned previously, these two ended up hunting together and capturing an impala at Fred's tree. The second incident was with the Island female, who while out exploring her way onto the eastern bank and into the territory of the Kikilezi female. The latter did not appreciate this act and proceeded to chase the young, trespassing leopardess up a tree at one of our picnic spots.

These ladies may not have had a physical altercation, however the following day the Island female was well out of the Kikilezi female's way. She was found on the causeway, and continued to move westwards for the rest of the month.

TAMBOTI FEMALE**7 YEARS 6 MONTHS**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALA MALA

(3 sightings)

Seen a total of three times during the month of March the Tamboti female was first seen, on the corresponding day of the month, north of Rattrays camp. She was not seen for almost two weeks, until the Tamboti female was seen on Campbell road. Six days later, and the last sighting of this leopard for the month, she was seen less than a kilometre from her previous position. During this last sighting she was seen running in, and chasing an unknown, young leopard off a guinea fowl kill.

There was still no evidence of the reported cubs of the Tamboti female, during March – let’s see what April has in store for us.

ISLAND FEMALE**2 YEARS 2 MONTHS**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALA MALA

(11 sightings)

Virtually doubling the number of sightings, as the month previously – the Island female was viewed eleven times during March. The first two sightings of this leopard, were actually in very close proximity to the camp on the seventh and eighth of the month. There were two more sightings of the Island female, before she was seen yet again – close to camp. The difference is that this time, she made a kill – which some lucky people could see from their rooms. She stayed with the female impala carcass for the remainder of the day, as well as the following before she moved off.

The Island female did not stop providing us with entertainment, this time her presence was not too close to our territory, but that of the Kikilezi female. Much like ourselves, she got a shock but reacted in a very defensive manner and ended up chasing the Island female, who ended up retreating up a large Marula tree, which is situated on the banks of the Sand River, south of the Ngoboswan spot. The Kikilezi female did not back down easily and ensured the Island female was well and truly aware of her presence as she kept her in the tree for the remaining seven hours of daylight and well into the evening too.

The Island female may be young and a touch naïve still, but this lesson is not one she will forget any time soon. She was seen every day for the remainder of the month – all of which she steered well clear of the eastern bank of the river.

MLOWATHI FEMALE**8 YEARS 1 MONTH****DAUGHTER OF THE MLOWATHI FEMALE****±1 YEAR 4 MONTHS**

NORTHWESTERN EYREFIELD

(0 sightings of the Mlowathi female, 1 sighting of the daughter of the Mlowathi female)

Every month since December, the Mlowathi female has made an appearance on the property. Albeit brief, a visit none the less. This month we did not view the Mlowathi female, however we did find an unidentified young female on Mlowathi dam wall. This young leopardess was identified as the daughter of the Mlowathi female – so in some way the Mlowathi female was represented again.

JAKKALSDRAAI FEMALE**15 YEARS 4 MONTHS**

CENTRAL & WESTERN CHARLESTON, EAST OF THE SAND RIVER

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

**OSTRICH KOPPIES FEMALE
MALE CUB
EYREFIELD**

**10 YEARS 3 MONTHS
9 MONTHS**

(1 sighting of female, 1 sighting of female and cub, 3 sightings of cub without female)

The young male cub, of the Ostrich Koppies female is getting much larger and a touch more adventurous. This young leopard was seen on three occasions, without his mom being present. He is still at an age where he stays in roughly the same area as his mother left him, however he is definitely starting to explore a bit more.

The second last sighting of the month of March was the Ostrich Koppies female and her cub, around Reedbuck road. The female was seen again the following day, on the northern parts of Clarendon Dam road on her own.

**MATSHAPIRI FEMALE
CUBS OF THE MATSHAPIRI FEMALE
EASTERN MALA MALA, EASTERN EYREFIELD**

**14 YEARS 7 MONTHS
±3 MONTHS**

(2 sightings of the Matshapiri female; 1 sighting of the Matshapiri female and cubs)

The first sighting of the Matshapiri female was in the most north eastern corner of the property on her own and moving south along our Boundary with the Kruger National Park. Two days later and she was spotted just east of the northern parts of Clarendon Dam road – she, however, was not alone. In tow were two cubs, these two cautious yet very playful individuals of perhaps three months of age. Upon further inspection, it was found that this trio had entered the property on the KNP break, east of the northern parts of Reedbuck road. In very close proximity to where this mother of two was seen, the month previously.

During this amazing first sighting of the Matshapiri female with her new cubs, she was watched stalking impala, which became alerted by her less than stealthy cubs playing and giving away her position. The Matshapiri female was not seen again, for more than two weeks. The following sighting of this female was of the female alone at Matshapiri dam.

**DUDLEY FEMALE
WESTERN FLOCKFIELD
(5 sightings)**

16 YEARS 5 MONTHS

The Dudley female was seen on five different days, four of which were consecutive days between the dates of the 16th and the 19th of March. The first two this leopard was found at and close to Maxim's lookout, shortly thereafter she moved a bit further north towards the old Airstrip. The last day the Dudley female was seen consecutively, she was found still on the western bank – this time around Wildebeest crossing.

Three days later and the Dudley female was located on the opposite bank of the Sand River about five kilometres downstream around the confluence of the Sand and Kapen rivers.

**DAUGHTER OF THE DUDLEY FEMALE
WESTERN FLOCKFIELD
(0 sightings)**

2 YEARS 0 MONTHS

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

EMSAGWENI FEMALE
MALA-MALA
(1 sighting)

5 YEARS 3 MONTHS

As with February, this young female was seen once during March. The Emsagweni female was found in the Matshapiri river, at Emsagwen water hole. This is one of the locations on Mala Mala, which still has water during this exceptionally dry summer.

The Emsagweni female was followed for a while upstream, before she exited north and east out of the river. In true form for this female, it was into some treacherous vegetation and any further attempts at following as she navigated so professionally through the Guarri bushes were aborted and we watched from further and further away as this young female continued on with her day.

FLOCKFIELD FEMALE
CENTRAL & EASTERN FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON
(0 sightings)

10 YEARS 11 MONTHS

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

Other leopards encountered:

- **The Marthly male leopard:** (3 sightings)
 - The Marthly male was seen three times during March, the first of which was along entrance Euphorbia drive. His presence in the area did not sit well with the Kikilezi female leopard, who rapidly moved off. The second sighting, a week later, was along Skukuza road and the last of the three encounters with this male – he was found with a young unidentified female along the southern parts of Jerrimiah’s loop.
- **No ID males:** (7 sightings)
- **No ID females:** (11 sightings)
 - Two unidentified female leopards were seen on more than one occasion during March, one was around the northern parts of Ambush alley, the second around Flockfield lookout.
- **No ID cubs:** (1 sighting): A single cub was seen with it’s mother, on the Gowrie boundary, found on last day of March. It was estimated to be about 6 months of age.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

March	38
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CHEETAH

There were a total of two cheetah sightings during March, the first was ten days into the month at Clarendon dam. The two males which patrol this area as part of their territory were seen moving around in the open area in the north eastern parts of the property.

The second sighting of cheetah during March, was one which was a little more out of the ordinary. Two individuals were seen at Picadilly triangle, however they were very uncomfortable in this area and moved almost immediately eastwards past Fred's tree and into the bush line. Due to their skittish nature, these two cheetah were left to themselves.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED

March	4
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

Any shortage of cape hunting dogs during February, was most definitely evened out during March as these animals were seen on 16 days of the month. During these 16 days, there were 19 sightings of the cape hunting dogs, as on 3 days of March there were 2 separate sightings per day.

The first day when two set of cape hunting dogs were located in different positions, turned out to be the members of the same pack which had split up. This pack killed two young impala the day previously at Picadilly triangle and had separated sometime during the afternoon or evening.

The next time it occurred, two completely different packs were found – both along the Sand River, in the south of the property. Two weeks later the same two packs were found at different locations – they eventually found one another. There was some interaction, which turned violent and one of the males was attacked by another pack. He was very badly injured and eventually died as a result of the injuries sustained.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

March	22
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

Continuing on with the exceptional elephant and buffalo sightings we had in February, March provided us with numerous sightings of both species, with a total of 101 encounters with buffalo and 174 with elephants.

The buffalo sightings comprised of 12 sightings of a large herd of buffalo, 13 small to medium size herd and 213 individuals. 20 large elephant herds were seen, 125 small to medium sized herds and 37 individuals.

OTHER INTERESTING SIGHTINGS

During March, a dead female kudu was found around the junction of Graded road and second turning Windmill. Upon inspection of the carcass, there was no evidence of it being kill – so it was assumed to have died of natural causes. This opportunity was not turned up by hyenas.

In addition to this, two of the most elusive species were seen: porcupine and honey badger. What makes this even more interesting is that they were both only seen once during the 31 days of March, on the very same day, within an hour of one another.

TOTAL SIGHTINGS FOR MARCH 2015

Lion	63
Leopard	115
Elephant	174
Buffalo	101
Cheetah	2
Cape Hunting Dog	19

MalaMala Big Five monthly analysis:

MARCH 2015

	LION		LEOPARD		ELEPHANT		BUFFALO	
	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sighting
1	7	1	3	3	2LH + 8H + 1	11	11	4
2	11	2	5	3	5H + 3	8	18	4
3	9	3	3	3	5LH + 9H	11	1H + 17	8
4	7	1	4	2	2LH + 6H + 3	11	1H + 9	5
5	6	1	3	3	2LH + 8H + 2	11	1H + 5	3
6	9	2	1	1	5H + 1	6	23	4
7	7	1	3	3	1LH + 6H + 1	8	7	2
8	7	2	5	5	4H	4	1LH + 1H + 2	4
9	4	2	4	4	1LH + 3H	4	1LH + 3	3
10	7	2	2	2	1LH + 6H + 1	8	1LH + 7	4
11	11	3	6	3	6H	6	1H + 6	2
12	18	4	6	6	1LH + 7H + 2	10	1LH + 5	4
13	9	2	5	3	1LH	1	10	2
14	16	4	4	4	1LH + 4H + 1	6	1LH + 1	2
15	16	3	5	4	3H + 3	4	2	2
16	7	1	6	5	1LH + 3H + 3	7	1LH + 2	2
17	7	1	7	6	4H	4	1LH + 10	2
18	7	1	9	8	4H	4	1H + 2	2
19	7	2	8	7	5H + 2	6	1H + 11	6
20	7	2	1	1	4H + 2	6	2H + 14	6
21	2	1	4	4	1H + 2	3	1H + 7	4
22	4	2	4	4	3H + 1	4	1LH + 4	3
23	5	2	4	3	3H	3	1LH + 7	4
24	8	3	3	1	1LH + 4H	5	9	2
25	13	3	2	2	2H + 2	3	1LH + 2	3
26	6	2	4	2	2H	2	1H + 2	2
27	7	1	4	4	1	1	0	0
28	11	4	7	4	3H + 1	4	1H + 13	4
29	5	1	5	5	1H + 2	3	3	1
30	9	3	5	4	1LH + 3H + 4	6	2LH + 2	4
31	7	1	9	6	1LH + 3H	4	7	3
OTAL	256	63	141	115	20LH + 125H + 37	174	12LH + 13H + 213	101

**Note: the large herd of elephant seen on 10/03/2015 consisted of around 90 individuals, seen around 1st turning Picadilly.*

MalaMala Kill Analysis**March 2015**

	Lions	Leopards	Cape hunting dog	Cheetah	Total
Impala	3	2	2		7
Duiker					
Klipspringer					
Buffalo	2				2
Bushbuck					
Warthog					
Nyala		1			1
Waterbuck					
Wildebeest					
Kudu	1		1		2
Giraffe					
Other		2			2
Total	6	5	3		14

**Note: the cub of the Kikilezi female killed a scrub hare (12/03/2015) and the Newington male killed a large male baboon (21/03/2015).*