



MALAMALA GAME RESERVE
 GAME REPORT ~ JUNE 2018

JUNE WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	30	24.4	Maximum	86	75.56
Minimum	11	12.9	Minimum	51.8	55.2
Rainfall					
Millimeters		Inches		Days of rain	
0		0		0	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	40
Leopard	65
Elephant	70
Buffalo	34
Cheetah	5
Cape hunting dog	3

*AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS AS AT END OF JUNE 2018

LIONS:

KAMBULA PRIDE = 6

3 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 3 MONTHS
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MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD	
(25 sightings)	

Members of the Kambula Pride were present on 25 occasions in June. The lionesses made their presence very well known throughout the month as they finally showed signs of settling down for the first time in almost two years. The presence of the Gowrie males has definitely aided this respite from the otherwise marauding nature of the six lionesses.

Once again the lionesses were seen mating with the Gowrie males throughout the month. They did not waste any time as the 1st saw a single lioness mating with a Gowrie male at Maxim's Lookout. She remained with the male for the following three days as her sisters slowly made their way onto the property on the 2nd. All six lionesses were seen on the 4th with two of the males at the Rattray's gate. Following this the lionesses fragmented as they took turns mating with the males. It wasn't until the 20th that all six lionesses were seen together again in the Tamboti Thickets.

The lionesses remained together for the following two days as they gave a skillful display as they brought down an impala in the Sand River north of Rattray's Camp on the 22nd. The remainder of the month saw the lionesses splitting and joining back together again as they slowly made their way north. They were seen bringing down a buffalo at West Street on the 27th before continuing into Marthly where they were finally seen at Elephant Rock at the end of the month.

EYREFIELD PRIDE = 2

1 ADULT FEMALE	10 YEARS 11 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	6 YEARS 3 MONTHS
FLOCKFIELD, CHARLESTON	
(1 sighting)	

There was only a single confirmed sighting of the Eyrefield Pride in June. They were seen along the eastern bank of the Sand River between Trollip's and Beaumont's camp on the 13th.

STYX PRIDE = 11

1 ADULT FEMALE	15 YEARS 4 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	10 YEARS 4 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALES	7 YEARS 4 MONTH S
2 CUBS	1 YEAR 5 MONTHS
3 CUBS	1 YEAR 4 MONTHS
3 CUBS	10 MONTHS
NORTHERN EYREFIELD (4 sightings)	

Members of the Styx pride were seen on four occasions in June. They were first seen on the 5th near Campbell Koppies where they were slowly making their way back north after a short foray into the central parts of the property. They were seen again in the Mlowathi River two days later and continued back to Mlowathi Dam on the 13th. The Styx pride left the property after that only to return to northern Eyrefield on the 29th, once again in the northern reaches of the Mlowathi River.

MARTHLY PRIDE = 6

1 ADULT FEMALE	15 YEARS 10 MONTHS
1 ADULT FEMALE	4 YEARS 10 MONTHS
3 ADULT MALES	4 YEARS 10 MONTHS
1 CUBS	2 YEARS 1 MONTH
MARTHLY, MALAMALA (0 sightings)	

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

FOURWAYS PRIDE = 6

1 ADULT FEMALE	UNKNOWN AGE
1 SUB ADULT FEMALE	7 YEARS 11 MONTHS
2 MALE CUBS	2 YEARS 6 MONTHS
2 FEMALE CUBS	2 YEARS 6 MONTHS
EASTERN FLOCKFIELD (0 sightings)	

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

CHARLESTON MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES 7 YEARS
CHARLESTON
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

MATSHAPIRI MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE 8 YEARS
FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA
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(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

CLARENDON MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES ±13 YEARS 5 MONTHS
MARTHLY, NORTHERN MALAMALA
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

GOWRIE MALES = 4

1 ADULT MALE ± 7 YEARS 7 MONTHS
3 ADULT MALES ± 6 YEARS 7 MONTHS
EYREFIELD, MALAMALA - DOMINANT OVER THE STYX PRIDE AND THE
KAMBULA PRIDE
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(23 sightings)

The Gowrie males were seen on twenty-three occasions in June. They were seen alongside the lionesses of the Kambula Pride on all of the 23 occasions. The Gowrie males carried on the procedure of mating with the lionesses throughout the month. The males also managed to secure their fair share of meals from the lionesses during their time together. The effort of taking over and patrolling such a large territory is finally paying off as there is an almost an endless supply of resources available with the lionesses present.

Three members of the coalition only represented the Gowrie males during the month of June.

There have not been any reports of the fourth male since May; however there has not been any suggestion that he has met his fate and is assumed to be spending time with the prides north of the property. In any case these lions surprise us as much as they inspire us so with some time and hope, it shouldn't be long till he makes another appearance.

Other Lions Encountered:

- **Avoca Males:** (3 sightings) the two Avoca males were seen on three occasions in the southern parts of the property in June. They were first seen on the 22nd in northern Charleston. They were then seen at Beaumont's Camp on the 24th and in the Sand River at Charleston North on the 27th.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LIONS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

JUNE	24
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LEOPARDS:

WEST STREET MALE
CHARLESTON
(1 sighting)

9 YEARS 3 MONTHS

There was just a single sighting of the West Street male leopard in June. He was seen at Ingwe Donga in southeastern Charleston on the 20th.

ACCIPITER MALE
MALAMALA
(0 sightings)

± 7 YEARS 11 MONTHS

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

SPLIT ROCK MALE

4 YEARS

EYREFIELD, MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD

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(1 sighting)

There was only a single sighting of the Split Rock male in June. He was located at Charleston River Rocks on the 3rd. The young male has been seen in great condition as he continues to become a force to be reckoned with in the south.

SENEGAL BUSH MALE

5 YEARS 9 MONTHS

EYREFIELD, MARTHLY, MALAMALA

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(10 sightings)

The Senegal Bush male leopard was seen on ten occasions in June. With the Inyatini male absent for a second consecutive month, the Senegal Bush male was ever more present in the vicinity of Main Camp. He also continued to use the Piccadilly as an easy source of food as he was regularly seen sequestering kills from the female, much to the dismay of his son as the young leopard did not back down from the intimidating presence of his farther.

INYATINI MALE

± 8 YEARS 9 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

PICADILLY FEMALE

4 YEARS 7 MONTHS

CUB

6 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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(16 sightings)

The Piccadilly female and her cub were seen on 16 occasions in June. Their proximity to Main Camp allowed for almost daily sightings of the two leopards as they were regularly encountered opposite the camp, in the Sand River or along the eastern bank. The young male cu provided much entertainment as he was seen facing off with his farther the Senegal Bush male as he tried to steal kills from the cub and his mother. The little cub was seen snarling and growling at his father in a Leadwood tree on the 18th.

The Piccadilly female is inspiring as always as she systematically and regularly reduces the herbivore population in order to provide for her cub despite the many challenges that a young mother leopard might face on a property full of lions, hyena, and rival leopards. Her skill in taking down prey is a marvel to witness.

SIBUYE FEMALE

4 YEARS 6 MONTHS

2 CUBS

6 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

TAMBOTI FEMALE

10 YEARS 9 MONTHS

CUB

9 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

(2 sightings)

There were two sightings of the Tamboti female in June. She was seen on the 6th at Flockfield tower with her cub in tow. She was seen again in the same location on the 14th this time without the cub. The Tamboti female has been spending more time west of the property since as the Island Female becomes more established in her mother's old territory along the western bank of the Sand River.

ISLAND FEMALE

5 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

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(5 sightings)

The Island female leopard was seen on five occasions in June. She made a return to the banks of the Sand River between West Street Bridge and Main Camp, making regular trips across the watercourse that would usually divide up a leopard's territory. This young female was not seen mating in the month of June, giving hope to the future prospect of cubs for one of MalaMala's favorite inhabitants.

EMSAGWENI FEMALE

8 YEARS 6 MONTHS

3 CUBS

6 MONTHS

MALAMALA

(8 sightings)

There were eight sightings of the Emsagweni female and her three cubs in June. The four leopards never failed to entertain as the busy young cubs practice their hunting prowess on each other as the game of hind, seek and tackle remains a permanent fixture on the cubs schedule.

The four leopards were mostly encountered along the banks of the Matshipiri River north of Buffalo Bush Dam. The relative safety of the northern parts of the Matshipiri River providing ample safety for the cubs while the Emsagweni female busies herself with the task of feeding three growing cubs.

FLOCKFIELD FEMALE

14 YEARS 2 MONTHS

CUB

1 YEAR 4 MONTHS

EASTERN FLOCKFIELD, EASTERN CHARLESTON

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

TEARDROP FEMALE

8 YEARS 2 MONTHS

FEMALE CUB

1 YEAR 6 MONTHS

FEMALE CUB

1 YEAR 6 MONTHS

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

LOOKOUT FEMALE

7 YEARS 7 MONTHS

1 CUB

8 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(2 sightings)

There were only two sightings of the lookout female in June. She was seen on the 22nd at the White Cloth and the 24th at Confluence Crossing. There was no sign of the cub, but with the

Lookout female being so elusive now that the cub is more mobile, it is still too early to make any assumptions.

Other leopards encountered:

Males: (5 sightings, 4 individuals)

- There was a sighting of a male leopard in the Matshipiri Dam on the 6th
- There was a sighting of a large male leopard with a waterbuck kill in southwest Charleston on the 25th.
- The **Flat Rock male** was seen on the 10th and 17th in central Marthly.
- A young male was seen at Stwise on the 24th.

Females: (10 sightings, 4 individuals)

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- The **daughter of the Kikilezi female** was seen on seven occasions in June. She was seen moving northwards from Charleston and was regularly seen feeding on kills and escaping the attentions of lions, hyenas and other leopards as she slowly starts to establish herself on the property.
- The **Ndzilo female** was seen on two occasions at Calabash Crossing with her cub.
- There was an unknown female seen at Stwise on the 12th.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

JUNE	21
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CHEETAH

There were a total of five separate cheetah sightings in June that comprised of a total of 6 individual cheetahs seen. There were two male cheetahs seen at the Parking Bay on the 15th and again on the 16th at the White Cloth. A lone male was seen near the Ngoboswaan donga on the 22nd and at West Street on the 23rd. The highlight of the month was a female cheetah and her two cubs that were seen at Stwise on the 28th.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED

JUNE	6
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

There were only three Cape Hunting Dog sightings in June that comprised of a total of 13 individuals. A pack of 8 was viewed in the south on the 8th. Two males made a brief appearance at Stwise on the 15th. And a pack of three was seen on the 18th at Buffalo Bush Dam.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)

JUNE	13
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

As the dry winter sets in, there was an increase in large herbivore sightings, as the Sand River becomes the most reliable water source in the area. There were a total of 70 elephant sightings in June, comprising of mostly large herds as smaller family groups join together for the dry season.

There was also an increase in buffalo sightings in June. There were a total of 34 buffalo sightings. The majority of the sightings were of a small herd of older bulls that spend their time between buffalo bush dam and Confluence Crossing. There were also 10 sightings of herd with an excess of 100 individuals.

OTHER INTERESTING SIGHTINGS

As the land dries up and the bush starts to thin out, the smaller creatures are starting to make more regular appearances. Numerous Civets, honey badger, bush baby, genet and mongoose sightings were on offer. There were also several ostrich sightings as well as the usual abundance of general game.



MALAMALA GAME

RESERVE

KILL STATS ~ JUNE 2018

	LION	LEOPARD	CAPE HUNTING DOG	CHEETAH	TOTAL
IMPALA		2			2
DUIKER		1			1
KLIPSPRINGER					
BUFFALO	1				1
BUSHBUCK		2			2
WARTHOG					
NYALA					
WATERBUCK		1			1
WILDEBEEST					
KUDU	1				1
GIRAFFE					
ZEBRA					
OTHER		1			1
TOTAL	2	7			9

BIG 5 ANALYSIS: JUNE 2018												
	LION		LEOPARD		ELEPHANT				BUFFALO			
DATE	ANIMALS	SIGHTINGS	ANIMALS	SIGHTINGS	ANIMALS			SIGHTINGS	ANIMALS			SIGHTINGS
					LH	H	INDIV.		LH	H	INDIV.	
1	1	1	4	3		3		3	1			1
2	7	2	1	1		1	1	2			5	1
3	2	1	4	3		1	1	2		1		1
4	8	1	3	1		1	1	2		1		1
5	11	1	3	2	2			2	1			1
6	4	1	4	3	3	2		5	1		1	2
7	14	2	2	1	3			3		1		1
8	22	3	7	6	4	2		6	1			1
9	6	2	5	2	3			3			1	1
10	3	1	4	2		1	1	2			3	1
11	7	1	8	4		3		3	1	1		2
12	2	1	10	5	1	2		3			10	1
13	16	4	3	2	1	2		3			10	1
14	1	1	4	3	1			1		1		1
15	5	1	2	1	2		2	4			2	1
16	6	1	2	1	1			1				
17	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	1		3	3
18	2	1	5	2	2			2			9	1
19			4	2	1		1	2	1			1
20	8	1	1	1	1	1		2	1			1
21	6	1	4	3	1	1		2			1	1
22	11	2	3	2	1			1	1		9	2
23	6	2	5	2		1		1	1			1
24	4	2	6	3			1	1				
25			3	3	1	2		3			5	2
26	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	3			15	1
27	12	2	2	2		2		2		1	8	2
28	10	3	3	1		2		2			2	2
29	12	2	3	2		3		3		1	3	3
30	7	1	3	2	2			2			3	1
TOTAL	183	40	106	65	30	29	14	70	10	7	84	34