

KIRI CAMP

GAME SIGHTINGS

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Wildlife sightings have been phenomenal at Kiri Camp this month, leaving even the most seasoned safari travelers in awe.

The flood waters are finally creeping into the NG32 concession. Currently, a mere 15-minute drive away from the Lodge, the waters bring with them an abundance of birdlife, thirsty plains animals and huge prides of lions in-waiting. Over the last week, guests were invited to get out of the vehicle, under the guides watch, and walk in the water (this is considered a scared and blessed act in local culture). We look forward to offering Mokoro as an added activity soon.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the month (possibly of all time) was witnessing a curious young Wild Dog investigate a shy Pangolin in the grass. As Guide Tops was driving back to Kiri Camp on his PM Game Drive, they came across a young wild dog who was pouncing up and down in the grass, clearing playing with something. Curious to see what was getting the pup all excited, Tops drove closer to discover a pangolin curled up. The wild dog got bored after a few minutes and ran off, allowing the guests some alone time with the pangolin as they watched it uncurl itself and walk away into the bushes.

Wild Dogs were prominent features around Kiri. On the 21st June, Wild Dogs chased an impala into the guest lounge. It was very badly injured. All the guests were very excited, and everyone stood in the dining area waiting for the wild dogs to come into the lounge area. The dogs choose instead to sit in the turning circle and wait for the impala to come out. The impala dragged itself behind the couch to hide. After waiting for approximately 40 minutes the dogs reverted back to the front of the Lodge and continued hunting.

Noteworthy wildlife activity included:

- Elephants frequent the pool on a daily basis.
- Resident Leopard Kiri Blue eyes has two new siblings, who have been spotted close to camp and who seem to be not as shy as their mother.
- The waterhole in front of camp continues to welcome abundant amount of wildlife daily, including elephant, buffalo, warthog, zebra and Kudu.