

MalaMala's Daniel Bailey – Remembering Lions



“Backlit Lioness Silhouette”
By Daniel Bailey



Photo: Remembering Lions



MalaMala Ranger Dan Bailey

This spectacular photograph “Backlit Lioness Silhouette” of the Kambula pride was taken at [MalaMala](#) - one of South Africa’s most iconic “Big 5” game reserves. Ranger Daniel Bailey managed to perfectly capture the moment as the lioness stepped into the spotlight ahead of her pride, silhouetted against the perfect backdrop of light and dust.

Not only did this photo win Daniel first prize in MalaMala’s own highly-competitive Ranger Photographic Competition – but it has been chosen from more than 2400 entries to feature in Margot Raggett’s 4th book in the ‘Remembering Wildlife’ series of coffee-table books - a collaboration of the best wildlife photographers in the world which has so far raised over £460,000 for lion conservation as well as a lot of awareness of the plight facing the species. In the last quarter century alone, lion numbers have declined by half - and with only around 20 000 left - there are sadly less lions now living in the wild than there are rhinos and elephants.

The “Remembering Lions” book will be launched in London on 17 October 2019 at the Royal Geographic Society, with an evening of conservation talks with keynote speakers Jonathan & Angela Scott, 'The Big Cat People', and a book signing. There will also be a free exhibition of the images at La Galleria on Pall Mall, from 14 - 26 October from 10am to 5pm.

Daniel Bailey was born and grew up in Zimbabwe and then, as a teenager, moved to South Africa’s Eastern Cape. From a very young age he dreamed of becoming a game ranger and to pursue his passion for wildlife and nature conservation. He trained as a Field Guide after school and gained a wealth of experience working in the wildlife reserves in the Eastern Cape – but as with many rangers, he aspired to work at the world-renowned MalaMala Game Reserve, where he has now been based for the past 4 years. His interest and passion for photography and cinematography has flourished in this setting and he is now one of MalaMala’s most experienced specialist photographic guides. MalaMala Game Reserve, perfectly sandwiched between the Sabi Sands Wildtuin and the Kruger National Park, is recognised as the safari industry’s blueprint for the luxury photographic safari offering some of the most unparalleled wildlife spectacles south of the equator.

You can also watch his [video](#) of the Kambula pride and read more on [MalaMala’s blog](#). To enjoy more incredible photos from MalaMala please follow them on [Instagram](#).

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