

# The HBF Howzit

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# The Team at Work

This past month the team have put in much hard work in the baking sun so this month here's a general update of the work they have been doing.



Erosion Control



Road Clearing



Waterhole Maintenance



The reward after a hard days work; sundowners and a relaxing braai with a stunning view and beautiful African sunset.



Compost heap area construction





## Volunteer's Corner



It's a pity that I had only two weeks with GWC, but even in two weeks I could experience so many different things and see a lot of different animals. I liked them all, the big and the small from elephants to insects and the beautiful and the ugly from lions to spiders.

It was exciting every day to find out what adventures were waiting for us. For example on one day when we were out for lion tracking, we found Milo and Bentley, two lionesses, just making a kill. We felt some how pity for the poor warthog but it was very exiting watching the lions having their breakfast. Even when we were in the camp, we had lots of experiences with animals, not only were elephants, zebras, impalas and wildebeests coming close to the fence of our camp but the mongoose were digging holes in the ground in front of our bedroom windows, the moths were landing in our dinner, scorpions were wandering around on the way to the bathroom and red roman's made one volunteer jump on the table und all of us scream.



I also enjoyed the things that had nothing to do with animals. It was the first time in Africa that I did things like repair a road, set up poles for an electric fence or cut a tree because it was blocking the road. So I really could get a break from my office job and do something completely different. It was also special to have dinner out in the bush whilst watching the crocodiles and hippos in the water and waiting for the sunset.

This was really a very special experience to volunteer with GWC and I'll take so many nice memories back home.



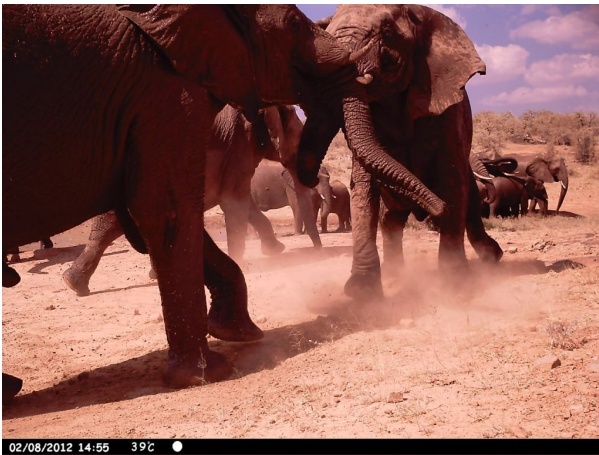
*Text and pictures by Alexandra Kastner – 2 week volunteer, February 2012. Thank you for your hard work at the project and newsletter input. We hope you are surviving the 'cooler' weather back in Austria.*





# Monthly Feature – Caught on Camera Trap

This month so many spectacular photo's were obtained from the Camera Traps it was very difficult to pick just six for the newsletter. To see more of the great photo's captured this month check out the 'Camera Trapin' Album on our Facebook Page.



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Ele's in Action



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Spotted Hyena's having a cooling evening dip



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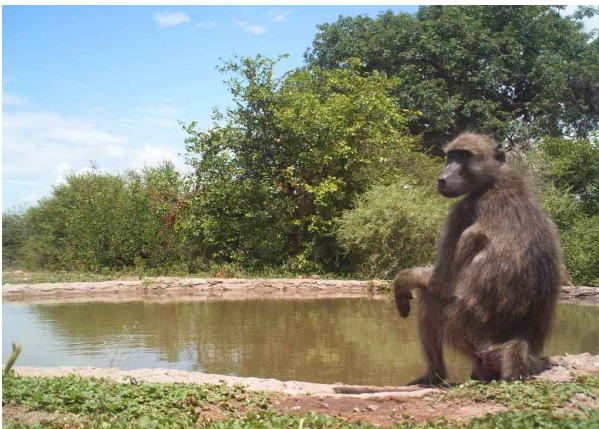
A truly magnificent cat



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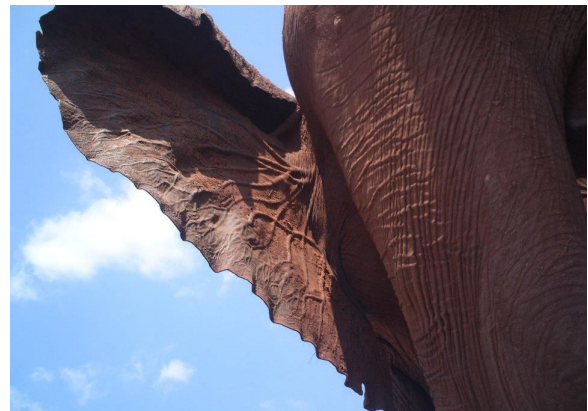
The challenges facing the Giraffe



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Just 'Chillin'



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A different perspective



## Wildlife Road Traffic Accidents

GWC Volunteers often get the opportunity to accompany or assist local researchers; this month they spent a morning with Wendy Collinson, a local Msc student, studying wildlife road traffic accidents (WRTAs). It may be the less glamorous side to conservation and research but a vital study in determining the effect of WRTAs on South Africa's wildlife.

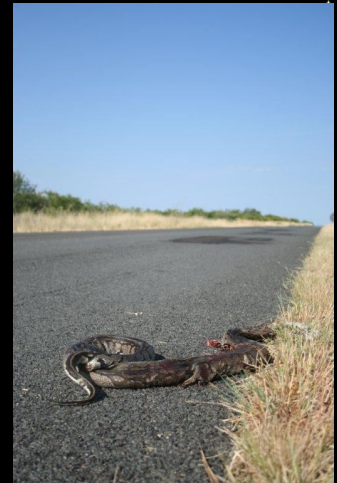
*"Wildlife roadkill indicate a threat to biodiversity that can have long term effects on ecosystems. In the United States one million animals are killed each year on highways and these statistics do not account for animals that crawl off the road to die after being hit nor do they account for all species.*

*There is, at present, no standardised method for data collection of animals killed on South African roads and so we cannot quantify the threat of roadkill accidents to South African wildlife.*

*This project will conduct a critical assessment of wildlife road traffic accidents (WRTAs) in the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area, monitoring measures to develop an effective standardised toolkit that can be employed to better understand the factors contributing to WRTAs and consequently to assess threats to biodiversity from WRTAs across the country."*

**Wendy Collinson**

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Also, don't forget to check out our fantastic Summer 2012 Prices on offer now for the months of June-September!

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Hope you all have a fantastic month and we're looking forward to meeting many of you soon ☺

Nicole  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Conservation Updates

We are all aware of the plight of our world's Rhino populations but lets not forget all the other animals being exploited for some part of their anatomy.

[www.wildlifeextra.com/go/news/cameron-elephants.html](http://www.wildlifeextra.com/go/news/cameron-elephants.html)

[www.wildlifeextra.com/go/news/austria-bears.html](http://www.wildlifeextra.com/go/news/austria-bears.html).

When will we learn.....