

Pete's Pond July 2009

This month we had wonderful, exciting and interesting sightings again, but the main thing must've been the arrival of a new shore cam. It is amazing what that cam can do. So... our monthly report for this month will be completely filled with pictures taken with the new cam, because it'll give you a completely new view of the pond's visitors. Enjoy!

Let's start with the elephants. Here you see a view of a little one across the pond. It's drinking water and as you can see, it had been in the water up to it's knees. The second picture is of a baby elephant suckling in close-up. And the third picture shows you elephants that came for a drink during sunset.



Sometimes the elephants come even closer to shore cam. This bull spend some time right in front of it. Drinking some water and pulling off some leaves to eat. We could have a good look at wonderful details. On the first picture you can see the hide in the background, between his leg and trunk. The second picture is his "knee" and the last one shows you an elephant's foot with the toenails.



We get amazing close-ups of birds with shore cam. Here are a few examples.

From left to right: Natal Francolin, Burchell's Coucal and Blue Waxbill with Black-faced Waxbill.



More fun bird sightings. From left to right: Laughing Dove, bathing Red-billed Queleas and a Great White Egret.



The Slender Mongoose is very fond of shore cam. He climbs in or on it's housing, rubs against the cam, peeks in and sometimes we can have a real good look at him.



We see the Blue Wildebeests regularly, but these sightings are a bit different from what we were used to.



Sometimes our viewers and I get the feeling we are being watched by the animals as much as the animals are being watched by us. From left to right: a Waterbuck male, a Warthog male and a Kudu male.



Before I leave you with some more sunset pictures, I would like to share these three with you. From left to right: A Black-backed Jackal dive-bombed by a Blacksmith Lapwing, a few of the thousands of Pond Skaters and a baby Baboon.



The sunset pictures are of the Wild Dogs. They have a den near the pond and the Alpha female has thirteen pups. We see the Wild Dogs regularly at the pond at the moment, but this was the first time we saw them using shore cam during sunset. Quite amazing isn't it.



That's it for this month. Enjoy the pond!

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Cam operator Pete's Pond

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