

## Pete's Pond wildcam update – March 2008

March started off with the cam still down. No camera and no Internet at Pete's Pond for weeks. We couldn't show you anything of what was going on at the pond. It was frustrating, but we had to wait for the equipment to be repaired or replaced. I camped at the pond a few times, just to be here and watch the animals. That was wonderful, as, when I'm filming, I don't have much time to watch them.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March I got back and the next day Pete arrived with a new cam and a repaired satellite modem. We could send again! Daytime at the 19<sup>th</sup> was a busy time. Blue Wildebeest, impala, warthog, tawny Eagle, malachite kingfisher, Nile monitor lizard and many more mammals, reptiles and birds.



With the elephants was a little baby. It wanted to go for a swim but his mother had other ideas. She wanted to move on. The little one tried everything he could think off and in the end he got where he wanted to be - in the water. But before he could enjoy it, his mother turned the baby around with her trunk and lifted the baby out of the water. By it's tail!



On another day we saw a Vervet monkey that wanted to come and drink. An impala was drinking at that same spot and the Vervet monkey chased it away. Even though an impala is many times as big as a Vervet monkey! The Blue wildebeests gave us a great show one day. They are running around, spinning, jumping, rolling in the dust and chasing each other. Such fun to watch!



The 25<sup>th</sup> was one of our famous elephant days. They just kept coming! Herd after herd arrived, had a drink and a swim and walked on. There was a lot of interaction going on and the rumbling is truly an amazing sound.

And another morning we had two big bull elephants here for a while. One of them was in must. The other one was a left tusk (probably lost his right tusk). They were very quiet - for our ears at least. You could see a lot of body language and they probably were talking in subsonic sound.

We had a lot of warthogs. They make taking a mud bath look so good! We saw a male chase females a few times and that is in high speed! There are still a lot of piglets, but they are growing fast.

We are very happy to be back online and sending all the action out again. The contact with the forum and café were restored and all in all the second half of March was interesting and exciting.



Until next month!

**Afke,**

**The wild cam operator**