

At Pete's Pond, October 2008

October had a lot a exciting and interesting sightings.

Let's start with the birds.

A first was the Common Squacco Heron. A beautiful bird. We had a look at it in close-up. We also had a Black-shouldered Kite catching and eating a Red-billed Quelea.



The Herons were specially entertaining this month. The Grey Heron caught quite a few toads and spend many a minute washing them before eating them. Sometimes more than half an hour! But funniest sighting were two Green-backed Herons. One of them caught a toad and was busy washing it. A second Green-backed Heron pinched the toad off the first one and it all ended in a tugging war with the toad firmly held by both birds!



Another wonderful bird sighting was in the evening. A lone Guinea fowl laded on a bush next to the hide and we could have a real good look at it in close-up. And last but not least we had a wonderful sighting of the Melbe finch, a lovely colorful bird.



The Giraffe's visited the pond too in October. Sometimes at night, sometimes during the day, but mostly around sunset, when the light is beautiful. It takes quite a bit of strenght to drink like a Giraffe! And one evening a Steenbok walked in and had a drink!



We had predators at the pond too this month. The complete pack of Wild Dogs, including all pups, visited the pond twice. What a sight to see 25 Wild Dogs! And one day a Lioness walked in. She didn't hesitate, walked up to the water's edge, lied down and drank for many many minutes. Lovely to watch this big cat like that.



All of this is just a small selection of the sightings we have at the pond day after day, month after month. I think it is pretty special that we watch the animals at the pond almost constantly, seeing things others might never see.

The pond is a special place and the cam a special feature.

Enjoy!

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