

OCTOBER WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

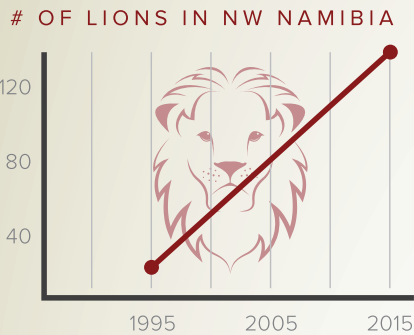
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

300 DAYS
OF SUNSHINE
PER YEAR

NAMIBIA

HOANIB RIVER VALLEY

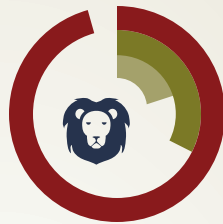
Desert-adapted lions in Namibia occur mostly outside protected areas in the Kunene Region. As the dry months force herbivores into the Hoanib River Valley, so the desert lions follow and this offers a good opportunity to see these rare carnivores.



KAFUE NATIONAL PARK ZAMBIA

In October, Kafue National Park's Busanga Plains becomes ground zero for watching lion hunts unfold.

- To get relief from October heat, the lions have taken to using raised points for the cooling breeze, climbing both fig trees and the raised decks of the camps.
- Because the terrain is open, lion hunts—unusually—can often be watched from start to finish as the pride chases and brings down their common prey species such as **red lechwe** and puku.



PERCENTAGE OF DAYS IN THE MONTH BUSANGA PLAINS LION SIGHTINGS

- 95% LION SIGHTINGS
- 30% LIONS ON KILLS
- 20% LIONS IN TREES



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BOTSWANA

CENTRAL KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

In October, it's one of the best places to see the **honey badger**, or ratel, one of the fiercest animals in Africa.

- Honey Badgers can live up to 20 years of age
- They have incredibly thick but loose skin. When a predator grabs, the animal rotates in its skin and turns toward the aggressor to counter attack.
- Besides its sharp teeth, claws and aggressive temperament, a honey badger uses stinky odor produced in the anal gland to chase away predators.



SOUTH AFRICA

HERMANUS

One of the best land-based whale watching locations in the world. October is the end of the **southern right whale** calving season. The coastal waters teem with the giant animals, mating, calving and rearing their young.



- The southern right gets its name from the simple fact it was once regarded as the "right" whale to hunt - the animals are slow-moving, rich in oil and baleen, float when killed, and provide an enormous yield.
- Females calve every 3 years.
- 4% of calves are born entirely white. This is a sex-linked genetic trait—all white calves are male—and the color darkens to the usual black as the animal matures.

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ZIMBABWE

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

In October in Zimbabwe's largest national park, the scarce water sources are magnets for amazing wildlife including elephant, buffalo, sable and roan antelope, giraffe, wildebeest, gemsbok, lion, leopard, wild dog, cheetah, Dickinson's kestrel, Bradfield's hornbill and Arnot's chat.

In a 24-hour waterhole count in the Linkwasha concession of southeastern Hwange, the following were observed:

3000+ ANIMALS

WITHIN A 6-MILE RADIUS OF THE WATERING HOLE



- 20 large mammal species
- 5 carnivore species



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