MASHONALAND WEST · ZIMBABWE

Mana Pools

Floodplain woodland on the Zambezi, where guided walking is allowed: elephants reaching for winterthorn pods, wild dogs, lions and buffalo under the albida trees, and hippos and crocodiles in the river.

117 animals 41 mammals, 65 birds, 8 reptiles, 2 amphibians and 1 fish **Best time:** Jun to Oct

Seen _____ of 117

ANIMAL DATE AND PLACE

01 Big game 6

- ☐ African Savanna Elephant
- ☐ Hippopotamus
- ☐ Cape Buffalo
- ☐ Lion
- ☐ Leopard
- ☐ Plains Zebra

02 Antelope and others 12

- ☐ Impala
- ☐ Waterbuck
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Nyala
- ☐ Common Duiker
- ☐ Sharpe's Grysbok
- ☐ Warthog
- ☐ Sable Antelope Rare
- ☐ Klipspringer Rare
- ☐ Bushpig Rare

03 Hunters 11

- ☐ African Wild Dog
- ☐ Spotted Hyena
- ☐ Side-striped Jackal
- ☐ African Civet

ANIMAL DATE AND PLACE

03 Hunters continued

- ☐ Large-spotted Genet
- ☐ White-tailed Mongoose
- ☐ Honey Badger Rare
- ☐ Serval Rare
- ☐ African Wildcat Rare
- ☐ Caracal Rare
- ☐ Cheetah Rare

04 Smaller mammals 12

- ☐ Chacma Baboon
- ☐ Vervet Monkey
- ☐ Banded Mongoose
- ☐ Dwarf Mongoose
- ☐ Slender Mongoose
- ☐ Tree Squirrel
- ☐ Lesser Bushbaby
- ☐ Thick-tailed Bushbaby
- ☐ Spotted-necked Otter Rare
- ☐ Cape Porcupine Rare
- ☐ Aardvark Rare
- ☐ Ground Pangolin Rare

05 Water birds 23

- ☐ African Fish Eagle
- ☐ Goliath Heron
- ☐ Great Egret

05 Water birds continued

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Hamerkop	
☐ Yellow-billed Stork	
☐ Saddle-billed Stork	
☐ African Openbill	
☐ Marabou Stork	
☐ African Sacred Ibis	
☐ Hadada Ibis	
☐ Egyptian Goose	
☐ Spur-winged Goose	
☐ White-faced Whistling Duck	
☐ African Darter	
☐ African Skimmer	
☐ Water Thick-knee	
☐ White-crowned Lapwing	
☐ Blacksmith Lapwing	
☐ African Jacana	
☐ Pied Kingfisher	
☐ Malachite Kingfisher	
☐ Giant Kingfisher	
☐ Rock Pratincole	

06 Birds of prey 12

☐ Bateleur	
☐ Wahlberg's Eagle	
☐ Martial Eagle	
☐ Tawny Eagle	
☐ Brown Snake Eagle	
☐ White-backed Vulture	
☐ Hooded Vulture	
☐ Lappet-faced Vulture	
☐ White-headed Vulture	
☐ Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	
☐ Pel's Fishing Owl Rare	
☐ Pearl-spotted Owlet	

07 Land birds 30

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Southern Carmine Bee-eater	
☐ White-fronted Bee-eater	
☐ Little Bee-eater	
☐ Lilac-breasted Roller	
☐ Racket-tailed Roller	
☐ Woodland Kingfisher	
☐ Brown-hooded Kingfisher	
☐ Trumpeter Hornbill	
☐ Crowned Hornbill	
☐ African Grey Hornbill	
☐ Southern Red-billed Hornbill	
☐ Southern Ground Hornbill	
☐ Lilian's Lovebird	
☐ Meyer's Parrot	
☐ Grey Go-away-bird	
☐ Purple-crested Turaco	
☐ Narina Trogon	
☐ Helmeted Guineafowl	
☐ Crested Guineafowl	
☐ Crested Francolin	
☐ Red-billed Oxpecker	
☐ Yellow-billed Oxpecker	
☐ Meves's Starling	
☐ Greater Blue-eared Starling	
☐ White-crested Helmetshrike	
☐ African Paradise Flycatcher	
☐ Fork-tailed Drongo	
☐ Green Woodhoopoe	
☐ Black-collared Barbet	
☐ Kori Bustard Rare	

08 Reptiles, frogs and fish 11

☐ Nile Crocodile	
☐ Nile Monitor	
☐ Leopard Tortoise	

	ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
08	**Reptiles, frogs and fish** continued	
☐	Serrated Hinged Terrapin	
☐	Flap-necked Chameleon	
☐	Puff Adder	
☐	African Rock Python Rare	

	ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
08	**Reptiles, frogs and fish** continued	
☐	Black Mamba Rare	
☐	Guttural Toad	
☐	Painted Reed Frog	
☐	Tigerfish	

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 117

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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BEST TIME

Jun to Oct

Mana Pools has a long dry season and a short, hot wet season.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.