

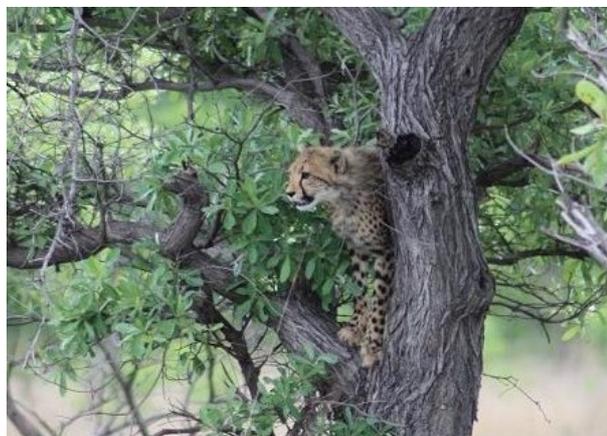


## Camp Phoenix – a wildlife magnet

### News update from the Elephant Orphanage Project

*To Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release Zambia's orphaned elephants back into the wild*

The early morning birds were still twittering as Lasick and Derick sat quietly enjoying their breakfast in the Camp Phoenix dining room, having just finished their night watch duty of the elephant orphans. The peace was suddenly broken by a thundering of hooves and a crash as a young waterbuck careered through the grass wall behind them! The panic stricken youngster, not phased by the human onlookers, then proceeded to seek cover by running further into our camp, passing by the keepers' accommodation. Hot on his trail two cheetah ground to a halt by our 'phone tree' at the edge of camp. Not as confident to enter our domain, the cheetah looked for a moment, then both took off in the direction they had just come. Lasick and Derick settled back down to their breakfast....just another morning at the Elephant Orphanage Project.



*A young cheetah cub plays in a tree just outside Camp Phoenix*

In the last few months Camp Phoenix has seen a plethora of exciting wildlife. As well as cheetah encounters, there has been lots of wild dog activity and sightings (including a similar incident with wild dog taking down an Impala just behind camp), a leopard kill was found outside our Classroom and even lions have been caught stalking the waterbuck that have taken up permanent residency within the camp periphery. The birdlife here is equally as thrilling: paradise fly-catchers tease one another in the bushes, flocks of bee-eaters terrorise the riverside bugs, the metallic blue bullets of kingfishers shoot up and down the river, and the ever graceful ballet of the Wattled Crane can be viewed down by the lagoon. The physical presence of Camp Phoenix coupled with increased park protection efforts in this area has perhaps given the local wildlife some reassurance of their safety here and we are currently the privileged few who are reaping the rewards with these spectacular sightings.

- Camp Phoenix is approx. 12km from KNP Headquarters (Ngoma)
- Currently we are 7 hours journey from either Lusaka or Livingstone
- 35mins from us on the lake: *Cookes African Safaris*
- 1hr 30 mins from us on the plains: *Nanzhila Plains Safaris Camp*

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