

A NOTE ON THE MAMMALS OF THE ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

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The small mammals of the Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) have been discussed and the large mammals listed by Swanepoel (1975, *Koedoe* 18: 103-130). Since this publication various changes have taken place and new species have been recorded. In addition, some species introduced to the AENP (Penzhorn 1971, *Koedoe* 14: 145-159) have succumbed. This note serves to bring the record up to date.

The grey rhebuck *Pelea capreolus*, mountain reedbuck *Redunca fulvorufula* and springbok *Antidorcas marsupialis* have all died. Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum* are very scarce and may be extinct. Annual reports of the National Parks Board of Trustees indicate that steenbok *Raphicerus campestris* (no numbers given) and two blue duiker *Cephalophus monticola* were introduced but neither of these two species have been seen for at least the past seven years.

A recent record of a small mammal is that of the least dwarf shrew *Suncus infinitesimus* as reported by Swanepoel & Branch (1982, *Koedoe* 25: 113-115). Genets in the AENP have been identified as the small-spotted genet *Genetta genetta* (Swanepoel was unable to identify the species due to lack of material). There are still no definite records of aardwolf *Proteles cristatus* in the park and this species should be removed from the list. The presence of caracal *Felis caracal* in the AENP has been confirmed by several sightings. No Cape hare *Lepus capensis* nor greater red rock hare *Pronolagus crassicaudatus* (De Graaff & Nel 1970, *Koedoe* 13: 147-150) have been recorded and these two species should be removed from the checklist as suggested by Swanepoel (1975).

Our own records have confirmed the presence of the following additional mammal species.

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Order Hyracoidea

ROCK DASSIE *Procavia capensis* (Pallas, 1766)
KLIPDAS

Recorded in January and February 1982, living in dense spekboomveld.

Order Primates

CHACMA BABOON *Papio ursinus* (Kerr, 1792)
KAAPSE BOBBEJAAN

A single adult male was seen on Zuurkop, Marion Barea and Woodlands during 1982. This animal had presumably come down from the nearby Zuurberg range where baboons are common.

Order Carnivora

WATER MONGOOSE *Atilax paludinosus* (G. Cuvier, 1829)
KOMMETJIEGATMUIHOND

The spoor and droppings of this species have been recorded at several dams and water points, including the pond at the rest camp.

STRIPED POLECAT *Ictonyx striatus* (Perry, 1810)
STINKMUIHOND

Several of these have been seen, confirming their presence. Swanepoel (1975) lists this species, but gives no comment. (He also lists the white naped weasel *Poecilogale albinucha*, but its presence is not confirmed and it should be removed from the list).

BLACK FOOTED CAT *Felis nigripes* Burchell, 1824
KLEIN GEKOLDE KAT

An adult was seen in the park by Hall-Martin (*pers. comm.*) during 1978. A sub-adult male trapped in the Addo district was released in the park during 1980. Subsequent to this, an adult was regularly seen at night in the Woodlands vicinity.

WILD CAT *Felis lybica* Forster, 1780
VAALBOSKAT

A number of sight records confirm the presence of this species in the park.

BAT-EARED FOX *Otocyon megalotis* (Desmarest, 1822)
BAKOORVOS

A dead female was found in the park during January 1982. This species was apparently introduced from the Kalahari some time ago (Van Straaten, *pers. comm.*).

CAPE FOX • *Vulpes chama* (A. Smith, 1833)
SILWERVOS

A single sight record in the Woodlands area (Hall-Martin, *pers. comm.*).

Order Chiroptera

COMMON SPLIT-FACED BAT *Nycteris thebaica* E. Geoffroy, 1818
GEWONE SPLEETNEUSVLERMUIS

Collected at the rest camp in 1982.

CAPE HORSESHOE BAT *Rhinolophus capensis*
KAAPSE SAALNEUSVLERMUIS Lichtenstein, 1823

Collected at the rest camp in 1982.

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