NORTH-WEST DISTRICT · BOTSWANA

Okavango Delta and Moremi

A vast inland delta of lagoons, papyrus and palm islands, explored by mokoro and on foot: wild dogs, lechwe and big cats.

87 species to look for: 37 mammals, 46 birds, 3 reptiles and 1 amphibian.

☐ Tick it when you see it ____ Note the date and place *Italic notes* say where to look Seen ____ of 87

01 The Big Five 4

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Lion *Duba Plains and Chief's Island; they swim between islands*	
☐ Leopard	
☐ African Savanna Elephant	
☐ Cape Buffalo *Herds of hundreds on the floodplains*	

02 Grazers and browsers 16

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Red Lechwe *Splashing across the floodplains; everywhere in the delta*	
☐ Tsessebe	
☐ Impala	
☐ Kudu	
☐ Waterbuck	
☐ Sitatunga *Deep papyrus swamps; best by boat and very shy*	
☐ Southern Giraffe	
☐ Plains Zebra	
☐ Wildebeest	
☐ Sable Antelope *Woodland on the drier edges of the delta*	
☐ Hippopotamus	
☐ Warthog	
☐ Southern Reedbuck	

02 Grazers and browsers CONTINUED

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Bushbuck	
☐ Steenbok	
☐ Common Duiker	

03 Hunters 9

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
☐ African Wild Dog *One of Africa's strongholds; best seen out hunting, as dens are easily disturbed*	
☐ Cheetah	
☐ Spotted Hyena	
☐ Black-backed Jackal	
☐ Side-striped Jackal	
☐ Serval	
☐ Honey Badger	
☐ African Civet	
☐ Large-spotted Genet	

04 Smaller mammals 8

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Chacma Baboon	
☐ Vervet Monkey	
☐ Spotted-necked Otter	
☐ Banded Mongoose	
☐ Dwarf Mongoose	

SPECIES | DATE AND PLACE

04 Smaller mammals CONTINUED

- [ ] Slender Mongoose
- [ ] Tree Squirrel
- [ ] Lesser Bushbaby

05 Water birds 18

- [ ] African Fish Eagle
- [ ] Wattled Crane
- [ ] Slaty Egret
  A delta speciality
- [ ] Black Heron
  Fishing in the shade of its own wings, spread like an umbrella
- [ ] Saddle-billed Stork
- [ ] African Openbill
- [ ] Marabou Stork
- [ ] Yellow-billed Stork
- [ ] Goliath Heron
- [ ] Hamerkop
- [ ] African Jacana
- [ ] African Pygmy Goose
  Among the water lilies
- [ ] White-faced Whistling Duck
- [ ] Spur-winged Goose
- [ ] Egyptian Goose
- [ ] Malachite Kingfisher
- [ ] Pied Kingfisher
- [ ] Giant Kingfisher

06 Birds of prey 10

- [ ] Pel's Fishing Owl
  Roosting in big riverside trees; the delta's star bird
- [ ] Bateleur
- [ ] Martial Eagle
- [ ] Tawny Eagle

SPECIES | DATE AND PLACE

06 Birds of prey CONTINUED

- [ ] Brown Snake Eagle
- [ ] White-backed Vulture
- [ ] Lappet-faced Vulture
- [ ] Hooded Vulture
- [ ] Verreaux's Eagle-Owl
- [ ] Pearl-spotted Owlet

07 Land birds 18

- [ ] Southern Ground Hornbill
- [ ] Kori Bustard
- [ ] Secretary Bird
- [ ] Lilac-breasted Roller
- [ ] Southern Carmine Bee-eater
  Summer visitor, September to March
- [ ] Little Bee-eater
- [ ] Woodland Kingfisher
- [ ] Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill
- [ ] Southern Red-billed Hornbill
- [ ] Meyer's Parrot
- [ ] Grey Go-away-bird
- [ ] Swamp Boubou
- [ ] Coppery-tailed Coucal
- [ ] Arrow-marked Babbler
- [ ] Red-billed Oxpecker
- [ ] Helmeted Guineafowl
- [ ] Swainson's Spurfowl
- [ ] Crested Francolin

08 Reptiles and amphibians 4

- [ ] Nile Crocodile
- [ ] Nile Monitor
- [ ] African Rock Python
- [ ] Painted Reed Frog

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ of 87

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

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