



Being Young in the Bushveld: Photographing cubs in Sabi Sands Reserve

Description

Very Special Encounters with Young Animals of All Species

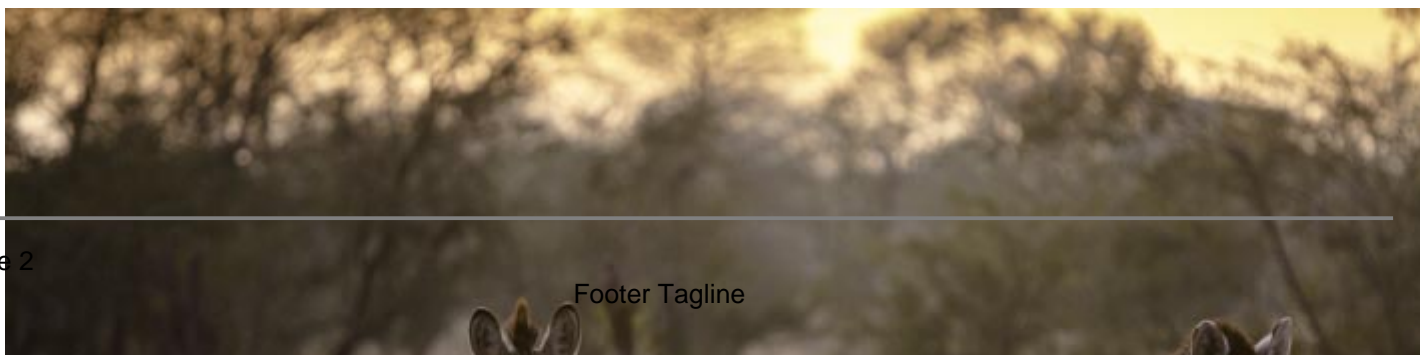


Leopard cub follows its mother through the grass

We just spent a spectacular 2 days in Sabi and another in the big cat reserve. There seemed to be young animals every where: baby giraffes, zebras, and elephants.



Mother and young giraffe come to drink



baby zebra and family at sunset



Two baby elephants

Our first evening we were treated to lion cubs and the whole pride. They played while walking with their father, nursed from their mother, and did some exploring.



A cub walks with a juvenile male, probably a brother



Lion pride mosh pit with the whole family together



This cub is not too confident about climbing a tree

The lions were great and the food and quiet star-filled sky at night was very nice, but for me our second morning was the best. We found a mother leopard and her cubs out for a walk. They follow obediently behind her then when we stopped, they had a chance to nurse. Then it was back to some exploring and games with mom close by. More nursing and a quick clean by mom and it was time to find shade and a nap.



playing with mom



Mom leopard nursing her two cubs



One cub gets a meal while the other gets a quick clean up from mom



Playing attack games

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