

# Boulders Beach - Western Cape Outing - May 2022

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What a pleasure to have met a few fellow wildlife photographers! We were five in total, and all started arriving after early preparations and drives. But even before the gate opened, we discovered a small walkway called Burghers' Walk that you can enter completely free! Along it we came upon a couple of penguins in the grass beside the path, and further on, some on the path and even further, way down below on enormous boulders! Superb backlighting was our friend just then.

Soon we went through the gate and down to the beaches. Penguins and dassies were everywhere! The beautiful black and white birds can be seen swimming, basking, sleeping, courting and mating - it was very special to be a part of their lives for a time. You don't even want to know about the dassies... They were climbing trees and basking on rocks like kings. One fellow even lay down near a penguin in a pose just like one.

And so if you explored any nook or cranny you'd find something to press the shutter to (we just had to keep an eye on the tide on the further beaches). We also saw a family of adorable four-striped field mice, multiple southern rock agamas of many hues, and had brilliant bird sightings of red-winged starlings and a friendly little egret as well.

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