

Cape Point - Western Cape Outing - January 2022

Outing report prepared by Eon Grobler

The morning found us in the reserve.

Right up the road from our parked vehicles we were surprised by two striped lumps. Nothing but the road between us and the zebras. It was phenomenal to be that close on foot.



Clambering into the vehicles, we were soon slowing down to photograph some bontebok in the young light. We hopped in our drives and hopped out again soon in search of four furry creatures at Olifantsbos. You can only imagine how the place got its name - perhaps large beasts dwelt here not that long ago. Of the otters, our eyes saw many tracks but nothing else.

Striding along the beach to Die Mond a few great birds revealed themselves including a European honey buzzard swooping by. We later also saw a peregrine falcon.

All along Ethan brought us on an informative experience in this wonderful place he knows as the back of his hand. By his lead we saw many places and creatures the average visitor can but hear about.

Driving on to Cape of Good Hope we stood at Africa's Southwestern point and heard Cape fur seals groaning comically on the rocks alongside their cormorant companions. Their fur and the rock behind blended so well many other people heard something but saw nothing.

Platboom and an ostrich family found us next. They were walking on the beach! We were allowed almost strangely close and had experiences we'll never forget.

Last was Bordjiesdrif and Buffelsbaai beach. The reserve gifted us with a small adventure following in the hooves of the largest antelope species in the world, eland.

