



Waterberg Nature Conservancy Newsletter

Occasionally issued news of interest to WNC members and others in the Waterberg

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otherwise attributed.

Next General Meeting

Date: Thursday, 17 May

Venue: Vaalwater Rivier Oord
(two km past the Spar on the old Ellisras Road, turn left)

Time: 2:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Ben-Erik van Wyk Ethnobotany and Medicinal Plants

Ben-Erik van Wyk is a professor of Botany at the University of Johannesburg with a research interest in systematic botany and plant utilization. He is the author of international scientific bestsellers such as *Medicinal Plants of the World* and *Food Plants of the World*.

He is the co-author of *Medicinal Plants of South Africa*, a guide to the most commonly used and best known South African medicinal plants, including their botany, traditional uses and active ingredients.

We will also hear from Colonel Loekie Harmse about crime in the Waterberg. Colonel Harmse is based in Modimolle and heads the cluster of police stations that includes Vaalwater, Dorset, and Rankin's Pass.

Food and Drink

RSVP to Heidi Carlton by Monday 14 May 2012
(contact details at left)

In Memory of Charles Baber

We share the sad news that Charles Baber passed away at 82 years of age, peacefully in his sleep on the night of 30 April 2012. Charles leaves Nina, his loving and devoted wife of more than 50 years; their children Juliet, Anthony, and Rupert; and their families.

Charles was an Honorary Life Member of the Waterberg Nature Conservancy. We recognized his life-long involvement and leadership in many spheres of Waterberg activities. He had been a successful Bonsmara cattle farmer since 1949. He was involved in local conservation and tourism activities, both of which reflected his great pride in and promotion of the Waterberg. He was renowned for his local knowledge, his hospitality and his ever-present sense of humour. He worked tirelessly to break down divisions between elements of our complex society and to build, in their place, bridges of constructive dialogue. The fruits of this effort are manifest in the very high regard with which he was held throughout our community. In recent years, Charles wore well the mantles of Patriarch of the extended Baber family

and Story Teller to anyone interested in the Waterberg. A fourth-generation resident, Charles' personal insights into Waterberg history and his Farm Tours never failed to delight and enlighten.

Charles will be terribly missed by his family, his many friends, and so many others who admired him. We offer our deepest sympathies to Nina, Juliet, Ant, Rupert and their families.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to several new members:

- Andries and Steffi van Wijk of Wilde Avontuur.
- Nyathi Wildlife and Eco Estate, in particular Stephan and Miranda Schmelzer, the first permanent residents of the estate.
- Matt Bowers, a volunteer with the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.
- Sue and Alan Jarman, Matamba Farm.
- Rupert and Tanya Baber, Triple B Ranch.

The 67 members of the Waterberg Nature Conservancy reflect a variety of bush activities – private reserves and private homes, tourism operations, game ranching, hunting, commercial agriculture, conservation research, environmental education, small business. Think about your neighbours and friends who might be interested in joining us. We will provide them with full information, and invite them to join. Let us know.

For those of you in the Waterberg who are receiving this Newsletter but are not Conservancy members, please join us. In recent months, you've missed presentations about the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism (LEDET, Maylene Broderick); the Limpopo River: From Source to Sea (Clive Walker); the Bateleurs, the non-profit environmental flying organisation (Avroy Shlain and Justin Bass); Waterberg history (Richard Wadley); Invasive and Alien Vegetation (Phetole Manyama); Lapalala Wilderness School (Anthony Roberts); Parasites (Peter Oberem). We've also heard about BirdLife SA; Cheetah Metapopulation Project; SANParks Honourary Rangers; Operation Oxpecker; Welgevonden research; and much, much more.

Limpopo Environmental Management Act

LEDET is frequently asked about legal issues regarding Hunting, Game in Captivity, and Exempted Farms. These brochures attached as pdf documents should answer many of your questions. Note they have not been published officially yet and are only available in this digital format.

You're encouraged to pass these linked brochures on to others you know who will be interested. If you have questions, please call Kobus Pienaar (Senior Environmental Officer, Modimolle Service Centre) 082 809 8875.

Hunting Information.
Exemptions and Exempted Farms.
Captive Keeping of Wild Animals in Limpopo.

Waterberg Conservationist of the Year Award

Given that we are privileged to live within the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, much of which consists of unspoiled terrain of great scenic beauty and biodiversity, it is all the more important that we recognise individual residents who display an awareness of this privilege and who work proactively to safeguard it.

Among our residents, there surely are some whose contributions to conservation, either in the course of their commercial operations or the management of their properties, stand out from the rest of us and who could serve as champions for us to emulate.

For this reason, we're initiating an annual Waterberg Conservationist of the Year award and would like to identify individuals who might be candidates for what we hope will become a prestigious and sought-after accolade.

It is not necessary for a candidate to be a member of the Conservancy in order to qualify for the award (in fact we might find that the award leads to increased membership!) – although of course that would be welcomed too. It is important for nominees to have demonstrated unusual concern for the environment through their operations, policies and actions.

We'll soon be asking members to nominate candidates for the award; but first, we'd like your help in defining just what characteristics we should be looking for when making the final selection. For example, we think the following criteria might be critical:

- The candidate is a 'permanent' resident of the Waterberg.
- The candidate has incorporated effective conservation principles into his / her normal land management.
- The candidate is supportive of formal conservation programmes, even though he or she might not be a high-profile active participant.
- The candidate displays a high level of responsibility for both the natural and social environment in which we live.
- The successful candidate would be an influential advocate for conservation and an important example for others to follow.

Your ideas, suggestions and comments – soon please – will be appreciated.

Wild Dogs in the Waterberg

by Michelle Thorn

For some time, the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and LEDET have been receiving reports about free-ranging African Wild Dogs sighted in the Waterberg. These reports span the whole Waterberg, including farmland as well as conservation areas. Several land owners have raised concerns about the financial cost of Wild Dog predation on their game and livestock. Recent research also revealed that at least 50 Wild Dogs were killed by Waterberg land owners in the period from February 2010 to August 2011.

The EWT organised a meeting in mid April to gather ideas for addressing the financial and conservation concerns arising from this situation. Representatives from the EWT, LEDET, WRSA, the Ellisras Game Study Group, Lapalala Wilderness, Welgevonden Game Reserve, Marakele Pty, Marakale National Park (SANParks), the University of Pretoria, the Waterberg Nature Conservancy and the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve were present. Wild Dog experts from KwaZulu Natal and Kruger National Park also attended.

The meeting took three hours and we are now assembling a summary of the information provided by participants, and the actions that were agreed. These details will be made available to the public as soon as the information has been compiled. Given the contentious nature of the topic, it was no surprise that we were unable to find a fast and affordable solution that will please everyone. However, after much discussion, it became apparent that there are four key areas where we can make some immediate progress toward addressing the concerns of land owners in a manner that is compatible with the South African Action Plan for the Conservation of Cheetahs and African Wild Dogs. These are:

1. Putting in place communication and logistical mechanisms for responding to land owners asking for help with Wild Dogs.
2. Researching the local Wild Dog distribution, movement patterns and numbers.
3. Providing land owners with factual information about the Waterberg Wild Dogs.
4. Fund-raising to pay for all of the above, and for additional future activities. The current economic climate affects every organisation and nobody has spare money to cover these costs.

Some of these activities are already underway and there were some good ideas for medium and longer term initiatives that can be considered once we have more information and funding to work with. In the meantime, we would like to thank all of the individuals and organisations involved in the meeting for giving up their time. We would also like to thank Welgevonden Game Reserve, who very kindly hosted the meeting.

Vaalwater Community Forum News

by Richard Wadley

The Vaalwater Community Forum (VCF) is an informal grouping of representatives from most of the voluntary and non-governmental organisations in the Vaalwater region, its purpose being to co-ordinate the progression of initiatives of common interest on behalf of (or with) the individual bodies represented. It was established in order to deal collectively with issues such as municipal land rates; local government service delivery both in Vaalwater / Leseding and in the surrounding area; responses to property developments; and the enhancement of Vaalwater and environs as a tourist destination.

Since its formation a little over a year ago, the VCF has held numerous intensive, but generally disappointing discussions with the Modimolle Local Municipality in the hope of persuading and assisting the municipality to spend funds actually allocated to it for specific community projects. These include the construction of the first phase of a formal hawkers' trading facility (on the ground in front of the post office); the removal of indiscriminate, haphazard commercial signage along the roads into town, and its replacement by formal advertising towers; and the regular, systematic maintenance of the town's roads, sidewalks and lights. As a result of the failure of the Municipality to address these and other matters, despite having the funds to do so, the VCF has now been forced to appeal to higher levels of government to intervene.

The Waterberg District Municipality, in contrast, has been very supportive of the objectives of the VCF and has demonstrated this support through its repeated financial endorsement of the annual Game Festival (Wildsfees); and through the grant of funds to the local municipality for the beautification of the town – which the local municipality has been unable to spend. The competence and sincerity of the Waterberg District Municipality has also been evidenced in the conclusion of its Environmental Management Framework for the district, and the alignment of this with the proposed zonation of the expanded Waterberg Biosphere Reserve. We are fortunate to have a district level of government of this calibre.

The VCF, together with the Vaalwater branch of the Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU), has also had numerous discussions – of varying promise – with the provincial roads and transport department (one of five provincial departments now under central government administration), in an attempt to secure a programme and commitment for the maintenance and repair of roads in the region. At least, funding was eventually sourced that would enable the completion of the re-building of the R33 between Modimolle and Vaalwater (scheduled for completion in September this year) – at the expense of some other tar roads in the province.

The GM of the roads department has acknowledged that he has very limited funds at his disposal; and that these must be directed at those important roads most requiring urgent remedial attention. Accordingly, we responded to his request for a prioritised list of roads in our area requiring various types of attention: verge clearing (a mandatory requirement in terms of the Fire Act); re-graveling; and scraping.

Apart from the three tar roads that traverse the plateau, we listed as high priority the D710/D579 (Tarentaalstraat); the series of roads linking Bakkerspas with Rankin's Pass, Alma and the R33 at both Oasis Cafe and at Nylstene; and the roads running from the R33 through Visgat, Dorset and Tretsom to Tarentaalstraat. The huge holes in the Dorset road outside Ant's Nest were also brought to the department's attention. Let's see what effect this has. We do know that in the Thabazimbi area, a re-graveling unit that has been active there for the last several months has led to great improvement in road conditions.

Unfortunately, the latest news is that road maintenance has been suspended due to a troubled (national) diesel fuel contract. The Waterberg units should have received new supplies by the end of April, after which the occasional grader might again be seen working on some of our roads.

The VCF and TAU have recently been in discussion with evaluators appointed by the Modimolle local Municipality to provide an updated property evaluation roll for use in determining municipal rates for the period 2012-2016. We have proposed that both the property valuations and rates assessments used in the last round (2008) be adopted for the new period, on the basis that property values, which might have risen in 2008/2009, are now back to or below their levels of 2007. The evaluators appeared sympathetic to this idea, but their final proposal is still awaited. The new roll – and monthly rates – is due for implementation from July 2012.

Recently, the VCF was drawn into mediating a dispute that has arisen over the unpleasant odour – and risk of water pollution – emanating from a new piggery that has been established on the new R33 to Lephalale a few kilometres out of Vaalwater and immediately upwind of its two leading schools. The VCF initially asked a number of questions of the developer and his environmental consultants relating to their compliance with all relevant regulations in obtaining approval to proceed with the development. We have been assured that all

approvals were obtained, but have not yet been given proof of this. In addition, the developer has been made aware of, and has acknowledged, the fact that the odour from effluent at the piggery is unacceptable to the surrounding community and that he is obliged to take urgent measures to deal with it. There is also growing concern about the risk that the proximity of his current effluent disposal site to a wetland – which drains into the Mogol River – could lead to pollution of groundwater and potential health issues. The developer and his consultants have been asked to attend to this matter as well. In the meanwhile, inspectors from LEDET and the departments of agriculture, health and water affairs have been called to the site – and may be requested to return. Their reports are awaited.

Finally, the VCF has been encouraging the re-formation of a Chamber of Commerce, or Sakekamer in Vaalwater. In most towns, the business community is the most influential body when it comes to the discussion and implementation of programmes to upgrade the town; and the poor state of municipal facilities in Vaalwater must in some respects be due to the apathy of our local business community. A new initiative plans to involve the participation of the successful and very active Modimolle Chamber of Commerce (called the Waterberg Sakekamer) and other, national groupings in stimulating interest among our business folk.

Photos, Photos, Photos

We need your photos for the Conservancy Newsletter.

Good photos, interesting views, unique pictures – please share!

Stories, Stories, Stories

We need your stories, articles, essays, announcements for the Conservancy Newsletter.

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Book Review

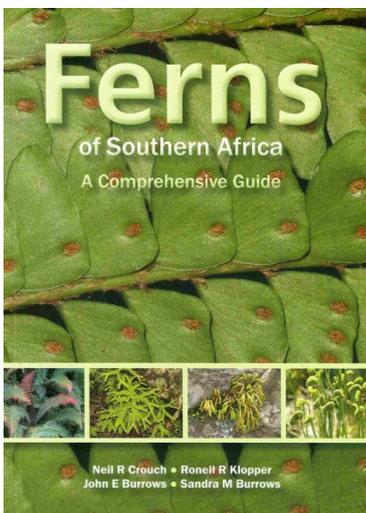
by Richard Wadley

Ferns of Southern Africa – a Comprehensive Guide

By Neil Crouch, Ronell Klopper, John & Sandra Burrows. 2011.

Struik Nature. 776 pages, A5, plasticised softcover. R 395.

Available from good bookseller, or directly from Struik: www.randomstruik.co.za and click on Struik Nature tab.



OK, so how many types of fern do you think you have on your Waterberg property? Two? Five? More? The answer, according to this magnificent, comprehensive and exhaustively illustrated field guide, is probably, *many* more. Over 40 of the 321 species of fern described in the book are shown to occur in the Waterberg; and although several of them, unsurprisingly, will be restricted to the steep moist, wooded cliffs of the southern and eastern escarpments from Aasvoëlkop around to Hanglip, many others can be found across the plateau, along rivers, on open rocky slopes and adjacent to wetland areas.

There is any number of books about the trees, shrubs and flowering plants to be found in that part of the African sub-continent south of a rough line along the Limpopo, Kavango and Kunene rivers, but it is many years since the last similar publication on ferns. This book fills a significant gap in the nature lover's library; and does so in a way that will ensure its role as the standard reference on the subject for many years to come.

Ferns describes all species of ferns and related plants known to occur in the region. Each species is illustrated in great detail with high quality photographs

of the plant, leaves, 'seeds' (*sporangia*) and habitat, accompanied by a distribution map and occasionally augmented by line diagrams. A minor criticism is the lack of scale bars on the imagery.

The book is structured around a comprehensive, yet highly functional taxonomic key to guide the reader to the genus and even species of fern being searched for. Terminology can prove rather daunting to the uninitiated, as parts of the plants have names very different from those usually encountered with trees and flowering plants. But there is an outstanding, profusely illustrated glossary to assist with the learning of a handful of critical distinguishing criteria; and a good index of common and scientific names.

Most readers will be surprised to find that some species illustrated in the book, and which they will almost certainly have noticed on their bush rambles, are actually ferns, even though they don't look the way one might expect: *Schizaea*, for example, are ferns with grass-like leaves, terminating in a distinctive, arcuate comb-like structure; species of *Marsilea*, an aquatic genus, often resemble clover-shaped lilies floating on the water; while *Pipularia* look like small, spikey, mud-loving succulents. All are ferns.

The four authors are all specialist botanists with longstanding interests in ferns; and the husband and wife team of John & Sandra Burrows were responsible for the last book on ferns, over twenty years ago. Their writing is clear and concise and readily accessible to the diligent lay reader. Although not cheap, the book is highly recommended to anyone with an interest in the topic.

85 Ways to Care for the Earth – Numbers 55 through 85

The Wildlife & Environment Society of SA (WESSA) is celebrating its 85th birthday. For the occasion, it has produced a small, fold-out booklet that identifies 85 ways to care for the earth. They've grouped the suggestions into five categories – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Get Water Wise; Biodiversity is Life; Go for Green Energy; and General Ideas to Help Care for the Earth. With WESSA's permission, we're publishing these suggestions in three Newsletters, of which this is the third. You'll find many of these very familiar and obvious, which of course doesn't negate their value. You'll find some new ideas here as well. Here are numbers 55 through 85 in the categories of Go for Green Energy and General Ideas to Help Care for the Earth!:

Go for Green Energy

55. Unplug all energy sappers like appliances, computers and cellphone chargers when not in use. And switch off lights!
56. Improve insulation in your home and switch to light emitting diode (LED) bulbs
57. Take the plunge and install solar panels to run some of your electrical equipment
58. Change to solar geysers or heat pumps to conserve electricity and cut costs
59. Insulate geyser and geyser pipes to prevent heat loss
60. Reduce thermostat in geysers to 55 degree to conserve electricity
61. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothes goes to heating the water
62. Attempt to lower your electricity bill knowing that this will be as much about the planet as saving money
63. Lobby for and be prepared to buy green energy
64. Join or create a 90 X 2030 club and commit to reducing your impact in the Earth by 90% by 2030. Visit <http://90by2030.wordpress.com/>
65. Lobby for better public transport and then use it
66. Visit a ride-share website like www.findalift.co.za with the view to sharing transport
67. Reduce average travelling speed if you do use a car
68. Keep your tires properly inflated – this not only prevents wear and tear on the tires, but also saves fuel
69. Put your name down for a South African "Joule" electric car
70. Get pedaling! A bike is much quicker in traffic and much cheaper than public transport
71. Think hard before you buy an air-ticket
72. Eat more vegetables and cut down on meat – look at Meat Free Mondays! Buy WESSA ShareNet's Eating for the Earth for ideas on vegetarian meals

General ideas to help care for the Earth!

73. Looking for a "green" way to clean your taps, sink or stainless steel? Rub a slice of cucumber on the surface - not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks or harm your fingers or fingernails!
74. Invest in a solar cooker or make a hot box and use it to prepare your meals

75. Cut the bottom off 2l coke bottles and place them over seedlings – this will protect them and keep moisture in
 76. Work at reducing the amount of pesticides, other poisons and inorganic fertilizers used in your area and opt for eco-friendly detergents in your home
 77. Use your old Telkom directories to peel your veggies into, and then throw it all into your compost heap. And don't replace the directory – use the online directory instead
 78. Whenever possible, buy from local farmers or farmers markets and opt for 'Proudly South African' products or merchandise
 79. Take a walk in Twinstreams' dune forest (Mtunzini, KZN), and attempt to comprehend the selfless act of the man – Ian Garland – who planted 85,000 indigenous trees in the act of returning the environment to its natural state
 80. Participate in an Environmental Impact Assessment course and learn how you can take part in the public participation of these processes
 81. Stand up against environmentally destructive practices rather than hiding in a comfortable corner and waiting for others to do the dirty work for you
 82. Grow gratitude for our Earth by verbally praising what is recognized as beauty in the world wherever you see it and open the eyes of those who cannot see the environmental wonders that surround them
 83. Become a green ambassador – especially for your kids. Take every opportunity to point out areas of concern or positive environmental moves you learn about. Take the initiative to start up a green drive at home, work or school
 84. Everyone is actually trying their best; look for, and point out the ways they are doing so to others
 85. Join an environmental organization – WESSA!
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**Wait, there's more in this Newsletter.
Learn a little about some of our members.**

Scroll on to Member Profiles.

Company	Contact	Contact Numbers	Email	Web Address	Brief Description
Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill Bush homes	Tessa and Ant Baber	014 755 4296 / 014 755 3584 / 083 287 2885	reservations@waterberg.net	www.waterberg.net and www.ridingsouthafrica.com	Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill are private bush homes in the magnificent malaria-free Waterberg. Enjoy fabulous horse riding safaris, guided bush walks or game drives on our privately owned property. Suitable for families, riders, honeymooners or just good friends travelling together
Driehoek Feeds / Voere	Janneman van der Merwe Karel van Vuuren Hanlee van der Walt	014 755 4370 014 755 4211 083 273 2743	Janneman@driehoek.co.za and info@driehoek.co.za	www.driehoekfeeds.co.za and www.equusfeeds.co.za	With over 20 years experience in milling, Driehoek Feeds manufactures a wide range of products. With a committed team of expert nutritionists, Driehoek Feeds has become a leader in the highly specialised Game Feeding industry. Driehoek has also recently launched the new Equus Range of horse feeds which compare to the highest international standards. For Cattle, Game, Poultry and other farm feeds, Driehoek combines research and science with value for money in every bag!
Equus Horse Safaris	Wendy Adams John Miller	014 721 0063	equus@equus.co.za	www.equus.co.za	Since 1989, Equus Horse Safaris has offered exhilarating riding on well-schooled horses in scenically diverse bush. Experienced riders enjoyed personal and qualified guiding. Wendy has retired from guiding, but Carla Lucassen is operating Savannah Horse Trails on Equus Reserve, providing the same high quality riding.
Kgama Eco-Ranch (Pty) Ltd 	Steven Klagsbrun	012 362 2280 (office) 012 362 5982 (fax) 083 450 7510	steven@kdv.co.za		Conservation – Fauna and Flora – Ecological enhancement. Selected hunting opportunities.

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Kololo Game Reserve is situated in the heart of the Waterberg biosphere: A malaria-free area, home to a large variety of game makes Kololo a perfect safari destination. Visit neighbouring reserves and view the Big 5 - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo, or enjoy a sneak preview over the fence, from the comfort of your chalet at Kololo.

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Where the real Africa begins!

Our company's main activity is hunting. Kwalata consists of 13 000ha. Kwalata boasts 4 of the Big 5 and numerous plains game species and birds.

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<p>Mokabi Lodge, Moletadikgwa Wildlife Sanctuary</p> 	<p>Lyn and Richard Wadley</p>	<p>014 755 3506 083 609 1425 083 609 1464</p>	<p>yeldaw@mweb.co.za</p>	<p>www.mokabilodge.com</p>	<p>A luxury stone and thatch self-catering lodge set in secluded woodland affords guests a comfortable and tranquil experience in the magnificent Waterberg. Numerous clearly marked and annotated walking trails and mountain bike routes on this private game reserve enable visitors to enjoy the diversity of plant, bird and animal life offered by the unique environment of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve</p>
<p>M`solosolo Safari</p>  <p>Relax in the heart of the Waterberg biosphere, private but luxury!!!!!!</p>	<p>Dr. Volker and Marita Neemann</p>	<p>014 755 4106 / 083 450 6535</p>	<p>office@msolosolo.com</p>	<p>www.msolosolo.com</p>	<p>Nestled deep in the Waterberg, you enter a quiet, malaria- and crime-free paradise. Your German hosts have been successfully involved in the hunting and lodging business for over 12 years. Activities include hunting trips with a professional hunter, guided walks to bushman paintings, horse riding, clay target shooting, pistol shooting exercises, bird watching or game drives in an open 4x4 vehicle. We gladly organize elephant back rides, visits to the white lion park or a personal touch with rhinos. Longer trips e.g. to the Kruger National or Pilanesberg Park, sightseeing or tours to God's window or Tzaneen can also be organized.</p>

<p>Nkonka Bush Lodge, Nkonka African Safaris and Idube Safari Lodge</p> 	<p>Conway and Becky Volek</p>	<p>082 824 1750, 082 570 8494, 014 755 4170</p>	<p>conway@nkonka.co.za</p>	<p>www.nkonkabushlodge.co.za www.nkonka.co.za</p>	<p>Under the shade of the bushveld, broad leaved trees, the 4 star Nkonka Bush Lodge, provides guests with an escape to enjoy the true beauty of nature surrounding them. Enjoy the small, intimate nature of the camp on a fully or self catered basis. Informative game drives or walks with our experienced guide, mountain biking and trips to surrounding attractions can all be enjoyed during your tranquil bushveld getaway. There is also the option of a self catered rustic bush camp, which is exclusive to one party at a time, so you are able to enjoy the beautiful Waterberg in the manner you prefer.</p>
<p>Swebeswebe Wildlife Estate</p> 	<p>Ken Maud</p>	<p>014 763 6261 087 943 3063</p>	<p>ken@swebeswebe.com</p>	<p>www.swebeswebe.com</p>	<p>An exclusive private wildlife estate measuring more than 5,000 hectares that is dedicated to conservation and environmental education. This impressive expanse of diverse African bush is in a Malaria free area and has 20 kilometers of riverine habitat flanked by impressive sandstone cliffs guarding ancient rock art paintings and is home to over 30 species of mammals. More than 300 recorded species of birds, and a variety of reptiles characteristic of this part of the bushveld, all add to the diverse charms of this secluded African retreat.</p>