

OUT OF AFRICA –
A WILDLIFE
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Agenda – Out of Africa Presentation

- Overview of Trip – Beth Seeley
- Wildlife Short Stories – Rich Seeley
- Africa – Safari Central – Judith Monteferrante
- Paintings in the Wild – Roger Salisbury
- Closing Comments – Wendie Demuth



The Photographers...

Rod Chandler, Judith Monteferrante, Roger Salisbury, Rich Seeley, Bob Karcz



The Itinerary



The Safari Vehicle



Photographing Flamingos on Lake Nakuru



The Driver/Guides – This is Ben, our lead driver



Wilson was our second driver/guide – quite the character!



Best to leave the driving to them!



“Tented Camps” – not exactly roughing it!



The tents were similarly outfitted...



All the comforts of home!



Meals were always freshly prepared...



And served outdoors whenever possible.



Some camps had no fences to keep wildlife out



So we had to be escorted by armed guards



Often the camp prepared a picnic breakfast or lunch



“Buffet on the Hood” with minimal wildlife around...



This guy's eating my banana!



Air travel is a little different...



The TSA would be mortified...



This airstrip had all the accoutrements...



Including the opportunity to shop!



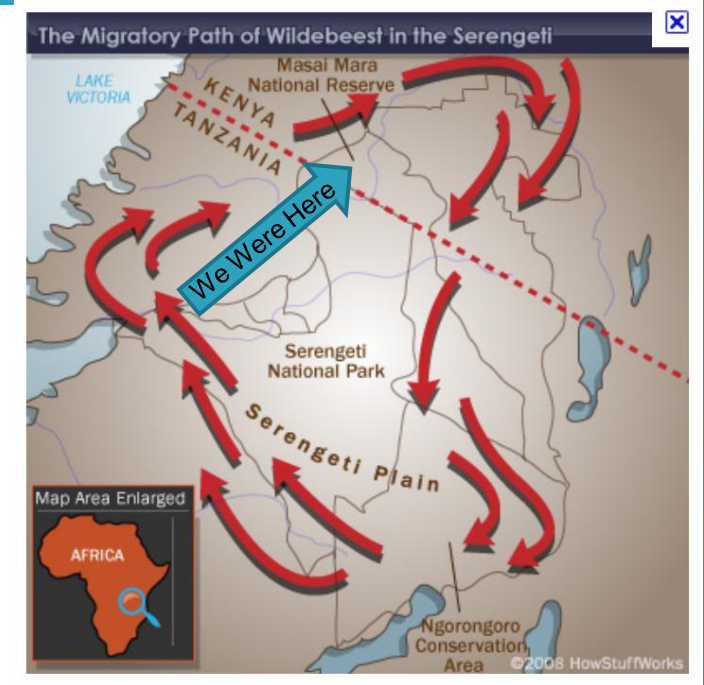
It says “Bye-Bye” – but we know we’ll be back!

Wildlife Short Stories

- The Great Wildebeest Migration
- Elephant Stampede
- How Close Were Those Animals?

Great Wildebeest Migration

- Known as the greatest wildlife show on earth
- 1.5 – 2.0 Million wildebeest and 200,000 zebras
 - Moving in a constant annual cycle
 - No beginning or end
- Follow the rainfall pattern in search of nourishing grass
- 400,000 calves are born Jan-Feb in the Serengeti all within a few weeks
- In 3-5 hours after birth calves are ready to run with the herd
- Mid May to late July traveling north across border to the Masai Mara National Game Reserve



Mara River Crossing

- ❑ Mid July to mid Oct herd resides in the Masai Mara Game Reserve
- ❑ While grazing they will cross the Mara river many times back and forth because the “grass is greener on the other side”
 - ❑ No set schedule, sometimes twice in a day or no crossings for days.
- ❑ We arrived minutes before the tipping point
- ❑ We photographed from the edge of the ravine as they descended and crossed the river



Herd Masses and Reaches Tipping Point



Plunging Into the River

The Crossing



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Hazards

- ❑ Strong current
- ❑ Drowning's
- ❑ Crocodiles



Mara River Crossing Video

[Link to
Video](#)



Return to the Serengeti

- Mid-Oct to November travel back to Serengeti National park in Tanzania
- The cycle continues



Elephant Stampede

- Roger noticed a dust cloud on the horizon
- Road repair crew probably caused elephant herd to panic
- Headed straight for our vehicles, then veered off to our right
- We were awestruck and it was only our second day!

Elephant Stampede Video

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Just How Close Are Those Animals?



Verreaux Eagle Owlet Fledgling
About 40 feet away



Practicing Flight
Zoomed to 200mm

Eagle Owlet – moved in closer



25-30 feet



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Must be Something Closer



10-15 feet



PHOTO BY BETH SEELEY

Even Closer

My Polar Bear Guide – Way Too Close



My Polar Bear Guide – Escaped to tell the story



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