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A lioness with flies in Lake Ndutu in Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania © Roie Galitz

Textures on the back of an elephant's ear in Kruger National Park, South Africa © Ernest Porter

A white rhino calf refuses to leave its mother after she was
A gelada (also known as a bleeding-heart monkey) in the Ethiopian Highlands, Ethiopia © Kevin Doolcy

Mzee (100) poses with his wife (90) for a portrait in Jinja, Uganda © Bob Ditty
A bateleur in full flight in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Willie van Schalkwyk

Dust fills the air as wildebeest make their way across the Mara River in Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © Tania Cholwich

Lion cubs look up at their mother while at a wildebeest kill in Sabi Sands Private
On a hot day an epauletted fruit bat mother lets her young catch a breeze in her open wing to help cool it down.

Balule Private Nature Reserve, South Africa © Anna-Carina Nagel

A male lion stretches out and rests in the high grass of Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © Björn Persson

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Game Reserve, South Africa © Daniel Koen
“I see you” – a silverback mountain gorilla from a newly habituated group keeps a close eye on the photographer in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda © Guillaume Niger

Baby meerkats at play in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Prelena Soma Owen
A lion drags an elephant calf under a tree to feed after it was killed by two lions the previous night, Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe © Jens Cullmann

“Pride of Africa” – an elephant in Amboseli National Park, Kenya © Thomas Vijayan

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“Pride of Africa” – an elephant in Amboseli National Park, Kenya © Thomas Vijayan
A young mountain gorilla from the Nkuringo family group waits out the rain shower in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda © Bruce Miller

Close up of a dancing ritual for the bull jumping ceremony, Omo Valley, Ethiopia © Cohan Zarnoch

A mother lion and her cubs walk into the sunset in Maseke Balule Game Reserve, South Africa © Adrian van Zyl
The legendary elephant herds of Amboseli, with Mount Kilimanjaro rising above, Amboseli National Park, Kenya © Fiona Noyes

Close up of an alpha female painted wolf in Vumbura Plains, Okavango Delta, Botswana © Nick Leuenberger
“This highly intimate image of an elephant calf suckling its mother is a celebration of the future of these behemoths. He was conceived, born, raised to this stage, healthy and well on his way to becoming a fully grown elephant to partake in the same natural cycle of life and propagation again. This is surely a celebration of success in Africa. Although the image was taken in a national park where they are protected, to me, the image is representative of all life flourishing all over the continent against very severe odds.” – Addo Elephant National Park, South Africa © John Vosloo

“Peeping frog” – a painted reed frog sits on the reeds in a dam near Port Edward, South Africa © Ingrid Sellschop

A gelada (also known as a bleeding-heart monkey) yawns in Simien Mountains National Park, Ethiopia © Patrice Quillard
“Ocean giant” – a giant crown jellyfish at Protea Banks reef, South Africa © Pier Mane
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Four white rhinos meet for a morning catch up in a reserve in South Africa © Amanda Tatham

“Sun and moon” – a lion, blind in one eye, in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Ernest Porter

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"An old tusker rubbing himself against a lonesome tree almost as if in comfort or consolation" – Amboseli National Park, Kenya © Björn Persson

Sandy anemones, West Coast, South Africa © Geo Cloete
“Flamingo canvas” – Lake Turkana, Kenya
© Thomas Vijayan

A leopardess and the super blood wolf moon, Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, South Africa
© Sean Parker
A Mursi woman in Omo Valley, Ethiopia © Janet Regan

A Cape buffalo in near-perfect dried mud camouflage rests during the midday heat, Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Bruce Miller

Portrait of a spotted
Dust is kicked up as springbok run from a cheetah in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Michiel Duvenhage

A male lion growls to warn off the lionesses nearby while feeding on a giraffe carcass, Kruger National Park, South Africa © Marc de Chalain

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“Watching me,
watching you” –
Okavango Delta,
Botswana © Clare
Doolan

An impressive
silverback mountain
gorilla in Virunga
National Park,
Democratic Republic
of the Congo © Hesté
de Beer
An elephant calf tries to climb on top of another in Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Kyle Strautmann
Lion cubs play in Kalahari Gemsbok National Park, South Africa © Hesté de Beer

A plaintive rain frog spotted in the Eastern Cape, South Africa © Tyrone Ping

A lion cub still of nursing age lies under his mother after sharing in meat from a zebra kill, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania © Yarin Klein

"King of the dung" in iSimangaliso

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"The soul of an elephant" – Zimanga Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Prelena Soma Owen

A lion cub fast asleep between the branches of a fallen tree, Etosha National Park, Namibia © Anja Denker

A jumping spider (Hyllus sp.) in a folded leaf in Greater Kruger National Park, Wetland Park, South Africa © Manuel Alexander Graf
Meerkats on the lookout for possible danger in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Prof. Gert Lamprecht
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“Tim, one of Africa’s biggest and most legendary elephants. He is one of the few remaining tuskers, with tusks going all the way to the ground.” – Amboseli National Park, Kenya © Björn Persson

An Atlantic Portuguese man-o’-war, False Bay, South Africa © Geo Cloete

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A painted wolf (African wild dog) with a baboon’s hand in its mouth, Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe © Jens Cullmann

Fishermen at sunrise on the Chobe River, Chobe, Botswana © Johan Van Rensburg

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A black-backed jackal flies to catch breakfast in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Michiel Duvenhage
A colourful blue-headed agama takes a minute to pose in Kruger National Park, South Africa © Alice van Kempen

A bateleur in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Charlie Lynam
An elephant bull kicks up the mud with his feet while standing in a waterhole in Nxai Pan National Park, Botswana © Fred von Winckelmann

A young female leopard resting in a dead tree in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Willem Landman

Scaly-feathered finch chicks in southern Namib Desert.
A ground pangolin (also known as Temminck's pangolin) takes a break between eating ants and termites in Namibia © Jacha Potgieter

An elephant leans its head up against a tree in Kruger National Park, South Africa © Henk Albronda
Sunset illuminates elephants as they roam the Okavango Delta, Botswana © Panos Laskarakis

A goshawk takes off with a meerkat in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Prof. Gert Lamprecht

“The prize” – a lion with a piece of a buffalo kill in Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Joni Munsterteiger
Lesser flamingos at Lake Nakuru, Lake Nakuru National Park, Kenya © Dave Richards

Spitzkoppe after a dust storm in winter, Namib Desert, Namibia © Hesté de Beer

“Best pillow in the world” – a lion cub rests with his mother in Serengeti National Park, Tanzania © Yaron Schmid
A painted wolf (African wild dog) in South Africa © Kevin Dooley

A lion attacks an already injured spotted hyena near a waterhole in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Barry du Plessis

An egret preens itself in Plettenberg Bay, South Africa © Prelena Soma Owen
“Queen with her meaty crown” – a lioness feasts on a nyala bull in Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Ernest Port

An Ethiopian mountain man with his horse, Ethiopia © Kevin Dooley
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Salt caravans begin their westward journey after sunset in the Afar Depression, Ethiopia © Hesté de Beer
A leopard tortoise with a swarm of brown-veined butterflies looking for moisture in Mabuasehube Game Reserve, Botswana © Hubert Janiszewski

A hippo surfaces out of the water at speed in Chobe National Park, Botswana © Deena Sveinsson

A lioness with her curious cubs in Kruger National Park, South Africa © Licinia Machado

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"Brave" – a black-backed jackal sneaks unobtrusively amongst sparring elephant bulls to catch an unsuspecting guineafowl at a waterhole in Savuti, Chobe National Park, Botswana © Jackie Badenhorst

An eyed-flower mantis mimics flower petals to give it advantage over potential predators in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa © Tanya Nadauld

A sociable weaver colony, with a storm brewing in the...
“This male leopard retrieved his warthog kill from a spotted hyena. Here he is running with the kill away from the hyena towards a tree.” – Kruger National Park, South Africa © Ernest Porter

“The Grevy’s zebra illusion” – Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya © Yaron Schmid

distance in Sesriem, Namibia © Gary Proctor
A muddy rhino in a reserve in South Africa © Kevin Dooley

Red-billed queleas captured at a slow shutter speed in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Prelena Soma Owen

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A portrait of a Wodaabe dancer caught by the light of the sun, Chad © Trevor Cole

Juvenile Cape foxes suckle on their mother in Kalahari Gemsbok National Park, South Africa © Hesté de Beer

“Pre-dawn with red-billed queleas” in Zakouma National Park, Chad © Michael Lorentz

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“Thirsty fellow” in Tsavo West National Park, Kenya © Tim Nicklin

A branch of scaly-feathered finches in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, South Africa © Charmaine Joubert

A close up of an elephant’s foot, taken from a submerged hide in Botswana © Peter Reitze
A close up underexposed image of a Nile crocodile in the Chobe River, Botswana © Joe Knapman

An elephant calf finds safety by its mother while in the Chobe River, Botswana © Panos Laskaraki

A rescued and released black-bellied pangolin in Cameroon © Angelia Young / Tikki Hywood Foundation
An elephant calf is picked up by its mother after falling into a waterhole in Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa. © Cornel Eksteen

“A sun pillar breaks through the clouds from above and almost points at the rhino as the chosen one.” – Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © Björn Persson

A juvenile mountain gorilla watches others play from a distant treetop in Virunga National Park, DR Congo © Hesté de Beer