

NEWS LETTER



Ezemvelo Nature Reserve

May 2008

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The Wonders of Insects - Milkweed Bug



Milkweed Bug
(*Oncopeltus famelicus*)

Identification: large (body length 14mm), unmistakable, boldly marked in black and orange.

Biology: Feeds on seeds of urticaceae (*Pouzolzia*), granadilla and on cotton and sweet potatoes, which it damages. Most often found feeding in numbers on pods of the common Milkweed.

Habitat: Open grassland, road verges, forest margins, gardens and agricultural land. Range extends into Tropical East Africa. Genus occurs in most tropical and subtropical parts of the world.

Ezemvelo's extravagant Tree update - Common Sugar Bush

Common Sugar Bush
(*Protea Caffra*)

Shrub or small tree; occurring in open or wooded grassland, usually in large colonies on rocky ridges. Leaves narrowly oblong, up to 250 x 45mm, pale green to bluish green, leathery, hairless. Flower head solitary or in clusters of 3 or 4, up to 80mm in diameter; involucre bracts pale red, pink or cream, inner series oblong to oblong – spatulate up to 50 x 20mm. Fruit and nut, densely hairy. A very variable species, with several subspecies.

The bark is used medicinally. Larval food plant for butterflies.



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Encouraging Public participation in caring
for the Grasslands of
Ezemvelo Nature Reserve
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General Information



We in South Africa have an immense wealth of plants, wildlife and geological formations on our door step. Ezemvelo Nature Reserve is a must for any outdoor enthusiast.

While walking through the grassland on Ezemvelo one is initially struck by an apparent low number of insects, perhaps a few grasshoppers jumping away on ones approach, however on closer inspection of the habitat it shows that it is actually teeming with new and interesting insect life.

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Ezemvelo's Birdlife - **Crowned Lapwing Plover**



Crowned Lapwing Plover
(*Vanellus Coronatus*)

Identification: A large, unmistakable Plover, with its black cap surrounded by a white "Halo." The legs and basal part of the bill are red. The sandy brown breast is separated from the white belly by a black band.

Juveniles are much like adults, but are less strikingly marked. The upperparts are more scalloped, the legs are paler and the crown is barred with buff.

Habitat: Short grassland (either grazed or burnt). Found in small flocks, especially when not breeding.

Status: Common resident.

Call: A noisy species, uttering a loud, grating "KREEP," day and night.

Accommodation - To book please phone: 013 680 1399 /083 655 3638 REGRETTABLY NO CREDIT CARDS

Entrance Fee: (Day visitors)

Vehicles: R10
Adults: R30
Children (6-16 years): R25

Entrance Fee: (Over night visitors)

Vehicles: R5
Adults: R25
Children (6-16 years): R20

Legae: (Max 4 people)

Adults: R135 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R85 (p.c.p.n)

Family huts: (No electricity)

Adults: R110 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R70 (p.c.p.n)

Hikers huts: (No electricity) (Max 4 people)

Adults: R90 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R60 (p.c.p.n)

Group Accommodation

Eland lapa: (Max 70 people)

Adults: R100 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R65 (p.c.p.n)

Impala lapa: (Max 14 people)

Adults: R100 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R60 (p.c.p.n)

Conference Facilities: (Max 30 people)

R25 p.p.per day

Camping:

Caravan/ tent stands:
Max 6 persons per stand

Stand Fee:

Adults: R40 (p.p.p.n)
Children: R25 (p.c.p.n)

4- Man tents available to rent:

R40 per night
(Excluding stand fee)

Activities include

Game drives
Putt - Putt
Fishing in the Imvubu dam

