

Day 4, Tuesday, 11 Dec 2001

Simba Ridge



Today, we did the Simba Ridge loop. My specialty was the to record predator sighting - easy job, we didn't see any! We did see a hartebeest, which was one of only 7 in the Lewa conservancy. We heard a red and yellow barbet, saw 2 dik-dik and a secretary bird. Also, we finally saw a hammerkop - a surprisingly smaller bird than I had imagined based on the size of its nest. We saw a white-breasted coucal, a white-browed sparrow weaver, and a green wood hoopoe.

On our loop, we named "Samwell." He is a ear. Colleen has agreed to make drawings of torial males. We saw 6 PZ (probably 2 har-a male GZ we named "Simon Karengi" be-out of the other. Karangi is our Masai guard Simon's markings are natural wounds, not other GZ territorial male "Salvatori Nick" "Sylvester." He had no noticeable ear scars.



GZ territorial male with a slightly droopy left the ear differences for the distinctive GZ terri-ems) walking to the river, no foals. Next came cause he has a hole through one ear and a notch at camp with traditional holes in his ears. All man made identification marks. We named an-because of a nick in his ear. I almost forgot,

Altogether, we saw 97 PZ and an additional 22 GZ, two of which were foals.

