



Interim Newsletter September 2021

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## FORTHCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Here's something to look forward to!

**Every third Tuesday of the month**

**Next Meeting: 21 September 2021**

**19h00 for 19h30**

**Wanderer's Club**

**Come early and join us for supper – it'll be good to meet up again!**

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## **SPEAKERS**

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**Tuesday 21 September – Armin du Preez**

Scorpions and Scorpionism in Southern Africa

Presented by Armin du Preez

Director of Africa Scorpion Research

Armin du Preez is a renowned scorpion Arachnologist with a deep interest in the Ecology and Conservation Biology of scorpions. His journey started almost eight years ago when he started with fieldwork alongside mentor and friend Dr Ian Engelbrecht. He has travelled many kilometres looking for scorpions and doing research on these magnificent animals. He has a passion for educating the public about scorpions, and he raises funding for scorpion research by presenting these talks and courses.

Africa Scorpion Research is the largest – and only – endorsed training provider for Scorpion Identification and First Aid Courses in Africa. Africa Scorpion Research does talks for the general public and at corporate events.

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## FORTHCOMING DAY OUTINGS

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## CBC AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OUTINGS

### Sunday 26 September – Roodeplaat Dam Nature Reserve (Southern Section)

Roodeplaat Dam was originally called the 'Pienaar's Rivier Dam' when it was constructed in 1956 to supply the surrounding landowners with water. It has since developed into an important water source for the Pretoria area. The reserve was proclaimed in 1977.

Some of the recent sightings include Brown-hooded Kingfisher, White-throated Robin, and African Cuckoo-hawk.



Striped Kingfisher - spotted on our last visit to Roodeplaat Photo courtesy of Bilal.

The southern side of the reserve caters for birding and wildlife enthusiasts. Over 250 species of birds have been recorded. Vegetation is a mix of open savannah veld and dense savannah woodland.

We will meet at the entrance to the Southern Section at 07h00. The day will be a mixture of driving and walking around this interesting area. We have spent time at the 'first hide' in our previous visits, but the hide has burnt down and no longer exists. We will take a slow drive to the admin centre on this outing, then carry on down to the 'second

hide'. The road to the second hide is not great for low clearance vehicles, so we can consolidate into higher clearance vehicles at the admin centre. It is not impossible, just needs **careful, slow driving if you prefer to stay in your own car**. We will then return to pick up any vehicles left at the admin centre and carry on to the picnic site for lunch. The

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picnic spot is situated between and under beautiful trees with braai and toilet facilities. At this stage, it is open, so let's hope that Covid doesn't get in the way and force closures again!

There is an entrance fee – unconfirmed, but it seems to be in the region of R26.50 per person plus R26.50 per vehicle. They also seem to be on a CARD-ONLY system, but again, unconfirmed.

### **DIRECTIONS**

To reach the Southern side of the reserve, take the Zambesi off-ramp from the N1 and turn right. Continue on the Cullinan R513 for about 5.5km and take the **Kameelfontein** turnoff to the left. After 3.6 km, turn left at the "Roodeplaat Dienstekliniek" and continue on this road to the reserve entrance for a few hundred meters. **Don't** take the Kameeldrift turnoff or follow the earlier signs along the R513 to the Northern section of the reserve.

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