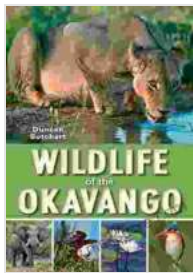


# Wildlife of the Okavango Delta - A Detailed Guide by Duncan Butchart

The Okavango Delta is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth, and its wildlife is a major draw for tourists. The Delta is home to a wide variety of animals, including elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hippos, crocodiles, and over 450 species of birds. In this article, we will take a closer look at some of the most iconic wildlife of the Okavango Delta.



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## Elephants

Elephants are one of the most recognizable animals in the Okavango Delta. These massive creatures can weigh up to 6,000 pounds and stand over 13 feet tall. Elephants are herbivores, and they spend most of their time eating plants and grasses. They are also very social animals, and they live in herds of up to 100 individuals. Elephants are a keystone species in the Okavango Delta, and they play an important role in maintaining the ecosystem.



## **Lions**

Lions are another iconic animal of the Okavango Delta. These powerful predators are the second largest cats in the world, after tigers. Lions are carnivores, and they prey on a variety of animals, including zebras, wildebeest, and antelopes. Lions are also social animals, and they live in prides of up to 30 individuals. Lions are apex predators, and they play an important role in regulating the ecosystem.



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## **Leopards**

Leopards are the most elusive of the big cats in the Okavango Delta. These solitary animals are ambush predators, and they prey on a variety of animals, including impalas, kudus, and warhogs. Leopards are also excellent climbers, and they often spend their days sleeping in trees. Leopards are an important part of the Okavango Delta ecosystem, and they help to control the populations of their prey animals.



## **Cheetahs**

Cheetahs are the fastest land animals on Earth. These slender cats can reach speeds of up to 70 miles per hour in short bursts. Cheetahs are carnivores, and they prey on a variety of animals, including gazelles, impalas, and wildebeest. Cheetahs are vulnerable to predators, and they often lose their prey to lions and leopards. Cheetahs are an important part of the Okavango Delta ecosystem, and they help to control the populations of their prey animals.



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## **Hippos**

Hippos are one of the most dangerous animals in the Okavango Delta. These massive creatures can weigh up to 8,000 pounds and stand over 10 feet tall. Hippos are herbivores, and they spend most of their time in the

water. Hippos are very territorial, and they will attack anything that comes too close to their territory. Hippos are an important part of the Okavango Delta ecosystem, and they help to create and maintain waterholes.



## **Crocodiles**

Crocodiles are another dangerous animal in the Okavango Delta. These massive reptiles can grow up to 20 feet long and weigh over 1,000 pounds. Crocodiles are carnivores, and they prey on a variety of animals, including fish, birds, and mammals. Crocodiles are ambush predators, and they often lie in wait for their prey to come close to the water's edge. Crocodiles are an important part of the Okavango Delta ecosystem, and they help to control the populations of their prey animals.



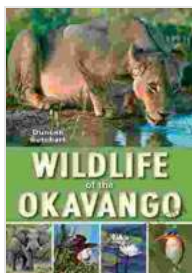
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## **Birds**

The Okavango Delta is home to over 450 species of birds. These birds include a variety of species, including waterbirds, raptors, and songbirds. Some of the most common birds in the Delta include the African fish eagle, the pied kingfisher, and the red-billed quelea. Birds are an important part of the Okavango Delta ecosystem, and they play a variety of roles, including pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control.



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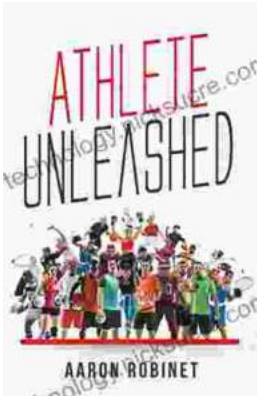
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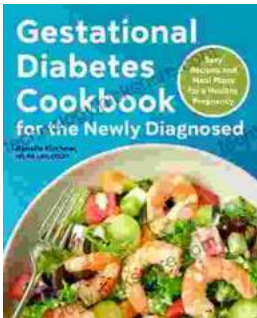
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