

Elephants:

KNM01 - Mapimbi

KNM02 - Gila

KNM03 - Nwambi

KNM04 - Bvekenya

KNM05 - Mondli

KNM06 - Jabulani

Bulls - March 2010

March is typically the last month of the wet season and our research in the western Kruger has shown this to be the time when most of the older, larger bulls start their annual musth cycle. However, the bulls we collared in the dry season at Pafuri are middle aged or younger and so it is not surprising that their movements haven't followed those of the breeding herds - you don't necessarily want to be hanging around a large bull in musth looking like potential competition. In fact one bull, Jabulani moved out the area when the breeding herds arrived. Mondli moved up to the Levuvhu R around the time the cows were there but only stuck around a couple of days.

Elephants:

KNF01 - Sarita

KNF02 - Nwamkwimbi

KNF03 - Mangala

KNF04 - Agnes

KNF05 - Colleen

KNF06 - Zingi

Cows - March 2010:

There was an interesting pattern to the movements of the breeding herds this month - they all moved toward the Levuvhu River and by the 13th had aggregated on the northern bank. One herd, Zingi's, had a delayed reaction, only arriving in this area at the end of the month. At this stage we can only speculate whether they came together in response to some localised resource or whether it was a social gathering. We can also speculate whether Zingi's delayed movement reflects a sub-dominant status in the elephant society hierarchy.