



The Die Boschbokkie

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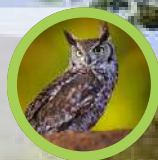


Merry Christmas

King's College Open Day 2026

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Spotted Eagle-Owl Night's Watchful Guardian



Construction News

The new Construction Gate Facility at Gate 2, officially opened on 5 November 2025, has quickly proven to be a major upgrade for the estate.



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Indeed a *Life in Abundance*

December at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village arrives with sunshine, colour, and a proud sense of community achievement. This month's Boschbokkie celebrates a major milestone: Outeniquasbosch was named **Joint Winner in the Project Developer Category** in the Best of Mossel Bay Reader's Choice Awards 2025. More than an accolade, it represents the collective spirit of residents, partners, and supporters who continue to believe in the village's vision—where sustainable living and natural beauty meet seamlessly. The recognition highlights what makes Outeniquasbosch so exceptional: a landscape where wildlife roams freely, indigenous fynbos flourishes, and families enjoy a lifestyle rooted in tranquillity and ecological harmony.

Summer brings the Garden Route to life, and the newsletter dives into a vibrant feature: **Boschbokkie's Blooming List – Ten Must-Have Summer Flowering Plants**. From the sky-blue charm of *Plumbago auriculata* to the classic elegance of the White Arum Lily, each species is chosen for its hardiness, water-wise nature, and value to pollinators. These plants promise gardens filled with movement, colour, and character—whether it's the bold spikes of *Watsonia*, the shimmering silver tones of *Helichrysum*, or the cheerful blooms of Cape Daisies. Home gardeners are encouraged to mix textures, play with height, and always prioritise indigenous species to keep Outeniquasbosch's natural identity strong.



Another highlight of the month is the success of the **King's College Open Day**, which drew eager parents, learners, and community members. The school, situated within the estate, showcased its facilities and holistic learning environment with pride. With dedicated staff, passionate supporters, and increasing interest from families, the event underscored the school's potential and the unique advantage it brings to the estate—the only one in the Garden Route with a fully established school within its boundaries. King's College continues to grow rapidly, symbolising a promising future for both learners and the wider community.

In estate-related updates, residents will notice improved traffic flow thanks to the official opening of the **new Construction Gate Facility at Gate 2** on 5 November 2025. Designed to redirect contractor and construction traffic away from Gate 1, the new system has already reduced morning congestion by over 80%. Equipped with facial recognition, on-site security, and centralised contractor registration, the upgraded gate enhances both operational efficiency and security—yet another step toward maintaining a safe, well-managed estate.

This issue also celebrates Outeniquasbosch's abundant wildlife. A detailed feature on the **Spotted Eagle-Owl** invites readers to appreciate the quiet, watchful guardian of the night skies. From its striking yellow eyes to its near-silent flight, this beloved owl is a reminder of the wildness woven into everyday life at the estate.

Complementing this is an **Insect Spotlight** showcasing recent observations by Johan Heyns. From dung beetles chauffeuring tiny mites to jewel-toned moths and helpful caterpillars that target alien weeds, the estate's miniature world is thriving. Paired with profiles of the **Angulate Tortoise** and the **Bergskilpad**, this month's wildlife stories emphasise how every creature—large or small—plays a role in the ecological tapestry that makes Outeniquasbosch so special.



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Inderdaad 'n *Lewe in Dorrloed*

Desember by Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village kom aan met sonskyn, kleur en 'n trotse gevoel van gemeenskapsbereiking. Hierdie maand se Boschbokkie vier 'n belangrike mylpaal: Outeniquasbosch is aangewys as **Gesamentlike Wenner in die Projekontwikkelaar-kategorie** van die Best of Mossel Bay Reader's Choice Awards 2025. Meer as net 'n erkenning, weerspieël dit die gesamentlike gees van inwoners, vennote en ondersteuners wat steeds glo in die dorp se visie—waar volhoubare leefstyle en natuurlike skoonheid moeiteloos saamvloei. Hierdie eer beklemtoon wat Outeniquasbosch so uitsonderlik maak: 'n landskap waar wild vrylik rondbeweeg, inheemse fynbos welig groei, en gesinne 'n leefstyl geniet wat gegrond is in rustigheid en ekologiese balans.

Die somer bring nuwe lewe na die Tuinroete, en die nuusbrief duik reguit in 'n kleurvolle fokus: **Boschbokkie se Blomlys – Tien Somerblomme** wat Jy Moet Hê. Van die hemelsblou prag van Plumbago auriculata tot die klassieke elegansie van die Wit Aronskelk, is elke spesie gekies vir sy gehardheid, waterwys aard en waarde vir bestuiwers. Hierdie plante belooft tuine vol beweging, kleur en karakter—of dit nou die vet, stekelrige blomstingels van Watsonia is, die silwer glans van Helichrysum, of die vrolike blomme van Kaapse Madeliefies. Tuiniers word aangemoedig om teksture te meng, hoogte te speel, en altyd inheemse spesies te prioritiseer om Outeniquasbosch se natuurlike identiteit sterk te hou.



Nog 'n hoogtepunt van die maand is die sukses van **King's College se Ope Dag**, wat entoesiastiese ouers, leerders en gemeenskapslede gelok het. Die skool, geleë binne die landgoed, het sy fasiliteite en holistiese leeromgewing met trots uitgestal. Met toegewyde personeel, passievolle ondersteuners en groeiende belangstelling van gesinne, het die geleentheid die skool se potensiaal bevestig, asook die unieke voordeel wat dit vir die landgoed bring—die enigste landgoed in die Tuinroete met 'n volledig gevestigde skool binne sy grense. King's College groei vinnig voort en simboliseer 'n belowende toekoms vir sowel leerders as die breër gemeenskap.

In landgoedverwante nuus sal inwoners verbeterde verkeersvloei opmerk, danksy die amptelike opening van die **nuwe Konstruksiehek by Hek 2** op 5 November 2025. Die nuwe fasiliteit is ontwerp om kontrakteur- en konstruksieverkeer weg te lei van Hek 1, en het reeds oggendopeenhopings met meer as 80% verminder. Met gesigherkenningstegnologie, sekuriteit op die terrein en gesentraliseerde kontrakteurregistrasie verbeter die opgegradeerde hek beide operasionele doeltreffendheid en veiligheid—nog 'n stap na 'n veilige, goed bestuurde landgoed.

Hierdie uitgawe vier ook Outeniquasbosch se oorvloedige wildlewe. 'n Gedetailleerde artikel oor die **Gevlekte Ooruil** nooi lesers om hierdie stil, waaksame bewaarder van die naghemel te waardeer. Met sy opvallende geel oë en byna geluidlose vlug, herinner hierdie geliefde uil ons aan die wildheid wat deel vorm van die landgoed se alledaagse lewe.

Daarby sluit 'n **Insektfokus** aan, wat onlangse waarnemings deur Johan Heyns uitlig. Van miskruiers wat klein myte rondry tot juweelgekleurde motte en nuttige ruspes wat op indringeronkruide teer—die landgoed se miniatuere wêreld bruis van lewe. Saam met profile van die **Kranspadloperskilpad (Angulate Tortoise)** en die **Bergskilpad**, beklemtoon hierdie maand se wildstories hoe elke wesentjie—groot of klein—'n rol speel in die ekologiese tapisserie wat Outeniquasbosch so besonders maak.



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A Season of Light, Hope, & Renewal

December 2025

As we approach the festive season and prepare to close another year, we are reminded once again of the beauty, gratitude, and sense of belonging that define life in Outeniquasbosch. This edition of Die Boschbokie gives us a moment to reflect on the year behind us, celebrate what we share as a community, and look forward with optimism to the year ahead.

2025 has been a year of meaningful progress and continued growth. New families have joined our community, new homes have risen across the landscape, and our estate's natural surroundings have continued to offer moments of calm and inspiration. From the early light settling over the fynbos to the wildlife moving gently through our greenbelts, Outeniquasbosch remains a place where one can pause, breathe, and reconnect with the things that matter most.

This time of year encourages us to reflect on themes of light, generosity, and goodwill. As Christmas lights begin to shine across the estate, they remind us of the values that strengthen community—kindness, unity, and hope. In a world that can sometimes feel fast-paced and uncertain, Outeniquasbosch offers a space of steadiness, warmth, and neighbourly connection.

Throughout 2025, the Home Owners' Association continued its commitment to thoughtful management and long-term stewardship. Improvements to walking and cycling routes, ongoing wildlife and environmental care, better communication practices, and the continued focus on aesthetic harmony have all contributed to an estate that is secure, organised, and beautifully maintained. Behind each of these efforts lies a single purpose: to preserve the character and quality of life that our residents cherish.

As we gather with loved ones during this festive season—whether enjoying a quiet evening at home, celebrating with family, or simply sharing a greeting with a neighbour—may this time bring rest, joy, and renewed appreciation for our community. These moments of connection, big and small, are what make Outeniquasbosch more than a place to live—they make it a place to belong.

Looking toward 2026, we do so with confidence and anticipation. May the new year bring continued growth, stronger relationships, and many positive milestones for every resident.

On behalf of the Outeniquasbosch Home Owners' Association, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May your homes be filled with peace, good health, and lasting joy throughout the festive season and beyond.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." - Luke 2:14

a Wildly Proud Moment FOR OUTENIKUASBOSCH WILDLIFE VILLAGE!

Every so often, something special happens that makes us pause, smile, and feel incredibly proud of the community we've built together. This past September, Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village was named Joint Winner in the Project Developer Category in the Best of Mossel Bay Reader's Choice Awards 2025 – and we couldn't be more delighted!

This recognition is more than just a trophy on the shelf. It's a reflection of you – our residents, partners, and friends – who continue to believe in the vision of a place where people and nature truly live side-by-side. Your votes, encouragement, and daily passion for this remarkable estate have helped Outeniquasbosch stand out as one of Mossel Bay's finest developments.

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village has always been about more than just homes – it's about a way of life. A place where impalas graze quietly between indigenous fynbos, where families wake to birdsong instead of traffic, and where thoughtful design meets the untamed beauty of the Garden Route.

To everyone who supported us in the Best of Mossel Bay Awards, we extend our warmest thanks. Your trust and enthusiasm inspire us to keep shaping a secure, sustainable, and lifestyle-driven community that stays true to its wild roots while embracing the comforts of modern living.

Here's to you, the heart of our village – and many more milestones together in our beautiful corner of Mossel Bay!





BOSCHBOKKIE'S

BLOOMING LIST

10 MUST-HAVE SUMMER FLOWERING PLANTS

Summer in the Garden Route is a symphony of colour, scent, and sound—where the buzz of bees, the flutter of butterflies, and the shimmer of petals all come alive in the warm sun. To celebrate this glorious season, we've rounded up **ten must-have flowering plants** that not only thrive in our coastal fynbos environment but also add a touch of wild beauty to your Outeniquasbosch garden.

Each one is easy to grow, water-wise once established, and—most importantly—friendly to our local pollinators and wildlife.

1

Plumbago auriculata

(Blue Plumbago)

A true Garden Route classic, the Blue Plumbago is a sprawling shrub dressed in clusters of sky-blue flowers that seem to capture the essence of summer skies.

It's drought-tolerant, fast-growing, and ideal for covering fences or softening retaining walls. Butterflies adore it, and it'll keep blooming well into autumn with minimal fuss.



Tip: Give it a light prune after flowering to keep it neat and encourage fresh blooms.

2



Agapanthus africanus

(Cape Agapanthus)

Those proud blue or white blooms are synonymous with South African summers. Agapanthus adds a touch of elegance to pathways, borders, and rock gardens.

It's hardy, thrives in full sun, and even helps prevent soil erosion with its fibrous roots—a perfect fit for Outeniquasbosch's slopes.

Bonus: Once established, it's wonderfully water-wise.

3

Felicia amelloides

(Blue Felicia Bush)

If cheerfulness were a plant, it would be the Felicia! With its bright blue daisy-like flowers and sunny yellow centers, this small shrub brings instant joy to garden beds and containers.

It flowers for months on end and attracts bees like a magnet.



Fun fact: It's also salt-tolerant—ideal for coastal gardens

4



Dietes grandiflora

(Large Wild Iris)

Elegant, resilient, and utterly dependable. The Large Wild Iris produces delicate white blooms with hints of violet and yellow, each lasting only a few days — but don't worry, new flowers appear almost continuously in summer.

It's perfect for borders, wet spots, or even around water features.

Pro tip: Plant in groups for a graceful, architectural look.

5

Cyrtanthus elatus

(George Lily)

This striking bulb bursts into vibrant red or coral blooms that stand proudly on tall stems—just the pop of drama every garden needs. It loves a sunny, sheltered spot and rewards you with breathtaking summer colour.



Note: Protect bulbs from overwatering during their dormant period.

6



Watsonia borbonica

(Pink Watsonia)

Watsonia brings a sense of the wild fynbos right into your garden. With tall spikes of pink, mauve, or salmon flowers, it's both bold and graceful. These perennials are tough, rewarding, and a favourite of sunbirds and butterflies.

Seasonal charm: They light up the garden in late spring and early summer.

7

Helichrysum petiolare

(Silver Bush Everlasting)

Not all stars wear bright colours—some shimmer softly. *Helichrysum petiolare*, with its silvery, velvety leaves, provides a beautiful contrast to your more vibrant blooms.

Its subtle yellow flowers attract pollinators, and the plant itself adds texture and fragrance to your garden design.



Bonus: Its silvery tone helps reflect sunlight, keeping the garden cool and balanced.

8



Dimorphotheca pluvialis

(Cape Daisy)

The Cape Daisy opens its white petals wide under the summer sun and closes them shyly on cloudy days.

Simple yet spectacular, it's perfect for open sunny patches, wildflower meadows, or naturalistic plantings.

Tip: Give it a light prune after flowering to keep it neat and encourage fresh blooms.

9

Coleus neochilus

(Smelly Coleus)

This hardy, aromatic groundcover with its purple-blue flower spikes is a garden workhorse. It thrives in full sun, repels insects with its strong scent, and covers bare soil beautifully.

The bees and butterflies will thank you for it!



Best for: Low-maintenance, sunny slopes or pathways.

10



Zantedeschia aethiopica

(White Arum Lily)

Few flowers say "South African summer" quite like the elegant White Arum Lily. Its pure, sculptural blooms add sophistication to any garden space, especially around damp areas or water features.

It's also a favourite with frogs and dragonflies—always a good sign of a healthy garden ecosystem.

Note: It enjoys moisture but tolerates short dry spells once established.

Boschbokkie's Tip

When planning your summer garden, mix plants of different heights, textures, and flowering times to keep things interesting. Group species with similar water needs, and always favour indigenous plants that belong in our Garden Route environment. They're adapted to our soils, sustain pollinators, and maintain the natural beauty that makes Outeniquasbosch so special.

Bringing It All Together

These ten plants are not only beautiful—they're resilient, water-wise, and perfectly suited to our local climate. Whether you want a showy summer border, a pollinator haven, or a more natural look, this mix offers something for every corner of your garden.

So, roll up your sleeves, grab your gardening gloves, and let's make this summer at Outeniquasbosch bloom in every shade of the rainbow!



KING'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

*A Remarkable Success at
Outeniquasbosch*

King's College, the independent private school nestled within the heart of Outeniquasbosch, recently hosted its Open Day—and what an outstanding success it proved to be. From early in the morning, the school grounds were filled with excitement and curiosity as visitors from both inside and outside the estate arrived to experience what this young and fast-growing school has to offer.

Parents, children, prospective learners, and community members were welcomed warmly by the staff, who proudly showcased the classrooms, facilities, and the unique learning environment that sets King's College apart. It was clear from the outset that, although the school is still in its early stages, it already stands on a strong foundation built on quality education, dedicated staff, and a sincere passion for developing each child's potential.

A heartfelt word of thanks goes to all the staff members whose preparation, hard work, and dedication ensured a seamless and inspiring event. Special appreciation also goes to the volunteers, parents, and supporters who generously offered their time to help. Your commitment and enthusiasm played a vital role in making the day such a memorable experience. And to every resident and guest who attended: thank you for taking the time to explore the vision and future of King's College.





The success of the Open Day once again highlights what a powerful asset King's College is—not only to the learners, but to the entire Outeniquasbosch community. The school is poised for a bright and promising future, standing at the beginning of something truly significant.

What makes Outeniquasbosch especially unique—and a first for the entire Garden Route—is that it is the only estate in the region with a fully established school within the estate itself. This brings unparalleled convenience, safety, and community cohesion to families who call Outeniquasbosch home.

With such enthusiastic support and such a strong start, it is clear: King's College is on the rise, and its future shines brightly.



Verhurrings

in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Outeniquasbosch Properties het sy dienste uitgebrei, dus, bo en behalwe die bemarking en verkope, sowel as herverkope hanteer ons ook nou al vir 'n geruime tyd die bestuur van verhuringseiendomme binne Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.

- Ons eerste prioriteit is om gelukkige Verhuurders en Huurders te he as deel van die inwoners in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.
- Ons het reeds 'n aantal verhurrings kon doen en sodoende die Verhuurder sowel as die Huurders en Voornemende Kopers kon help om reeds hulle voete te vind in die Ontwikkeling.
- Ons het 'n groot aanvraag vir huurhuise in die Ontwikkeling veral vir kliente wat in die proses is om te bou.
- Dit stel hulle in staat om maklike toegang tot die boupurseel te he asook om al die voordele van die Ontwikkeling reeds te beleef terwyl hulle bou.
- Ons dienste sluit in om die voornemende huurders te kwalifiseer en krediet rekords na te gaan.
- Ons doen 'n inspeksies voor die huurders ingaan in die eiendom en dan ook wanneer hulle weer uitgaan.
- Ons bestuur die eiendom en vorder huur in teen 'n baie billike, markverwante koers.
- Ons hanteer die huurkontrakte en maandelikse fature, sowel as enige probleem wat die huurder mag ondervind sal deur ons gefasiliteer word.
- Daar sal deurgans kommunikasie wees sodat beide partye op hoogte bly.
- Die verhuurder is verantwoordelik vir die Huis Eienaars Vereniging Heffing.
- Die huurder is verantwoordelik vir die verbruik van water en elektrisiteit wat bepaal word deur 'n maandelikse meter lesing.
- Herwinde water is beskikbaar by elke huis vir die tuine en toilet verbruik en dis ingesluit by die heffing.



Rentals

in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Outeniquasbosch Properties has expanded its services. In addition to marketing, sales, and handling all resales, we have also been managing rental properties within Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village for some time.

- Our priority is to have satisfied landlords and tenants who form part of the community in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.
- We already manage several rentals, which allows landlords, tenants, and prospective buyers to settle into the development with ease.
- There is a high demand for rental homes in the development, especially from clients who are in the process of building. Renting allows them easy access to their building site and an opportunity to experience all the benefits of the development while construction is underway.
- Our services include preparing and qualifying prospective tenants, as well as conducting credit checks.
- We conduct inspections when tenants move into the property and again when they move out.
- We manage the property and collect rent at a fair, market-related rate.
- We oversee the leases, monthly invoices, and any issues the tenant may experience, which we facilitate on behalf of the landlord.
- Ongoing communication is maintained so that both parties remain well informed.
- The landlord is responsible for the Homeowners Association levy.
- The tenant is responsible for the consumption of water and electricity, which is determined by monthly meter readings.
- Recycled water is available at every house for garden and toilet use, and this is included in the levy.





Angulate Tortoise

Chersina angulata
by Annette van Zyl

In Afrikaans the angulate tortoise is called the Ploegskaar- or Rooipensskilpad. Ploegskaar refers to the shape of the gular scute – which is descriptive because of the distinct ploughshare shape of the undivided gular scute under it's chin. Rooipensskilpad, which is the more common name, refers to the reddish colour of it's underside. This is a species that is found in dry areas as well as coastal scrub, and is thus also found on Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Estate.

Description and identification :

This is a smaller, shy tortoise, with a relatively variable shell. It can often be distinguished by it's "bowsprits " – which are protrusions of the gular shield from the plastron under it's chin. These are used by males to fight for territory or females.

This species has only one gular shield, while all other Southern African tortoises have a divided/double scaled gular each.

Angulate specimens have 5 claws on their front legs, and 4 on each back leg. They also have a nuchal scute, like most other southern African tortoises.

There is a considerable regional variation to be found in this species. They have beautiful, bold black and brown shapes and patterns on their black and cream-coloured shells. Specimens from the Karoo are often darker, and almost uniformly blackish. To the east they are typically smaller and of lighter colour. In all populations the individuals tend to turn uniformly brown in old age.

Sexual Dimorphism :

There are considerable differences between male and female angulate tortoises, where the males are usually larger, have concave bellies and a larger, thinner "peanut shape". Their gular scutes under the chin are also enlarged and extended, and these are used when pairing. Males often have a cream-coloured mark on the top of the head. Females are smaller and rounder, and have flat or slightly convex bellies.



Natural Range and Threats :

Their natural habitat is the fynbos, karoo, alban thicket and coastal scrub (strandveld) vegetation of the South-Western parts of South Africa with semi-arid and Mediterranean climate, and winter rainfall. They are very tough, adaptable tortoises.

The largest killers, however, of the angulate tortoise are the periodic wildfires.

They are also increasingly threatened by habitat destruction due to agricultural practises and other types of land development.

Human interaction, and possible captivity.

The angulate tortoise is commonly kept as a garden pet in South Africa, although tortoises are classified as "Protected Wild Animals" in South Africa (Nature Conservation Ordinance No.19 -1974). It is thus strictly illegal to remove them from the wild, and it is imperative to attain a permit when buying, selling or keeping any tortoises.

Diet.

Angulate tortoises naturally require and eat a variety of indigenous South African plants. Some plants which are also important are the flowers and leaves of hibiscus, mulberry leaves, makaya bella flowers, gazania and echeveria, among several others.

More interesting observations or facts

Angulate tortoises are medium-sized compared to other species. Males typically grow to about 27 cm, and females to about 21 cm. They can reach a maximum length of up to 30cm. Exceptionally large individuals have, however, been recorded at over 35 cm.

The Angulate tortoise cannot swim, and will drown when entering deep water.

It also needs to regulate its own temperature, like most reptiles, by moving between sunny and shady spots. It is also important to be in a dry habitat, since constant moisture is particularly bad for the angulate tortoise.





Die Bergskilpad

Stigmochelys pardalis.
deur Annette van Zyl

Hierdie spesie landskilpad kom redelik algemeen op Outeniquasbosh voor, en ons vind hulle dikwels waar hulle rustig wei op enige groen graskolte, veral nou tydens die erge droogte in ons gebied. Hier is selfs een ou knaap wat 'n duidelike en herkenbare groot litteken bo-op die koepel van sy dop het, wat ons al etlike jare gelede vir die eerste keer opgemerk het, en altyd weer raakloop.

Beskrywing/Identifikasie:

Die bergskilpad beskik oor duidelik-gemerkte swart kolle of vlekke op 'n gelerige agtergrond wanneer hy nog relatief jonk is. Met veroudering verdof en vervaag die aantreklike merke tot 'n meer egalige bruin voorkoms. Sy wetenskaplike naam *Stigmochelys pardalis* verwys na die gekolde voorkoms wat hom ook in Engels die naam Leopard Tortoise besorg. Sy karapaks is gerond en hoog, en die harde koepelvormige dop verskaf beskerming teen die hitte van die son, asook teen die aanvalle van roofdiere soos jakkalse en arende. Hy kan ook sy temperatuur tot 'n mate reguleer deur sy tong uit te steek. Sy kop is groot met 'n hoekige onderkaak, en sy bek is tandloos maar horingagtig, sodat hy in staat is om plante en gras te skeur en te eet.

Sy agterbene is goed ontwikkel en sy byna spaanvormige voorbene beskik oor 'n ry klein naels nuttig is wanneer hy vining en gemaklik oor rotsagtige terreine beweeg. Hy beweeg doelgerig en dikwels op vaste roetes.

Die bergskilpad is die grootse skilpadspesie in die Suidelike Afrika-streke, en is gemiddeld tussen 30 en 45 cm lank, maar kan tot 70 cm lank wees, en kan tot 20 kg weeg. Hy is die enigste skilpad wat sy kop kan oplig en kan swem wanneer dit nodig is.

Habitat

Bergskilpaaië kom hoofsaaklik voor in die savannes van Suider-Afrika en ook in Oos-Afrika – dus vanaf Soedan tot in die Kaap! Hulle leef en wei dan grootliks in semi-droë, doringagtige grasveld-areas, en sal uitsonderlik aangetref word in natter areas. Hulle speel ook 'n belangrike rol in die ekosisteem deur die verspreiding van saad, asook deur natuurlike plantbeheer.



Hulle skuil teen bloedige warm weer en ook teen erge koue deur in te kruip in uitgediende erdvarkgate of jakkalsneste. Wyfies sal slegs self gate grawe as hulle 'n nes wil maak om eiers in te lê.

Voortplanting :

'n Wyfie kan tot 6 neste hê, en die neste kan elk tussen 6 tot 15 eiers bevat. Die eiers broei vir 10 tot 15 maande lank uit deur die hitte van die son. Die temperatuur en vogtigheid speel 'n rol om die geslag van die kleintjies te bepaal, sodat daar al bevind is dat hoër temperatuur tot gevolg het dat daar meer wyfies uitbroei. Hierdie verskynsel staan bekend as temperatuur-afhanklike geslagsbepaling.

Diëet :

Bergskilpaaie is herbivore en voed hoofsaaklik op verskillende soorte plante, wat wissel afhangende van die seisoen. Hulle vreet hoofsaaklik verskeie grassoorte, struik en blomme, maar ook bene en hiënamis. Selfs vetplante en dissels, en ook kaktusse word deur hulle gevreet wanneer in aanhouding is. Hul metabolisme is stadig en hulle kan lank sonder water gaan.

Verskille tussen mannetjies en wyfies:

Mannetjies toon 'n holte in hulle buikschild (die plastron), wat hulle gebruik tydens paring, en hul stertjie is ook langer as die wyfie s'n.

Lewensverwagting:

Die bergskilpad kan tussen 80 en 100 jaar oud word. In Suider-Afrika is hulle die grootste landskilpad, asook die wydste versprei.



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New Construction Gate at Gate 2: A Major Improvement for Outeniquasbosch

The new Construction Gate Facility at Gate 2, officially opened on 5 November 2025, has quickly proven to be a major upgrade for the estate. This dedicated access point was designed to better manage contractor and construction traffic—bringing clearer organisation, faster processing, and far less congestion for residents.

The facility features security staff, facial recognition technology, and centralised contractor registration. With majority of construction vehicles and workers now entering through Gate 2, the morning pressure at Gate 1 has dropped with more than 80 percent. Residents will already have noticed smoother traffic flow, especially during early peak hours when delays were common in the past.

Beyond the improved convenience, the new system also strengthens security. Accurate identification, controlled access, and monitored contractor movement all contribute to a safer, more streamlined environment across the estate. By investing in modern infrastructure and improved processes, the estate continues to set a high standard for efficient, secure and well-managed living.

The opening of the new Gate 2 Construction Facility marks another step forward—one that will benefit every resident and support the estate's long-term vision for excellence.



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The Spotted Eagle-Owl

(*Bubo africanus*)

Night's Watchful Guardian

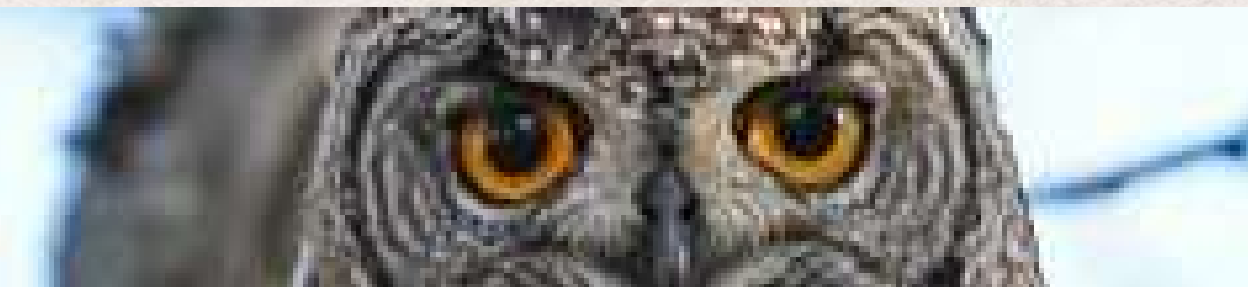
If you've ever walked through the fynbos at dusk and heard a soft, rhythmic "hoo-hoo" echoing through the valleys, you've likely been greeted by the Spotted Eagle-Owl — one of the most charismatic and well-loved nocturnal residents of the Garden Route.

A Familiar Silhouette in the Moonlight

The Spotted Eagle-Owl is a medium-to-large owl, standing about 45 cm tall with an impressive wingspan of up to 1.2 meters. Its most recognizable features are those distinctive ear tufts, large yellow eyes, and beautifully mottled plumage — a combination of soft greys, browns, and whites that help it blend seamlessly into its rocky or tree-covered surroundings. The spotted pattern across its chest gives the species its name and provides superb camouflage against bark and stone.

Habitat and Range

This adaptable owl is found throughout southern Africa, from coastal dunes to mountain slopes and even suburban gardens. Unlike some of its more secretive relatives, the Spotted Eagle-Owl is quite tolerant of human presence and often takes up residence near homes, perching on rooftops, streetlights, or garden trees — a silent observer of our nightly routines.



The Perfect Night Hunter

Equipped with near-silent flight and razor-sharp talons, this owl is a master predator. Its diet mainly consists of small mammals such as rodents and shrews, but it also hunts insects, frogs, and the occasional small bird or reptile. Their excellent hearing and night vision allow them to locate prey even in near-total darkness. One fascinating fact is that the Spotted Eagle-Owl's flight feathers have a special serrated edge that muffles the sound of air movement — a natural stealth technology that makes its approach almost ghostly.

Family Life and Nesting Habits

Spotted Eagle-Owls are monogamous and often mate for life. They nest in simple scrapes on the ground, rocky ledges, or abandoned nests of other large birds. Both parents share the responsibility of raising their chicks — the male hunts while the female guards the nest. The fluffy white owlets grow quickly, and by about seven weeks, they're already exploring their surroundings, although they'll stick around for a while as they learn to hunt.

Interesting Facts to Impress Your Friends

- Blink and you'll miss it: Unlike humans, owls can't move their eyes within their sockets — instead, they rotate their heads up to 270 degrees to look around!
- Nature's pest control: A single owl can consume hundreds of rodents a year, making them invaluable to farmers and gardeners.
- Eyes of gold: Their bright yellow eyes are adapted for low-light hunting, helping them see even under faint moonlight.
- Cultural symbol: In some African folklore, owls are seen as omens or messengers — but to many modern conservationists, they're symbols of wisdom and ecological balance.

Spotting the Spotted Eagle-Owl

If you're at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, listen carefully in the early evening — especially near rocky outcrops or open veld. You might catch sight of one perched quietly on a fence post or silhouetted against the twilight sky. Their calm presence is a reminder of the balance between wild and residential life that makes this area so special.

So, next time you hear that gentle “hoo-hoo” drifting through the night, pause for a moment. Somewhere nearby, the Spotted Eagle-Owl is watching — guardian of the shadows, master of the night.





INSECT SPOTLIGHT

A PARADE OF TINY WONDERS AT OUTENIKUASBOSCH
PHOTOS AND OBSERVATIONS BY JOHAN HEYNS

If you ever needed proof that Outeniquasbosch isn't just home to antelope and sweeping fynbos views, look no further than the miniature world bustling beneath your feet. Over the past few weeks, the estate has treated us to a colourful cast of insects—some flamboyant, some mysterious, some undeniably adorable—and each one playing its part in the local ecosystem. Here's a closer look at the characters who recently stole the show.

The Dung Beetle

and His Entourage

Picture this: a determined *Onitis aygulus* dung beetle marching across the veld with the confidence of a creature who knows its job is important—and it is. But what really makes this sight delightful is the entourage clinging to him as if he's the last bus of the day.

White mites hitch a ride on his back, and tiny grey mites grip onto his legs like they've paid for first class. This behaviour, known as phoresy, is essentially a free-lift service where one creature gets a ride and the other shrugs and carries on. Together, they form a tiny travelling community, each benefiting in its own way. It's teamwork, Outeniquasbosch style.



Ambia chalcichroalis – Kite Angel Pearl

Argyrographa moderata – Rivulet Emerald

The Shape-Shifters

of the Moth World

Outeniquasbosch seems to be a hotspot for moth diversity, and several species made sure to remind us just how intricate and varied these nighttime creatures can be.

The Gold Lattice (*Argyrophora trofonia*) shimmered into view, wearing delicate patterns reminiscent of fine jewellery. Its cousin in camouflage, the Renosterbos Camo (*Hypotephrina confertaria*), lived up to its name with colours that melt perfectly into the renosterbos thickets.

Then came the elegant Rivulet Emerald (*Argyrographa moderata*), the charming Kite Angel Pearl (*Ambia chalcichroalis*), the adaptable Variable Flag (*Corgatha producta*), and the aptly named Golden Lace-wing (*Glyphodella quadrinalis*)—a quartet of subtle beauty often spotted only by those with sharp eyes and quick cameras.

Perhaps the most entertaining find was the discovery of two distinctly different colour forms of the same species, photographed on the same day. A reminder that nature enjoys a little bit of variety—sometimes dramatically so.

The Hawk, the Tussock and the Helpful Herbivore

In the world of caterpillars, every youngster has its preferred menu—and some aren't picky at all. The Striped Hawk Moth (*Hyles livornica*) continues to dazzle, not just with its boldly patterned caterpillars, but with its ability to feed on a wide variety of plants. This makes it one of the estate's least fussy diners.

Ruffling its way into the lineup is the Olive Tussock Moth (*Laelia fusca*), whose males sport extravagant feather-like antennae. Think of them as the insect version of high-tech GPS units used for locating females.

And then there's the Fourth Pearl (*Notarcha quaternalis*), a small but mighty helper in the fight against alien weeds. Its caterpillars chow down on species such as Arroleaf Sida and Flannel Weed—uninvited guests in our rehabilitation areas. Nature does love sending reinforcements.



Hyles livornica – Striped Hawk



Laelia fusca – Olive Tussock



Notarcha quaternalis – Fourth Pearl



Glyphodella flavibrunnea – Golden Lacewing

A Landscape Alive With Life

What makes these sightings so special isn't just the insects themselves—it's what they represent. Every moth that flutters past your porch light, every beetle rolling its precious cargo across the sand, every caterpillar inching its way along a leaf—they are all threads in the living tapestry of Outeniquasbosch.

Thanks to dedicated observers like Johan Heyns, we're reminded that even the smallest creatures play big roles in the health of our environment. From pollination to nutrient cycling to quiet acts of pest control, these insects help keep the estate thriving.

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So next time you're out for a walk, pause a moment. Look closer. You might just spot another miniature marvel going about its day—and you'll be witnessing yet another story unfolding in the wild heart of Outeniquasbosch.



Argyrophora trofonia – Gold Lattice



Diamond-back Moth (Brassicaceae)



Hypotehrina confertaria – Renosterbos Camo



Corgatha producta – Variable Flag





Staproetes

'n Heerlike oggend saam as n Groep op ons staproete by Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Wat 'n pragtige oggend saam met vriende en familie! Dit was n lekker koelerige oggend terwyl ons die staproete aangedurf het. Die vars bosveld-lug, voëlsang en rustige atmosfeer het almal se harte gevul met dankbaarheid en vrede.

Elke tree het ons herinner aan die wonder van die natuur wat Outeniquasbosch so besonders maak. Ná die stap het ons heerlike koffie en geselskap geniet — 'n perfekte begin vir die dag!

Baie dankie vir diegene in beheer van al die staproete reelings en afmetings en wat die "Hiking Trails" vir almal so aangenaam, genotvol en opwindend maak.





Hiking Trails

A Wonderful Morning on Our Hiking Trail at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

What a beautiful morning shared with friends and family on our hike surrounded by the peaceful sounds of nature. The crisp bushveld air and birdsong made every moment special.

Outeniquasbosch's natural beauty reminded us once again how blessed we are to live close to nature. After the hike, we enjoyed good coffee and even better company — the perfect start to the day!

Many thanks to those in charge of all the hiking trail arrangements and measurements and who make the "Hiking Trails" so pleasant, enjoyable and exciting for everyone.



OUTENIQUASBOSCH & KING'S COLLEGE OP

Ontbyt Sake

Mnr. Pieter Dreyer van Zyl van Outeniquasbosch, saam met mnr. Van Wyk Dames van King's College, was onlangs in die ateljee van OntbytSake vir 'n gesprek oor al die opwindende verwickelinge in die Hartenbos-Noord gebied.

Die OntbytSake-span het hulle warm en gasvry ontvang, en die onderhoud het groot belangstelling ontlok. Die gesprek het gefokus op die groeiende rol van King's College in die gemeenskap, asook die unieke leefstyl en vooruitgang by Outeniquasbosch.

Die uitsending was 'n groot sukses, met positiewe terugvoer van inwoners en belangstellendes uit die breër Mosselbaai-omgewing. Die energie en entoesiasme in die ateljee weerspieël die geweldige momentum wat tans in Outeniquasbosch aan die gang is.





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Enhance Security and Convenience

with MyEstateLife: Let's Increase Uptake in Outeniquasbosch

Outeniquasbosch residents, as many of you know, the MyEstateLife app has been part of our community for some time now, helping to streamline access and improve the efficiency of our security system. However, we'd like to encourage more residents to make use of this powerful tool, as it significantly reduces the workload on our gatehouse personnel and enhances overall estate security.

By using MyEstateLife, you can quickly and easily pre-register your guests, bypassing time-consuming protocols and allowing the guards to focus on safety rather than making calls to confirm visitors. Many residents already benefiting from the app's convenience can attest to its efficiency, and we encourage those familiar with it to spread the word and help their fellow residents get on board.

If you haven't downloaded the app yet, now is the time! And if you're unsure how to get started or need help navigating the app, our friendly gatehouse personnel are always available to assist.

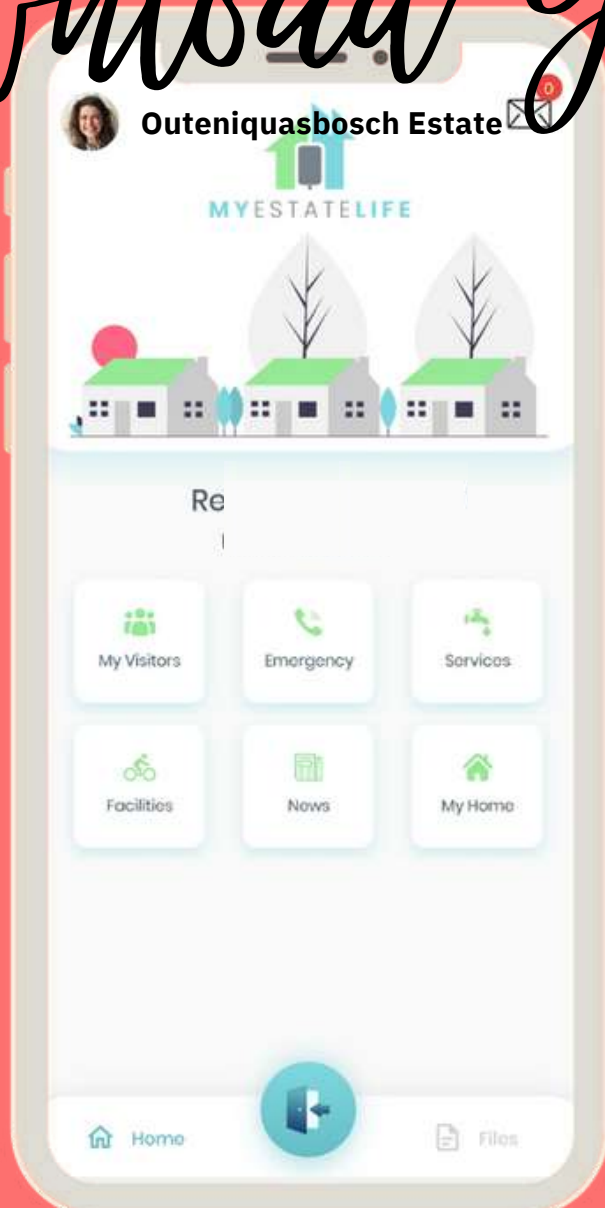
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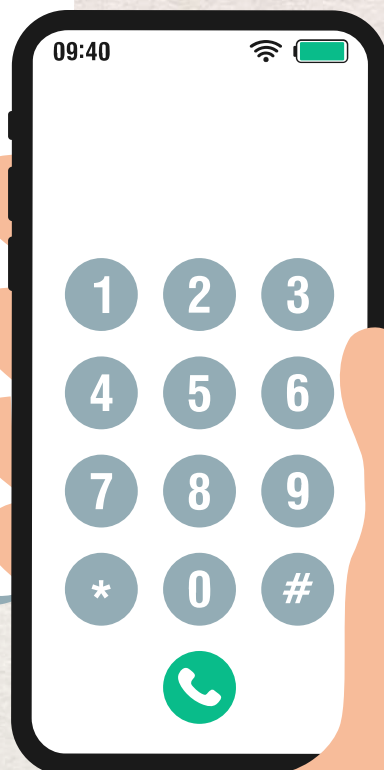
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