



VICTORIA FALLS | LIVINGSTONE | ZAMBIA

Maramba River Lodge

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Staff News



The chances are that the first person you will meet at Maramba River Lodge is the Security Officer – Milon Chingwalala who has been at the Lodge for 9 years. He was born in 1959 in the Sinazongwe District by Lake Kariba. Married to Pollinah, he has five children. Milon says 'the best thing about my job is being able to meet many interesting people.'



A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

In the last Newsletter, we featured bird watching at the Lodge. Trees are our focus this Quarter following a course 'Know your Own Trees' which was held at the Lodge under the expert eye of the enthusiastic and famous dendrologist, Meg Coates Palgrave. Through these courses she has developed Tree Keys for about 20 areas throughout Southern Africa. She identified 39 different species in the grounds of the Lodge – see appendix to the Newsletter.

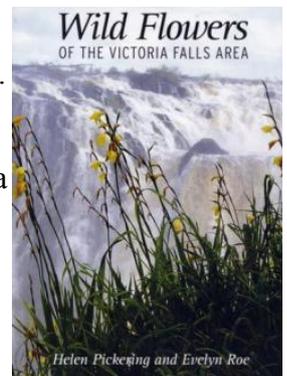
Meg was born and educated in Zimbabwe where she still lives. Her early interest in plants came to the fore when she and her husband Paul Coates Palgrave took the photographs for the classic book 'Trees of Southern Africa', published in 1977, for which Paul's brother provided the text. She was also involved in the 'Everyone's Guide to Trees of South Africa' and published, in 1989, 'A Guide to the Trees of the Mukuvisi Woodlands' and 'Key to the Trees of Zimbabwe' comprising keys for six different areas. The latter book has been enthusiastically received, and as a result Meg was given the Bob Rutherford Memorial Award in 1996 in recognition of her substantial contribution to conservation. Those attending her courses find her enthusiasm, dedication and passion for trees both interesting and infectious. A further course will be held during the Easter period –

please contact the Lodge for details.



Maramba River Photo by Ulrich Mattheus

This is a new book on the Wild Flowers of the Victoria Falls Area by Helen Pickering and Evelyn Roe. An essential reference book for visitors to the area interested in flora as it contains coloured photographs of 220 species of the more common herbaceous plants and small shrubs found around the Falls.



Available in Bookworld at the new shopping centre in Livingstone.

The Victoria Falls are a short flight from South Africa, host to the 2010 Soccer World Cup. Maramba River Lodge is the perfect place to stay as it is the nearest Lodge to the Falls. Aim for Livingstone airport, reachable from all major cities in RSA.

Go bunji jumping and white water rafting



Lwiindi Ceremony

when: Feb 2010 (annual)

where: Victoria Falls

At the Lwiinde Ceremony, the chief of the Toka-Leya leads his people down through the spray to the Victoria Falls gorge, where they offer sacrifices to their ancestors in thanks for the rain, accompanied by traditional dances and rituals.

The Falls are at their most impressive at this time.

Plan ahead and visit for the Kuomboka ceremony in April/May



WEATHER FOR THIS PERIOD

| | January | February | March |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| High temperature | 30C | 30 C | 30C |
| Low temperature | 19C | 19C | 18C |
| Rainfall | 174mm | 141mm | 80mm |
| Humidity | 75% | 77% | 72% |

Visitors from Lusaka :- GOOD NEWS – the road to Livingstone has improved

Also there are daily flights with Proflight

Bundu



ADVENTURE SPECIALISTS

Bundu Adventures was established in 1996 as a

Whitewater rafting and Canoeing company on the Zambezi river.

Since then, its passion remains

unchanged and Bundu has positioned itself as the leading company for top quality activities on the mighty Zambezi River. Owned and operated by river people, Bundu offers white water rafting, riverboarding, canoeing safaris, river-surfing, kayaking and logistics, multi day adventures and many other activities which can be arranged to suit clients.



Details can be obtained at the Lodge Reception and all bookings and arrangements made

Sample Menu for Dinner

Chicken livers with peri peri or garlic

Mixed Zambian Grill

Fruit Tartlets

Further menus each Newsletter

Maramba Riverside Restaurant is situated in a stunning spot, right on the river (View 360 degree interactive photograph on the web site.) The Dinner menu has recently been upgraded and a sample is included here. Please be sure to inform the Lodge of any special dietary needs.



Where is Maramba River Lodge?

4K from the Victoria Falls in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

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1£=K7,528, 1Euro=K6,774

1ZAR = K615

Appendix to Newsletter

List of Trees recorded at Maramba River Lodge, Livingstone, Zambia

- 1 **Acacia sieberiana** *paperbark thorn,*
- 2 **Diospyros mespiliformis** *jackalberry,*
- 3 **Acacia nigrescens** *knob thorn,*
- 4 **Acacia nilotica** *scented-pod thorn,*
- 5 **Combretum imberbe** *leadwood,*
- 6 **Colophospermum mopane**
- 7 **Acacia polyacantha** *white-stem thorn,*
- 8 **Lannea schweinfurthii** *false-marula,*
- 9 **Hyphaene petersiana** *ilala palm, vegetable ivory palm,*
- 10 **Dalbergia melanoxylon** *zebrawood,*
- 11 **Gymnosporia senegalensis** *confetti spikethorn,*
- 12 **Garcinia livingstonei** *african mangosteen,*
- 13 **Trichilia emetica** *natal-mahogany,*
- 14 **Piliostigma thonningii** *monkeybread,*
- 15 **Khaya anthotheca** *red mahogany,*
- 16 **Peltoporum africanum** *african-wattle,*
- 17 **Kigelia africana** *sausage-tree,*
- 18 **Dichrostachys cinerea** *sickle-bush,*
- 19 **Azelia quanzensis** *pod-mahogany,*
- 21 **Sclerocarya birrea** *marula,*
- 22 **Terminalia sericea** *silver clusterleaf,*
- 23 **Philenoptera violacea** *rain-tree,*
- 24 **Bolusanthus speciosus** *tree-wisteria,*
- 25 **Combretum adenogonium** *four-leaf bushwillow*
- 26 **Feretia aeruginescens** *pink-medlar,*
- 27 **Terminalia stuhlmannii** *zigzag clusterleaf,*
- 28 **Vitex petersiana** *zambezi fingerleaf,*
- 29 **Balanites aegyptiaca** *simple-thorn torchwood,*
- 30 **Combretum hereroense** *mouse-ear bushwillow,*
- 31 **Bridelia cathartica** *knobbly sweetberry,*
- 32 **Erythroxylum zambesiaceum** *zambezi cocatree,*
- 33 **Flueggea virosa** *snowberrytrees,*
- 34 **Artabotrys brachypetalus** *purple hookberry*
- 35 **Ficus sur** *broom-cluster fig,*
- 36 **Allophylus africanus** *african false-crowberry*
- 37 **Erythina species** *coral tree*
- 38 **Bauhinia petersiana** subsp **petersiana** *coffee bauhinia,*
- 39 **Adansonia digitata** *baobab, mubuyu*

By - Meg Coates Palgrave

View the 360 degree interactive photographs on the Web site to get the impact of the trees on the ambience of the Lodge.