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# Wildlife Photography course with Lex Hes 5 Days

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THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM NATURE ARE MANY - THE IMPORTANCE OF A BEETLE



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## Specialist Photography

Taking great wildlife photos is not as easy as it looks. There is a lot of thought and time that goes into producing those great images that we see around us.

**The purpose of EcoTraining's Wildlife Photography Course** is to reveal some of these thoughts to budding wildlife photographers and at the same time to give photographers time and opportunity to put these thoughts into action in the field under the guidance of an experienced photographer.

We start the course with a discussion on the equipment needed to become a versatile nature photographer and then we go on to discuss the various elements that combine to make up a good nature photograph. Participants will spend mornings and afternoons in the bush looking for photographic opportunities followed by a lecture each day and constructive criticism of any digital photos taken during each activity.

The basic elements covered in lectures and demonstrations include: Equipment, Lighting; Backgrounds; Depth of field and Exposure; Composition; Impact; Shape and form; Highlights; Story telling and Action/Motion Sequences



## About Lex Hes

Lex Hes' (co-owner of EcoTraining) history of wildlife photography began at Londolozi Game Reserve, when after being strategic in the development of Londolozi and the field guiding there, he spent two years working as a 16 mm film cameraman making wildlife documentaries for Londolozi productions. After doing research on Marion Island, he returned with a collection of photographs that led to his first photography work being published in Minolta Mirror and Creative Photography magazines. On returning to Londolozi, Lex began to collect photographs and data on the behaviour of leopards in that area and this culminated in the publication of his highly-acclaimed book "The Leopards of Londolozi".

Lex left Londolozi in 1991 to start a career as a self-employed field guide and photographer and has since published a further four books: Bush School; Attracting Birds to your Garden in southern Africa, The Complete book of Mammals of southern Africa and Wild South Africa. His photographs have been published in numerous publications around the world and have been used in advertising campaigns.

## Course Location - Timbavati JayDee Bush Camp

We traverse across 12 000 hectares of prime game area in the Timbavati Private Reserve adjacent to the Kruger National Park with regular sightings of lion, buffalo, elephant, leopard, rhino and general game. The birdlife is also absolutely excellent.



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JayDee is a private camp with five en-suite thatched bungalows, a fully equipped kitchen and a cook to cater all meals, a dining room, lounge, open braai area, a look-out and a swimming pool. The living area overlooks a waterhole and provides you with the ideal bush classroom for lectures and discussions.

Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages (beers, ciders, and soft drinks) are sold from the camp and can only be paid for with cash. There are no credit card/debit card/cheque/forex facilities. Please notify us when booking of what you would like to drink so that we can stock that for you at the camp.

There is fresh drinkable water from the taps and cordial fruit juices, tea and coffee is provided. There is limited cell phone reception at the camp.

## Daily Programme

A typical daily programme at the camp follows a routine of **rising early, usually before sunrise**, enjoying hot coffee and biscuits while you listen to the bush waking up and then leaving the camp for the morning drive and photography session in the wilderness. You will get back to the camp at about 11am, ready for a hearty brunch. After breakfast, Lex will present a lecture on the topic of the day. Thereafter you will be free to have an afternoon siesta; practice your newly learnt knowledge and techniques or simply relax and absorb the nature around you. At about 3pm, afternoon tea and eats are served before you head out on the afternoon drive for another photo workshop session in the wilderness. After dinner, there will be time around the camp fire for informal discussions on the day's photographic events.

## Meals

- Wake-up to tea/coffee with biscuits and fresh fruit
- Enjoy a cooked breakfast, with cereals and fruit for brunch
- In the afternoon indulge with a few light snacks
- A balanced, warm plated meal finishes off the day for dinner

## Course Rates

Please contact [enquiries@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:enquiries@ecotraining.co.za) for more information.

### Rate includes:

- Specialist: Lex Hes
- Lectures
- Game drives
- Walks
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Tea, coffee and cordials

√ Further details on request or registration.

