

The brief comparison of the two safaris

Through Kenya and Tanganyika in 1965 and

From Kenya to and through Uganda in 1966

FAUNA

From what we saw and recorded, the diversity was greater in Kenya and Tanganyika. In Uganda, we noted the greatest herds by the number of animals. The Great migration of wildebeests and zebras is certainly the largest aggregation of animals in East African countries.

We have seen all the BIG FIVE during the safari through Kenya and Tanganyika in 1965. In Uganda it would not be possible to achieve these encounters at all.



Miniatures copied from MEISTER VERLAG edition titled "Fascination Animal & Nature"

As shown on the above miniatures the BIG FIVE are the following animals: Buffalo, Elephant, Leopard, Lion and Rhinoceros.

FLORA

In Kenya and Tanganyika we travelled mostly through steppes and savannahs. In Uganda the rainy season started during our trip, which made the countryside green and the grass grow high. Uganda had many low-level grounds like marshlands and swamps, and the many large lakes like Victoria, and the great river of the Nile flowing across that vast country.



A termite hill found plentiful in dry and flat country at left.
The guinea fowls were often on the menu of restaurants we visited.

NATURE

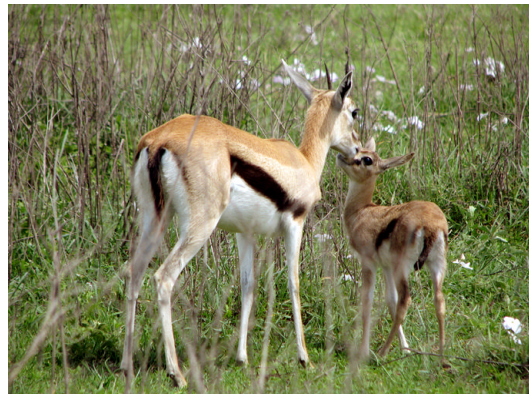
We made both safaris during August and September in 1965 and 1966 respectively. We found many natural beauties in all three countries, but I could not say that these differ significantly in the quality as well as how they impressed us personally. We had more problems in Uganda, mainly due to the technical troubles with our 1954 VW. Road maintenance had been gravely neglected, particularly in some parks, whereas the main roads in Uganda could have had better surfacing.



A grey striped mongoose on an abandoned termite hill at left and two female waterbucks at right.

POLITICAL SITUATION AND TOURISM

We did not have any problem to travel through all three countries. We had the Tripartite Pass and passed borders without any hitch. However in the Kenya North guards had watched for the Somalia Shiptas. At begin of the so called African Socialism that had introduced the President Nyerere Tanganyika had some inner political problems. We entered into Uganda shortly after the Government cancelled the existence of the five Kingdoms proclaiming the country into a republic. However we did not experienced any problem from this aspect.



Two cheetahs walk close by and a Thompson gazelle with calf at right.

As for the tourism industry or trade I would say that this was better developed in Kenya and in Tanganyika compared to Uganda. In particular I refer to the managements of

lodges and costs for services say in hotels in Uganda that were quite higher than in Kenya. The information boards were relatively scarce in Uganda compared to the two other countries we traveled through.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC “HARVEST”

During the 1965 safari through Kenya and Tanganyika (later: Tanzania), we were able to take many photos of animals. We had not lost pictures taken on any of the several films.



The rather shy dick-dick antelope at left and a young baboon doing the “social” duty to an elder one.

We did not have the same “luck” on the safari through Uganda in 1966 as we lost many pictures supposedly taken on two films. One complete film in my Russian made camera “Zorkii” had not been transported properly. This resulted in a “loss” of some 36 pictures at least. The second film emulsion had been spoiled by heat during the unfortunate mishap of being stuck in mud. Just bad luck!



A Caffer buffalo takes a mud-bath observed by a distant elephant at right.

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