



Baobab Blitz

What is pollinating baobab flowers?



Bet you thought it was bats, but did you know that scientists have never seen bats visiting baobab flowers in Southern Africa?

We need your help to find out!

If you have a baobab tree on your farm or in your garden, please register and help us find out.

Baobabs have flowers that are big, white and open at night. They can either be pollinated by bats or hawk-moths. Bats have been seen pollinating baobab flowers in East and West Africa, but never been seen pollinating baobab flowers in Southern Africa.

Baobab trees in our area flower from October to December each year. The peak flowering season is in November.

Do you have a favourite baobab tree?

How about spending a fun evening (with friends and family), watching its flowers open and at the same time help us collect information on what is visiting the flowers.



What you need to do:

When: 18 and 19 November 2016 (do one or both nights).

Where: Any baobab tree in Limpopo (Alldays, Vivo, Waterpoort, Mopani, Musina, Tshipise, Pafuri).

How: Sit under one baobab tree from 6pm to 12pm and record what is coming to the flowers.

Register: Send us an e-mail, WhatsApp, Facebook message or SMS so that we can send you a registration and information pack.

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