



Baobab Blitz

What is pollinating baobab flowers?



Join us again on 24 & 25 November and 2 & 3 December

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!

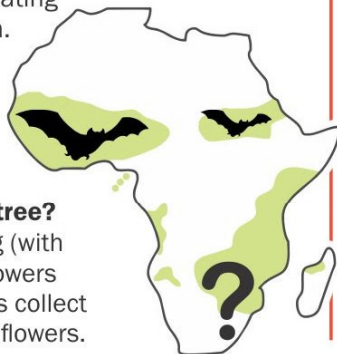
This year we will be adding to the data that was collected last year. Last year we found that only hawk moths were visiting baobab flowers in South Africa, but to make absolutely sure of our conclusions we need to grow our observations and for this we need your help. If you have a baobab tree on your 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.



BAT



HAWK-MOTH (PYLSTERTMOT) WITH BAOBAB FLOWER



BAOBAB TREE

What you need to do:

When: 24-25 November 2017 and/or 2-3 December 2017 (one or both nights, one or both weekends).

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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