

Curriculum Vitae: Steve Boyes

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Date of Birth: 16/02/1979
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University qualifications:

- 1997 - 2001: **BSc Forestry (Nature Conservation)** at the University of Stellenbosch (Stellenbosch, South Africa).
- 2002 - 2003: **MEnvDev (Protected Areas Management)** at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa). My dissertation dealt with the sustainable management of southern reedbuck *Redunca arundinum* through the development of effective census techniques.
- 2005 - 2008: **PhD Zoology** under Prof. Mike Perrin at the Research Centre for African Parrot Conservation, University of KwaZulu-Natal. Submission in November 2008.

Awards and scholarships:

- 2005 - 2008: National Research Foundation Doctoral Scholarship
- 2006 - 2008: Gay Langmuir Memorial Graduate Scholarship
- 2006 - 2008: British Ecological Society Overseas Bursary
- 2007 - 2008: University of KwaZulu-Natal Doctoral Scholarship

Other qualifications:

- Husqvarna Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance Course (1999)
- Mitsubishi 4x4 Driving Course (2000)
- Registered Level 2 Field Guide with FGASA (Field Guide Association of South Africa) (2003)
- Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) Level 2 Professional Wilderness Guide (2004)
- First Aid Emergency Care Provider (Level 3) (2004/2006)
- Wilderness Safaris Level 2 Professional Wilderness Guide (2004)

Work experience:

- August 2000 – December 2001: **Management Plan for the Babalela Conservancy** (Northern Province, South Africa) - Veld condition, stocking rates, road network, etc.
- September 2000: Participant in the opening symposium for the Cape Action Plan for the Environment (CAPE) (Cape Town, South Africa).
- January 2001 – June 2001: **Management plan for Sir Lowry's Pass River Reserve** Portion 6 & Knorhoek- Plant communities, fencing, bontebok project, quagga project, etc. (Gordon's Bay, South Africa).
- July 2001 – March 2002: **Environmental management at Spier Wine Estate**, Stellenbosch (South Africa)
- January 2002: Delegate to workshop on "Sustainable Tourism in the Western Cape" (Stellenbosch, South Africa)
- May 2002 – Nov 2003: **Postgraduate researcher** at the Centre for Environment & Development (University of KwaZulu-Natal), working with the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism on developing protected areas and biodiversity legislation and regulations.

- August 2002 – November 2002: **Report on the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and critical issues related to the Maputoland area** for Park Authority, Ezemvelo-KZN Wildlife, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, and the Centre for Environment and Development. The report was distributed at the World Parks Congress in Durban, South Africa.
- June 2002 – July 2003: **Manager of Mondi Forests Biodiversity Unit** (Technical Division, Pietermaritzburg) - Species lists for birds, large/small mammals, invertebrates, flowering plants & monitoring of game species (game counts) and red data species (e.g. oribi, wattle crane, blue swallow, etc.)
- August 2003 – March 2005: **General Manager of Vundumtiki Camp** in the Okavango Delta, Botswana.
- February 2004 – to present: Joined the Research Centre for African Parrot Conservation as a Field Coordinator for the Meyer's Parrot Project in the Okavango Delta.
- January 2005 – March 2005: Building and opening Vumbura Plains (a new premier-level camp in the Okavango Delta).
- April 2005 – August 2005: **Manager of Vumbura Plains South Camp** in the Okavango Delta.
- August 2005 – February 2006: **General Manager of Mombo Camp** in the Okavango Delta. This is considered to be the premier wildlife property in Africa.
- February 2006 – December 2006: **Research technician** in Prof. Steve Beissinger's Lab at the University of California, Berkeley.
- December 2006 – present: **Campaign Director** for lobby to halt the wild-caught bird trade in South Africa (World Parrot Trust)
- February 2007 – December 2007: Set up and running of an independent research camp for the Meyer's Parrot Project in the Okavango Delta, accepting volunteers from the United States.

Scientific publications:

- Boyes, R.S. & Perrin, M.R. 2006. Census techniques for southern reedbuck, *Redunca arundinum*, on forestry lands in the Natal Midlands, South Africa. ***South African Journal of Wildlife Research***, 36(1): 73-85.
- Boyes & Perrin (in press). Feeding ecology of the Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. ***Ostrich***.

- Boyes & Perrin (in press). Generalists, specialists and opportunists: Niche metrics of *Poicephalus* parrots in southern Africa. **Ostrich**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in press). Wide distribution of a river specialist: Habitat associations of the Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. **Biotropica**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in press). Do Meyer's Parrots *Poicephalus meyeri* benefit pollination and seed dispersal of plants in the Okavango Delta, Botswana? **African Journal of Ecology**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in review). Daily activity pattern of the Meyer's Parrot, *Poicephalus meyeri* (Cretzschmar), in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. **Emu**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in review). Flocking dynamics and roosting behaviour of the Meyer's Parrot, *Poicephalus meyeri*, in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. **African Zoology**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in review). Sensitivity of Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* to fluctuations in food resource abundance and implications for optimal foraging theory. **Ibis**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in prep.). Breeding biology of the Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. **Emu**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in prep.). Ecological context of Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* nest cavities and implications for conservation biology. **Conservation Biology**.
- Boyes & Perrin (in prep.). Subspecies overlap and population estimates for the Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* subspecies, *P. m. damarensis* and *P. m. transvaalensis*, in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. **Ostrich**.

Popular articles:

- Boyes, R.S. 2005. The Meyer's Parrot – An African Parrot. **PsittScene**, 17(4): 14-15. November 2005.
- Boyes, R.S. 2006. The Meyer's Parrot of the Okavango Delta. **Parrots**, April 2006: 42-47.
- Boyes, R.S. 2006. Meyer's Parrot Project: Conserving a common parrot in Africa. **BirdTalk**, September 2006.
- Boyes, R.S. 2006. Meyer's Parrot – A German parrot in Africa. **Papageien**, August: 16-21.
- Boyes, R.S. 2008. On life in Africa: Interview with a parrot researcher. World Parrot Trust. **Pssitascene**, February: 6-10.
- Boyes, R.S. 2008. Fruitful endeavours: Observations of Meyer's Parrots in the Okavango Delta. **Africa Birds & Birding** 13(1): 41-46.
- Boyes, R.S. 2008. No competition: generalist feeding behaviour of a habitat niche specialist. **Wingspan** 23(2): 61-66.

- Boyes, R.S. 2008. Lessons from the Meyer's Parrot Nesting Project (2003 – 2007). *Papageien*. October: 32-42.
- Blog: http://www.parrots.org/index.php/blog_boyes/
- Website: <http://www.africaskyblue.org/>

Talks and seminars:

- April 2006: Seminar on the Meyer's Parrot Project and Okavango Delta as part of the **Distinguished Lecturer Series** of the Cooperative Institute for Research into the Environmental Sciences (CIRES) at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
⇒ <http://cires.colorado.edu/events/lectures/boyes/>
- July 2006: Seminar on the Meyer's Parrot Project and Okavango Delta as part of the **Wildlife Management Lecture Series** of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management (ESPM) at the University of California, Berkeley.
- November 2006: Seminar on the Meyer's Parrot Project and Okavango Delta at the **Wildlife Conservation Society (Bronx Zoo)**, New York.
- November 2006: Seminar on the Meyer's Parrot Project and Okavango Delta at the **Edward Grey Institute for Ornithology (University of Oxford)**.
- November 2006: Seminar on the Meyer's Parrot Project and Okavango Delta at University of Cambridge for **UNEP-WCMC, Fauna & Flora International and Birdlife International**.
- March 2007: Seminar on Meyer's Parrot Project at the **Independent Researcher Meetings** hosted by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Maun, Botswana.
- September 2008: Seminar on Meyer's Parrot Project for **Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCru)** at Tubney House, University of Oxford.

Referees:

1. Prof. Mike Perrin

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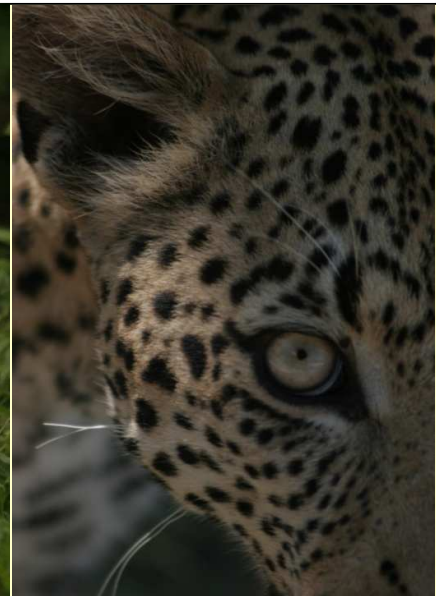
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“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived”

Henry David Thoreau