

Curriculum Vitae: Steve Boyes



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University Qualifications

- 2001:** Qualified with a BSc Forestry (Nature Conservation) (i.e. BSc Forestry with honours in nature conservation) at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2003:** Qualified with a MEnvDev(PAM) (i.e. Masters Degree in Environment & Development (Protected Areas Management) at the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg), South Africa

My dissertation dealt with the sustainable management of the southern reedbuck *Redunca arundinum* through the development of effective census techniques.

Published in:

(Boyes, R.S. & Perrin, M.R. 2006. Census techniques for southern reedbuck, *Redunca arundinum*, on forestry lands in the Natal Midlands, South Africa. *SAJWR*, 36(1): 73-85.)

- 2008:** 4th Year PhD Zoology under Prof. Mike Perrin at the Research Centre for African Parrot Conservation (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa). Complete by June 2008.

Bursaries and awards

- 2004 – 2008:** Gay Langmuir Scholarship
- 2005 – 2008:** National Research Foundation Doctoral Bursary
- 2006 – 2008:** British Ecological Society Overseas Bursary

Other Qualifications

- 1997:** South African Driver's Licence
- 1998:** Sabi Sabi Ranger Training Course
- 1999:** University of Stellenbosch Student Councillor/Guidance Course
- 1999:** Husqvarna Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance Course
- 2000:** Mitsubishi 4x4 Driving Course
- 2003:** Wilderness Safaris management training course
- 2003:** Registered Level 2 Field Guide with Field Guide Association of SA
- 2003:** International Driving Permit
- 2004:** Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) Level 2 Professional Wilderness Guide
- 2004:** Wilderness Safaris Level 2 Professional Wilderness Guide
- 2004:** First Aid Emergency Care Provider (Level 3)
- 2005:** Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) Level 3 Professional Wilderness Guide
- 2005:** Wilderness Safaris Level 3 Professional Wilderness Guide – Big 5

Work Experience**July 1998 – July 1999:**

Internal stock audits for Evapco (SA) (Pty)Ltd

August 2000 – December 2001:

Management Plan for the Babalela Conservancy (Northern Province, South Africa) – Veld condition, stocking rates, road network, fencing, 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, management, and Quagga project (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 at the Centre for Environment & Development (University of KwaZulu-Natal). Attending weekly workshops and working with the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism on developing protected areas and biodiversity legislation and norms and standards.

August 2002:

Compilation of a report on the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and the critical issues related to the Maputoland area for the 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:

Research for Mondi Forests Technical Division (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa).

June 2002 – July 2003:

Mondi Forests Biodiversity Unit (Technical Division, Pietermaritzburg) – Biodiversity assessments 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.

January 2005 – March 2005:

Building and opening Vumbura Plains (a new premier level camp in the Okavango Delta).

April 2005 – August 2005:

General Manager of Vumbura Plains (South Camp) in the Okavango Delta.

August 2005 – February 2006:

Front-of-House Manager at Mombo Camp in the Okavango Delta. This is widely considered to be the premier wildlife property in Africa.

February 2006 – December 2006:

Wilderness Safaris agent education and client presentations. I conducted educational seminars on the Okavango Delta, Zambezi Basin, and Luangwa Valley at cocktail evenings for all the major agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area.

March 2006 – December 2006:

Research technician in Prof. Steve Beissinger's Lab (UC Berkeley). Support to Postdocs and research projects, while doing PhD write-up and experimental design for Okavango Cavity Nesting Project at UC Berkeley, California.

April 2006:

Seminar on the 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.

Link: <http://cires.colorado.edu/events/lectures/boyes/>

July 2006:

Seminar on the 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.

August 2006 – present:

Campaign Director (African Wild Bird Trade) for the World Parrot Trust. I am currently preparing to host a workshop on the wild-caught bird trade in South Africa. This will be attended by WWF-SA, TRAFFIC, EWT, Birdlife-SA, SANBI, the Wilderness Trust, and numerous other conservation stakeholders.

January 2007 – present:

Opening of Vundumtiki Research Camp in the Okavango Delta using funding from the British Ecological Society, the World Parrot Trust, private donors, and the National Research Foundation in South Africa. This camp is dedicated to wildlife research and local capacity building. Zenzele Mpofo, a wildlife ecologist with the Botswana Department of Wildlife & National Parks, is currently in camp gathering data for her MSc Zoology on cavity-nesting bird, mammal and reptile species in the Okavango Delta. We are also training other local wildlife rangers and Birdlife Botswana interns in data collection techniques and experimental design. The camp is permitted for three years.

For list of peer-reviewed publications and referees, please contact me at boyes@africaskyblue.org