

Graham Bowles



Graham Robert Bowles - Field Researcher - Ph.D Student
Nationality: British

Education and Qualifications

| Year | Institution |
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| 1999 - 2002 | The University of Birmingham, Birmingham. |
| Animal Sciences BSc, Achieved 2.ii | |
| Final year modules include - Physiological Basis of Behaviour, Applied Entomology, Invertebrates in changing climates and Environmental Physiology of vertebrates. | |
| Final Year Project - The Behaviour associated with the warming and cooling of the Desert Lizard, <i>Uromastyx aegypticus</i> . (Results published; (2001) <i>Journal of Experimental Biology</i> 204, 521-531). | |
| Dissertation - The Evolution of Man's relationship with the domestic dog, <i>Canis familiaris</i> . | |

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| 1994 - 1999 | Haileybury and East India College, Hertford. |
| A-Level's | G.C.S.E.'s |
| General Studies B | 5 A's and 4 B's |
| Biology C | Double Science, Maths, Technology |
| Geography C | English (Lit. and Lang.), Geography |
| Chemistry C | French and History. |

Objectives

Having been involved in research in various forms in the past, (through University, Nanania ranch, Huntingdon Life Sciences and Glaxo), I have been looking to get involved in a full time research project for a while. The base knowledge I have gained through U.A.S.C., F.G.A.S.A. and Elephant Back Safaris has given me an in depth understanding of the environment as a whole and made me realise the most effective research is that of keystone species that therefore are good indicators to the health of the environment as a whole. In addition my experience with the safari industry in various forms over the past 3 years has given me the ideal experience as to how to operate successfully in remote areas. This I believe gives the project every chance of success for everyone involved.

Employment History

July 2006 - Present **Elephant Back Safaris** **Operations Manager**

- ❖ Responsible for the operations management for WMA-NG26, Okavango Delta. This included overseeing the running of two top end safari camps with a combined staff of 60 answering to the position.
- ❖ Developed time management skills in job that demanded a high level of attention to detail in a wide variety of aspects pertaining to the smooth running of both camps.
- ❖ Developed systems with which to run the logistics of both camps more efficiently with eventual savings for the company.

Nov 2005 - July 2006

African Horseback Safaris

Relief Manager

- ✦:Overseeing all aspects of the running of a safari camp. This included maintaining high standards in each department with the added aspect of overseeing the husbandry of 32 horses.
- ✦:Gained an appreciation for leadership of a team and how to bring the best out of people no matter how difficult the task required.
- ✦:Being responsible for a staff of 40 that live on site taught me the empathy needed in all aspects of daily life and the necessity to provide a means of motivation, self improvement and therefore maintaining moral within the team.

Nov 2003 - Nov 2005

Uncharted Africa Safari Co.

Specialist Zoological Guide

- ✦:Responsible for the management of guests from a range of cultures and backgrounds with high budget expectations and demands.
- ✦:Gained an in depth knowledge of the desert environment; the flora, fauna, geology, archaeology, anthropology, history and astronomy, and an appreciation of guests needs.
- ✦:Learnt the necessity of attention to detail while under pressure of working the hours required of the service industry.

Nov 2003

Nanania Game Farm, Namibia

Research assistant

- ✦:Responsible for the monitoring of Bat-Eared Fox (*Otocyon megalotis*) in the area.
- ✦:Gained experience in data accumulation for research in extreme environments.
- ✦:Learnt the empathy and self-motivation needed to work with extremely shy, nocturnal animals.

Jan - Oct 2003

Huntingdon Life Sciences

Animal Technician

- ✦:Responsible for the husbandry, care and welfare for a range of Laboratory animals including livestock.
- ✦:Learnt the importance of precise working methods in an industry that does not allow for error.
- ✦:Gained a compassion for animals and a thorough understanding of their behaviour when under stress

Sept 1999

Glaxo Wellcome

Work Experience

- ✦:Shadowed Dr. Robert Fenton through the everyday running of a medical research project.

Jul - Sept 1999

Tom Banks & Co.

Farm Hand

- ✦:Tackled a steep learning curve to a job with no previous experience.
- ✦:Gained a professional attitude and a flexible approach to work with demanding hours.

Experience

- ✦: **Oct 2006 F.G.A.S.A. Level 3a, Maun** - an internationally renowned guiding standard - 77%.
- ✦: **Dec 2004 Netcare First Aid Course, Maun** - An intensive five day course touching on all aspects and situations that could occur in the bush including AIDS management and counseling.
- ✦: **Feb - Mar 2004 OWS, Level 2 Professional Guide, Kaparota**. Covered techniques in guiding, service, game drive and walking ethic; weapons proficiency, Knowledge on the geology, ecology, climatology, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and astronomy of the Okavango Delta region. FGASA and MTTC accredited.
- ✦: **May 2003 SAS Survival Weekend, Wales**. A two- day course learning military survival techniques. Learnt a range of orienteering techniques, fire production methods, tracking and snaring techniques. Gained and understanding into the psychology of survival.

- ✦ **May 2003 Game Ranger Course, S. Africa.** A two week course teaching the fundamentals of the field guiding / game ranging industry. Realised the importance of enthusiasm, adaptability and resourcefulness. Greatly enhanced local knowledge of Southern Africa. Formal assessment on all 20 aspects of syllabus. Gained a comprehensive understanding and practical experience of the industry.
 - ✦ **Jun - Aug 2001 Volunteer RSPCA, Southridge** Responsible for husbandry, welfare and basic training of newly arrived animals.
 - ✦ **Jul - Aug 1997 World Challenge Expedition, Nepal.** A three-week expedition through the Himalayas to Mt. Kala Pattar (5545m). The fourth week was spent experiencing the culture of urban India.
 - ✦ **1994 - 1999 Duke of Edinburgh Awards** (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Organisation of expeditions, community ventures and development of leadership skills.
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Other skills

Stage 1 British Off-Road Driving Assoc. Botswana Public Service Vehicle licence (2005), Botswana Drivers Licence (2005), Graduate Member of Institute of Biology - (2002), British Driving License - (1999), St. John's 'Lifesaver Plus' First Aid Certificate - (1997), Sporting Hobbies include Horse-riding, Sailing (1st VI and 2nd VI (Capt.) with successes at regional, inter-school and house events, Muay - Thai Boxing (4th Kan), music, Water - skiing, Golf and Football.