

ELEPHANT



Jabu, Thembi, and Marula

On one of our drives, we found ourselves in a herd of 200 elephants. Many were calves and their mothers, called cows, were protective. They trumpeted, fanned their ears and pawed the ground if we got too close. That's why I was so happy to meet Doug and Sandy Grove's three semi-habituated elephants. See photos of Jabu, Marula and Thembi on their website www.livingwiththeelephants.org. Sandy and Doug study their elephants but their relationship with them is far deeper.

I loved touching the elephants and seeing them close up. They are very intelligent, complex animals and scientists are discovering more and more about them.



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