

Waza National Park

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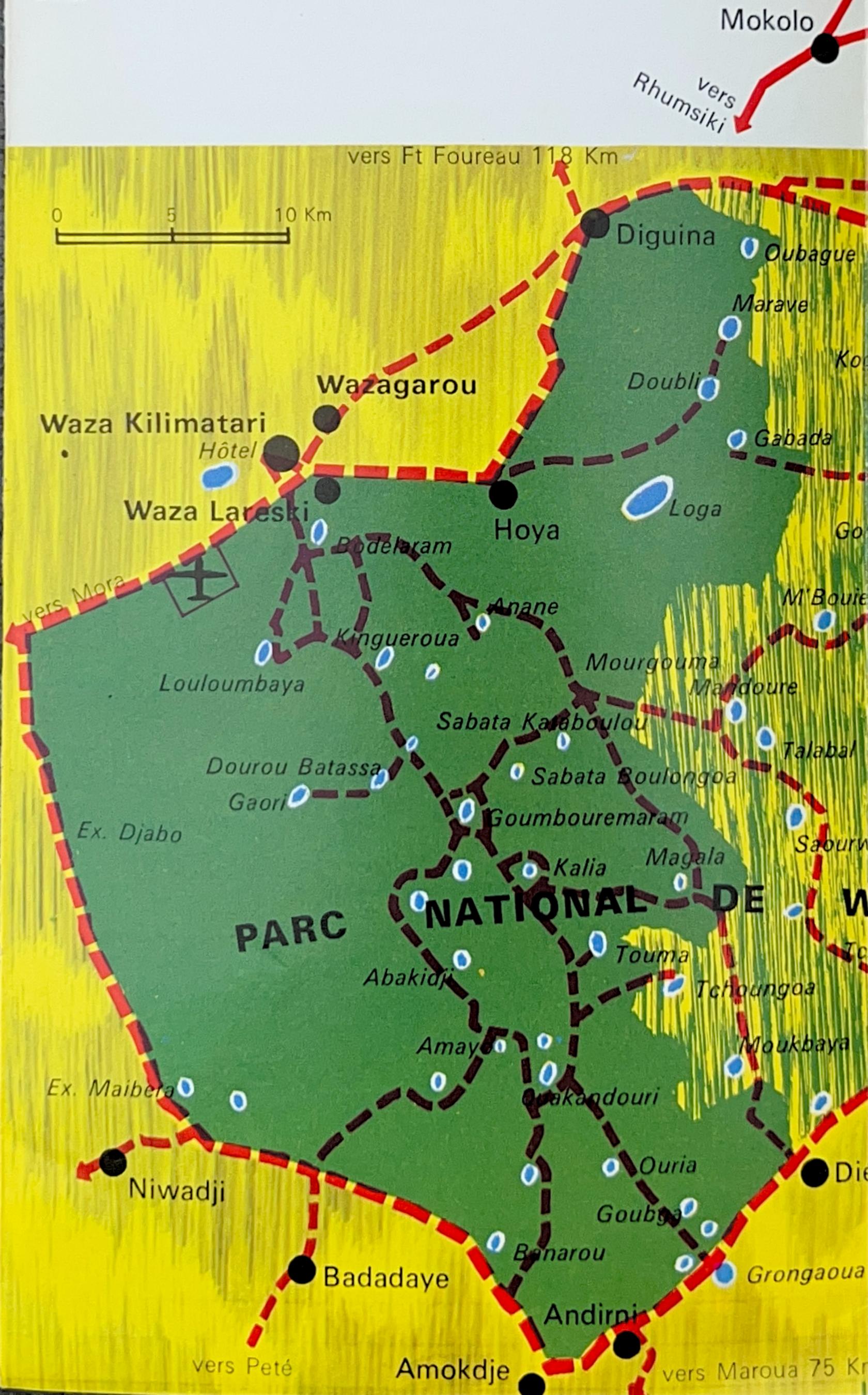
Purple Heron
Héron purpuré

Lioness



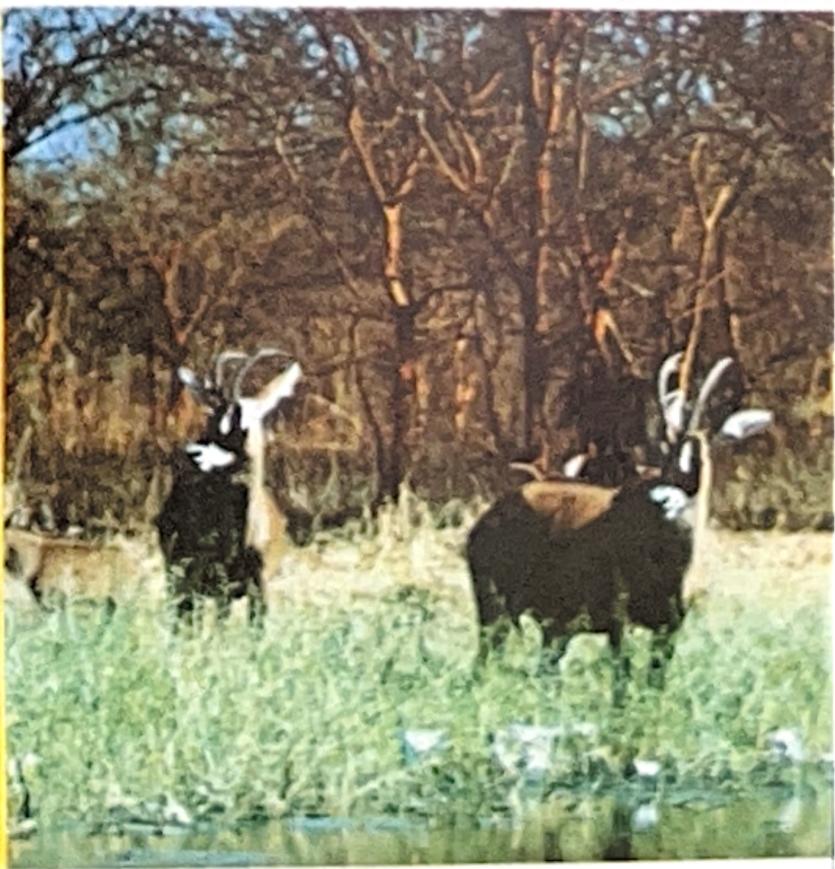
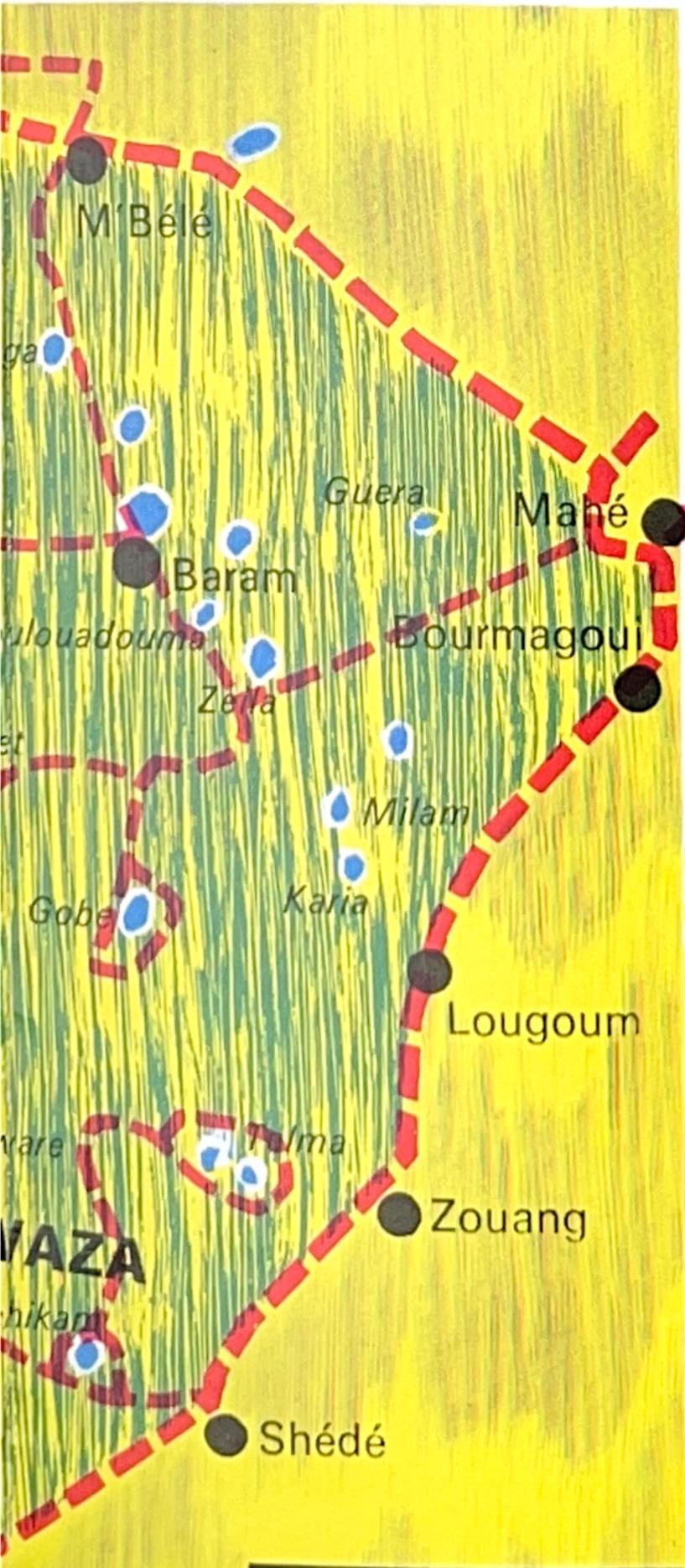
The Waza National Park, covering an area of some 425,000 acres, is situated in Northern Cameroon, South of Fort-Foureau, 84 miles from Fort Lamy (Chad), 75 miles from Maroua and 128 miles from Maiduguri (Nigeria).

The essential object of its creation, in 1934, was to protect the giraffes and large herds of antelopes. This object has been fully achieved : giraffes are now to be found in numerous herds while antelopes of all species are estimated to exceed 40,000 head. But their protection has been profitable to many other species of animals : by its exceptional wealth and its variety, the fauna of **Waza** probably makes it **one of the most spectacular Parks in Africa** at the present time.

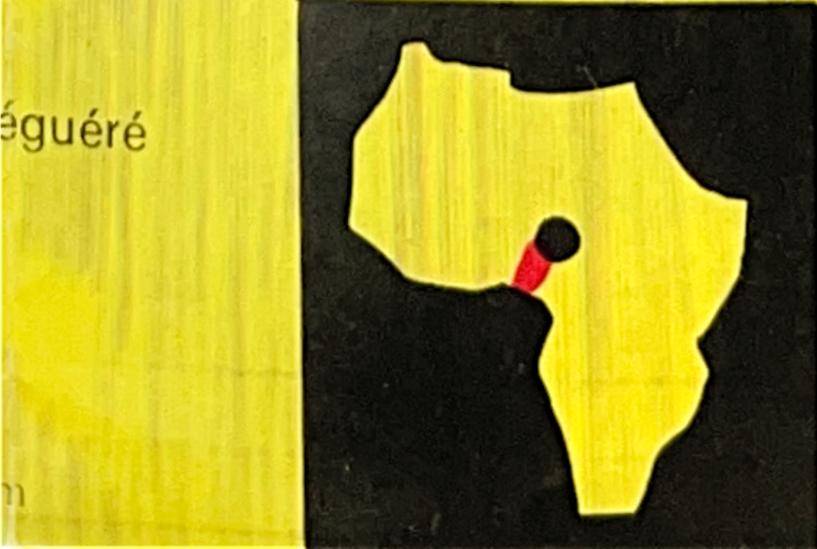




There is access to Waza, by road, from the South, from November to the beginning of June, either from Maroua, via Balaza, Balda, Fadéré, Alagarno and Andirni, or via Mora and Magdémé, or from Mokolo (80 miles) via Mora and Magdémé, or via Courgui and Boundéri; coming from Fort-Lamy, in the North, via Logone-Birni, Mahé, Shédé (106 miles), from March 15 to June 15; via Fort Foureau, Maltam, Djilbé (ferry), Diguina (84 miles), from February 1 to June 15; via Maltam, Dikoa (Nigeria), Bama, Mora (230 miles) from November 15 to June 15. An airfield (runway 1,970 yards), situated 2 miles from Waza, can handle DC-4 and Nord-Atlas type aircraft from November 15 to June 15, bringing Waza within 30 minutes flying time from Fort-Lamy.

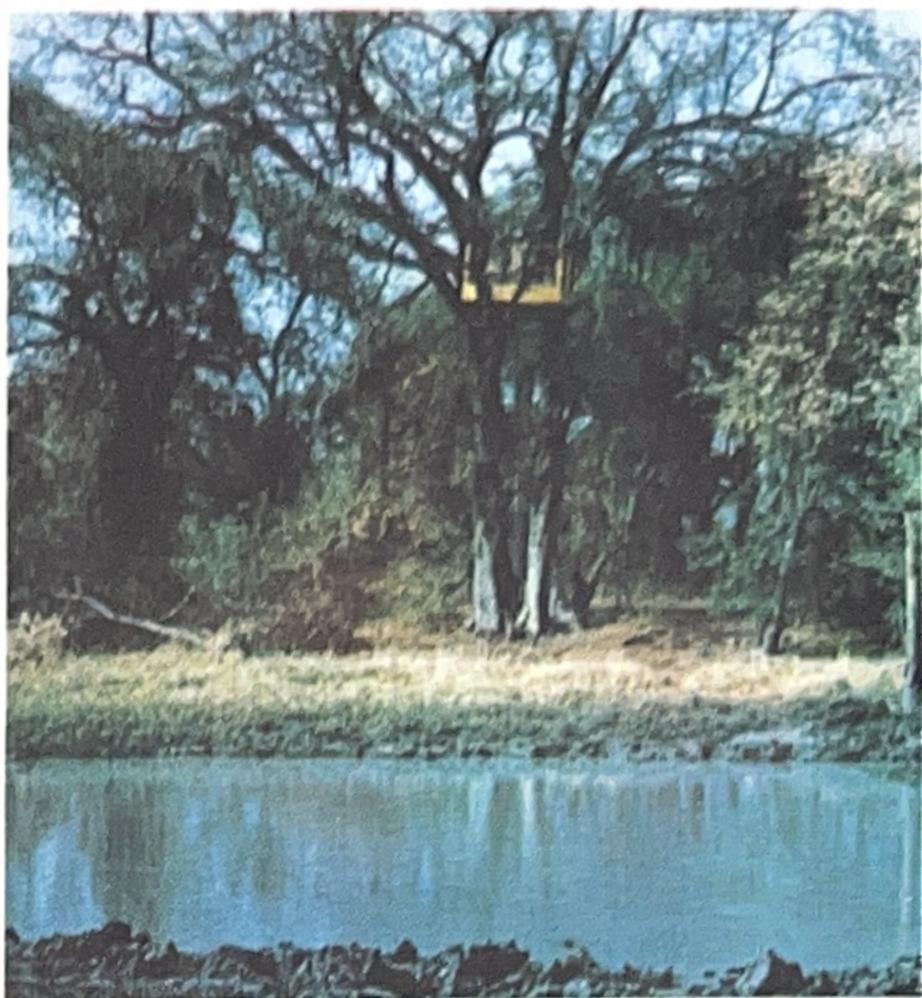


Roan Antelopes
Hippotragues



Main Kinds of Animals of the Waza Park

Baboon
Red monkey
Green monkey
African Elephant
Giraffe
Roan Antelope
Korrigum
Waterbuck
Kob
Reedbuck
Bushbuck
Grimm's Duiker
Red-fronted Gazelle
Lion
Cheetah
Leopard
Serval Cat
Lynx
Striped Hyena
Spotted Hyena
Jackal
Pale Fox
Ratel
Dwarf Mongoose
Grey Mongoose
Striped Mongoose
Striped Pole Cat
Genet
Bush Baby
Civet
Wart-Hog
Python
Royal Python
Cobra
Varan
Echis
Dassie
etc.



A look-out Post



Jabiru

Birds

Ostrich
Grey Pelican
White Pelican
Cormorant
Snake-bird
Goliath Heron
Gray Heron
Black-headed Heron
Purple Heron
Cattle Egret
Great Egret
Garzette Egret
Medium Egret
Greater Hammerkop
White Stork
Bishop Stork
Abdim Stork
Jabiru
Wood-Ibis
Marabou
Open-Bill
African Spoonbill

Sacred Ibis
Hadada
Spur-winged Goose
Knob-billed Goose
Egyptian Goose
White-faced Tree-Duck
Fulvus Tree Duck
Garganey
Hartlaub's Duck
White-winged Stilt
Egyptian Plover
Plovers
Curlews
Painted Snipes
Tringas
Allen's Gallinule
African Moorhen
Jacana
Sandgrouses
Guinea-fowls
Francolins
Quails
Crown Crane
Denham's Bustard

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Waza Park, which is part of the ancient Chad bowl, has **two completely different aspects** :

On the West, a forest portion, with a Sahel-Sudanese flora where the various varieties of acacia predominate. It may be entered from the beginning of November until June.

On the East, the « Yaérés », large, grassy plains which are flooded by the waters of the Logone, the Chari and other tributaries of Lake Chad between August and February or March each year, leaving in their wake residual basins. At this time, the pools of the forest zone having successively dried out, it is in the Yaérés that almost all the animals in the Park concentrate, except for the giraffe and elephant, however, which merely come here to slake their thirst.

Elephants



Nubian Bustard
Senegal Bustard
Laughing Dove
Vinaceous Dove
Red-eyed Dove
Long-tailed Dove
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove
Secretary Bird
White-backed Vulture
Egyptian Vulture
Hooded Vulture
White-headed Vulture
Grey Kestrel
Kestrel
Black-shouldered Kite
African Black Kite
Bateleur Eagle
Long-crested Eagle
Fish Eagle
Vulturine Fish - Eagle
Barn-owl
Blue-headed Coucal
Grey Plantain-eater
Rose-ringed Parakeet

Honey-guides
Woodpeckers
Barbets
Nightjars
Kingfishers
Abyssinian Roller
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill
Grey Hornbill
Carmine Bee-eater
Green Bee-eater
Wood-Hoopoes
Senegal Hoopoe
Weavers
Starlings
Sunbirds
Pied Crow
Gonolek
Yellow-fronted Canary
Paradise Widow
Yellow mantle Widow
Swallows
Yellow-billed Oxpecker
etc.

Pleasantly situated near the picturesque village of **Waza**, on a mound overlooking the approaches to the Reserve, the **Waza Hotel** has been equipped to ensure excellent facilities for guests (running water, showers, electricity). There are experienced guides and guards. The capacity of the Campement, all of whose pavilions are electrified, is 60 beds in twin-bedded rooms with private toilet and shower. Two large pavilions make up the restaurant and there is a private filling station.

Rates : (1-9-64) per person : 700 Francs CFA, and 300 Francs CFA for a siesta.

Reservations : Write to : Inspection des Chasses, B.P. 50, Garoua.



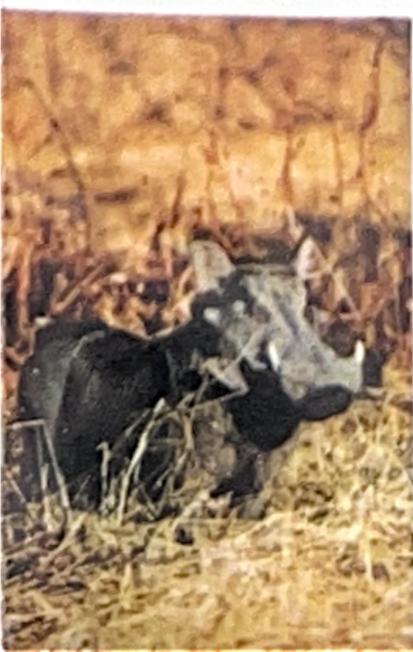
Kobs

Hotel-camp



The admission fee to Waza, valid for the entire current dry season, is 1,000 CFA per person (no charge for children up to 12 years nor for chauffeurs and servants accompanying tourists). It is forbidden to spend the night in the Park and visitors must leave it before sunset. Look-out posts and miradors have been erected near the principal pools to facilitate observation of the wild life, taking photographs and filming : no charge is made for their use.

Shooting — like chasing the animals and, generally speaking, anything which might frighten or disturb them — is obviously forbidden throughout the entire extent of **Waza** Park, as well as within a radius of one Kilometer around the Campement-Hotel; but it is authorized in the immediate vicinity of the Reserve where game is abundant.



Wart-Hog



Antelopes at the Pool

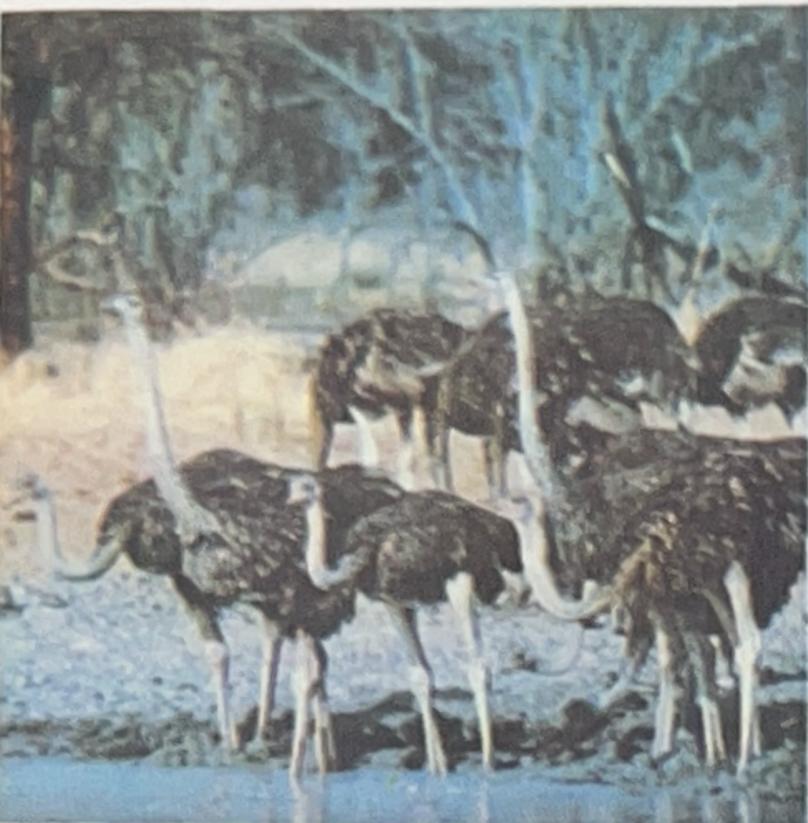
260 miles of carriageable tracks offer convenient means of seeing all aspects of the Park.

With a few rare exceptions, the entire fauna of Western Africa is well represented.

What discoveries at every turn of the track! Giraffe, ostrich, elephant, lion, wart-hog. Incomparable herds of all kinds of antelope assemble around the large pools for their mid-day drink, while even more numerous birds — every bird in creation, it seems — perform an amazing ballet of light and colours between water and sky, between sky and water... A display which never fails in its constant renewal, invariably wonderful, always moving, bringing back the travelling townsman to the freshness and the beauty of the beginning of time, and leaving him with unforgettable memories.



Birds around a Pool

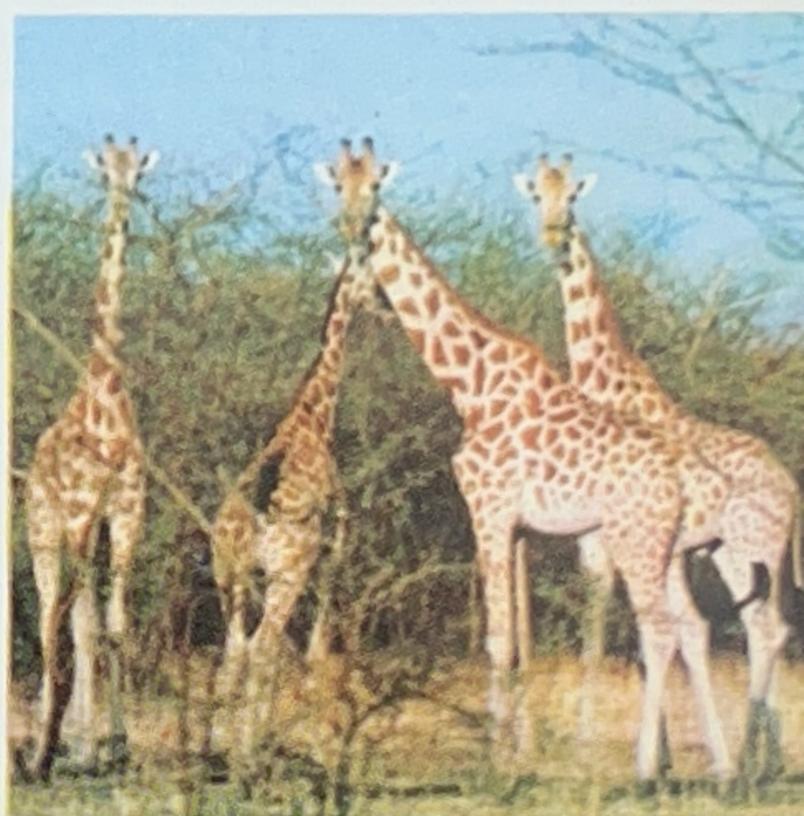


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Ostriches



Carmine Bee-eaters
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Giraffes

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