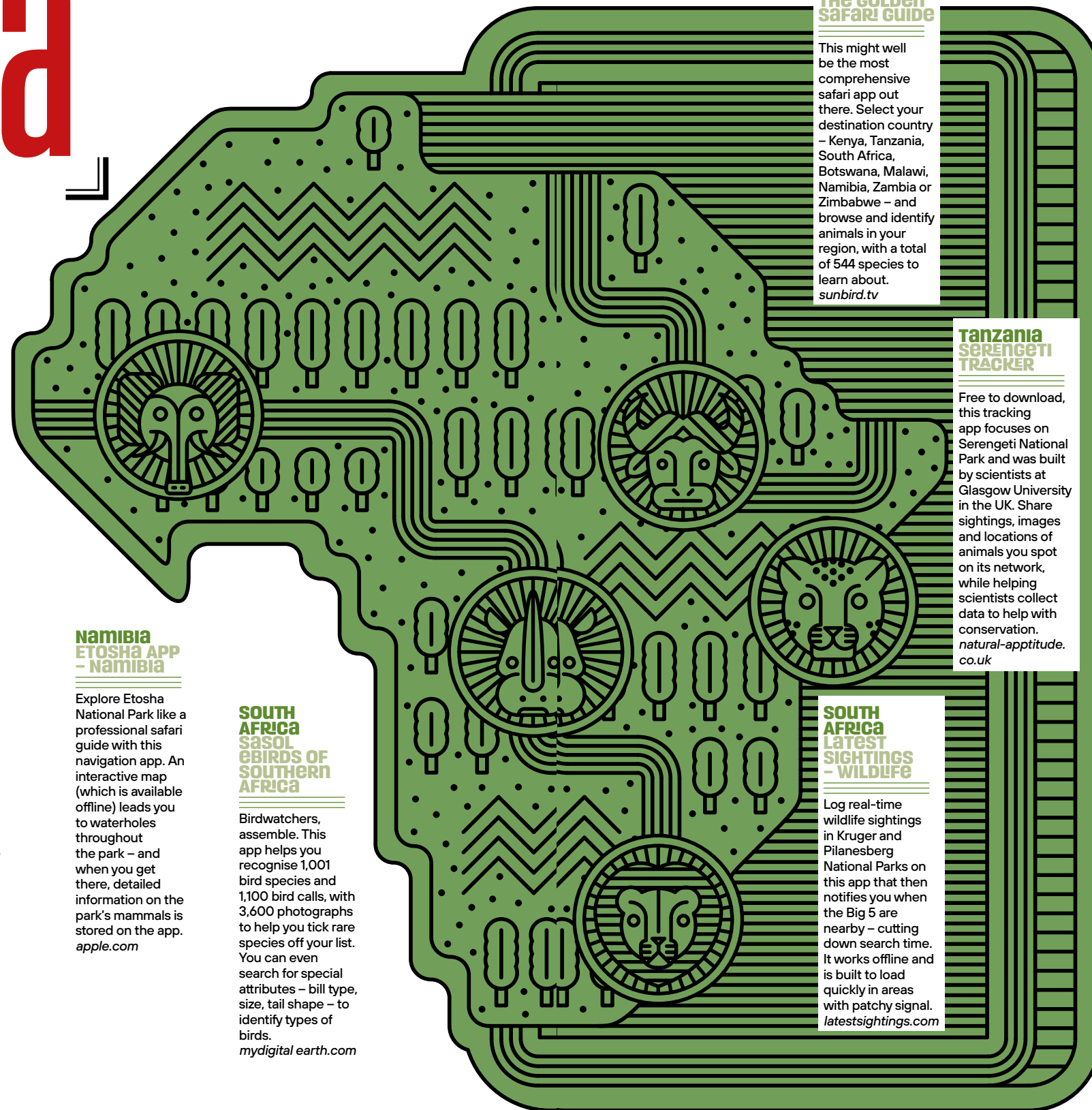


# Around aFRICA

## TECHNOLOGY

### Call of the wild

You've spent all day in the back of a Land Rover, peering through binoculars and trying not to move a muscle while you listen for distant roars or paws crunching through undergrowth... yet you've barely seen a single mammal. Sound familiar? This the best time of year to go on safari, with wildlife migrations in full swing and dry conditions allowing plenty of visibility. We can help you guarantee you'll never have a day on safari without an animal sighting again – with a little help from technology. Download these apps onto your smartphone or tablet, and start tracking like a pro.



#### EAST AFRICA THE GOLDEN SAFARI GUIDE

This might well be the most comprehensive safari app out there. Select your destination country – Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia or Zimbabwe – and browse and identify animals in your region, with a total of 544 species to learn about. [sunbird.tv](http://sunbird.tv)

#### Tanzania SERENGETI TRACKER

Free to download, this tracking app focuses on Serengeti National Park and was built by scientists at Glasgow University in the UK. Share sightings, images and locations of animals you spot on its network, while helping scientists collect data to help with conservation. [natural-appitude.co.uk](http://natural-appitude.co.uk)

#### SOUTH AFRICA LATEST SIGHTINGS - WILDLIFE

Log real-time wildlife sightings in Kruger and Pilanesberg National Parks on this app that then notifies you when the Big 5 are nearby – cutting down search time. It works offline and is built to load quickly in areas with patchy signal. [latestsightings.com](http://latestsightings.com)

#### Namibia ETOSHA APP - Namibia

Explore Etosha National Park like a professional safari guide with this navigation app. An interactive map (which is available offline) leads you to waterholes throughout the park – and when you get there, detailed information on the park's mammals is stored on the app. [apple.com](http://apple.com)

#### SOUTH AFRICA SASOL EBIRDS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Birdwatchers, assemble. This app helps you recognise 1,001 bird species and 1,100 bird calls, with 3,600 photographs to help you tick rare species off your list. You can even search for special attributes – bill type, size, tail shape – to identify types of birds. [mydigital.earth.com](http://mydigital.earth.com)



### TENDING THE LAND

October hails the beginning of the short rains in Tanzania's Great Rift Valley, feeding livestock, wildlife and indigenous hunter-gatherer communities. Terrat – a town near Tarangire National Park, where travellers flock to see the annual wildebeest migration – is home to a Maasai community who use land for grazing their cattle. Not long ago, the community was in conflict with neighbouring farmers, but today it's a peaceful place. This is largely thanks to the Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT), which seeks to improve the lives of Tanzania's Maasai people by helping them to co-exist with their rapidly developing environment. UCRT created a land-use policy in Terrat in 2018, while also empowering Maasai women to own land, which is uncommon due to tribal traditions of early marriage and inheritance rights. "Land is life," says community member Lea.

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