

WORLD RECORD BREAKERS

While the BIG 5 capture the interest of most people,
South Africa has so much more to experience

THE BIG 5

BUFFALO
ELEPHANT
LEOPARD
LION
RHINO

THE LITTLE 5

BUFFALO WEAVER
ELEPHANT SHREW
LEOPARD TORTOISE
ANTLION
RHINOCEROS BEETLE

LARGEST-FASTEST-STRONGEST

LARGEST LAND ANIMAL: ELEPHANT

The elephant has an impressive weight of 5000kg

FASTEST ANIMAL: CHEETAHS

Cheetahs reach a speed of up to 113km/h. 4 x faster the fastest human

FASTEST FLYING BIRD: PRERGRINE FALCON

When stooping to catch prey they may reach speeds of 250-380km/h

TALLEST ANIMAL: MALE GIRAFFE

Reaching heights of 6m or the roof of a two-storey building

WORLD'S RAREST AMPHIBIAN: TABLE MOUNTAIN GHOST FROG

Critically endangered only comes out at night and only place in the world it can be found is within a 10 square kilometre area on Table Mountain

HEAVIEST BEETLE: GOLIATH BEETLE

This beetle weighs 100g, nearly as much as a hamster

LARGEST MARINE MAMMAL: BLUE WHALE

Weighing 15 tons at birth the calf will grow 4 tons per month reaching 180 tons

LARGEST BIRD and FASTEST 2 LEGGED CREATURE: OSTRICH

Height of 2.75m and weighing over 155kg, the ostrich can run 72km/h

STRONGEST CREATURE: RHINOCEROS BEETLE

With a length of 60mm this beetle can carry 850 times its own weight

That would be equivalent to a human carrying 15 elephants

HEAVIEST FLYING BIRD: KORI BUSTARD

Height of more than 1.5m, wings that stretch out to 2.6m and a weight of 18kg

WORLD'S SMELLIEST ANIMAL: ZORILLA (AFRICAN STRIPED POLECAT)

It will put any self-respecting skunk to shame. A squirt of it's secretion not only leaves the victim temporarily blinded but the revolting smell lingers for days