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# Field guiding/ game ranging



## Course info and getting started

**WildlifeCampus offers the industry's definitive field guiding/game ranging course.** In this online course, you'll learn everything you need to know about conservation, ecology, geology, and other topics that will enhance your knowledge of the natural world. You'll get an in-depth look at wildlife and ecosystems, from geologic formations to wildlife habitats and biomes.

Our field guiding/game ranging course is designed for students who want to become professional nature guides or simply want to learn more about the wonders of the natural world.

**This course is suitable for anyone who has an interest in nature and wildlife**, whether it's a hobby or a career choice. The course has been designed so that even beginners can easily follow along while still providing enough depth for those who are more experienced.

Covering over 3000 pages, **this extremely comprehensive course** is perfect for:

- > **Wildlife enthusiasts** who **want to learn more about the bush.**
- > Those **entering the industry** or looking to **travel/work/volunteer in Africa.**
- > Those who want to **upskill** and **add value to their CVs.**
- > Those looking to **fully prepare** for their **FGASA theory exams.**



### Course type

**The WildlifeCampus courses are online courses.** You can download the course content in **PDF format**, so you do not need to be online to study (you will need to be online to take the tests, though).

There is **one test for each component** of a course. Tests are **multiple choice** and **not written tests**. Students may attempt these tests as many times as required until they have achieved the passing mark. **Once a test is passed, it cannot be taken again.**



### Duration

**Average 6-18 months.** There are no deadlines; you may complete courses at your own pace.



### Certification

Upon completion of the course, you'll receive an industry-recognised digital certificate demonstrating your commitment to upskilling yourself.



### Help

If you need any assistance, please feel free to email us anytime!  
[info@wildlifecampus.com](mailto:info@wildlifecampus.com)

We also have a **WhatsApp line** (office hours only): **069 177 9345**



## How to get started?

**1**

**Register**



Register on our website  
[www.wildlifecampus.com](http://www.wildlifecampus.com)  
(Register top left)

Or

Click here



**2**

**Purchase cash price**



**Purchase courses for their cash price.** You can email us for an **EFT invoice** or use the online shop.

To visit our shop:

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**3**

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We will email you to confirm your purchase and send full info on how to complete your course/s.

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To view and try the free component of this course, click here (you will be required to log in, so be sure you are registered first)

**Click here**



## FGASA explained

Our status as a **FGASA Endorsed Training Provider** means that graduates of our courses should have **no problem passing** their **FGASA theory exams**.

**FGASA** require that applicants wanting to gain a **FGASA** qualification do the following:

1. Join their association
2. Write the theoretical examinations (**this course will fully prepare you**)
3. Be practically assessed (for practical course info, please refer to our info brochure)



You gain the required legal National qualification issued by **CATHSSETA** through **FGASA**.

**FGASA** is an **accredited Training assessor** with **CATHSSETA** (The Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Education and Training Sector); however, **FGASA itself does not carry out formal training programmes**. This is where the **FGASA Endorsed Training providers**, such as **WildlifeCampus**, provide the training bridge.

You may join the association, write the exams and be practically assessed **without** completing a course, but many candidates are found **not competent (75% required)** unless they already have good wildlife knowledge.

Certificates earned by completing the WildlifeCampus Guiding Courses **do** bear the FGASA logo but **do not** provide the graduate with a FGASA qualification.

## **Module # 1 - Classification**

**Component # 1** - Classification and taxonomy

**Component # 2** - Origin of life, evolution and natural selection

## **Module # 2 - Invertebrates**

**Component # 1** - Introduction to arachnids

**Component # 2** - Scorpions

**Component # 3** - Ticks and mites

**Component # 4** - Spiders

**Component # 5** - Centipedes and millipedes

**Component # 6** - Molluscs

**Component # 7** - Introduction to insects

**Component # 8** - Southern African insect orders

## **Module # 3 - Amphibia**

**Component # 1** - Introduction to amphibia and frogs

## **Module # 4 - Reptiles**

**Component # 1** - Introduction to reptiles and Chelonia

**Component # 2** - Lizards

**Component # 3** - Snakes

**Component # 4** - Crocodiles

## **Module # 5 - Ichthyology**

**Component # 1** - Introduction to fish

## **Module # 6 - Birds**

**Component # 1** - Introduction to birds and flight

**Component # 2** - The biology, ecology and identification of birds

**Component # 3** - Falcons and kestrels

**Component # 4** - Vultures

**Component # 5** - Kites and buzzards

**Component # 6** - Eagles

**Component # 7** - Sparrowhawks, goshawks and African harrier-hawks

**Component # 8** - Owls and African bird folklore

## Module # 7 - Mammals

- Component # 1** - Introduction to mammals
- Component # 2** - Small mammals
- Component # 3** - Bats
- Component # 4** - Carnivora
- Component # 5** - Primates
- Component # 6** - Aquatic mammals
- Component # 7** - Lions
- Component # 8** - Leopards
- Component # 9** - African bush elephants
- Component # 10** - Black and white rhinoceros
- Component # 11** - African buffalo
- Component # 12** - Cheetahs
- Component # 13** - Spotted hyaenas
- Component # 14** - Antelope and warthogs
- Component # 15** - African wild dogs
- Component # 16** - South African giraffes
- Component # 17** - Plains zebra
- Component # 18** - Hippopotamus
- Component # 19** - Suricates (meerkat)
- Component # 20** - Aardvark and pangolins

## Module # 8 - Ethology

- Component # 1** - Introduction to Ethology
- Component # 2** - Social organisation
- Component # 3** - Foraging and predatory behaviour
- Component # 4** - Communication
- Component # 5** - Grooming, play and sleeping behaviour
- Component # 6** - Territorial, agonistic and anti-predator behaviour
- Component # 7** - Sexual behaviour and parental care

## Module # 9 - Botany

- Component # 1** - The biology and identification of plants
- Component # 2** - South African trees and shrubs
- Component # 3** - Magico-medicinal bushveld trees and shrubs
- Component # 4** - The biology and identification of grasses, wild flowers & succulents
- Component # 5** - The lower plants

## Module 10 - Ecology

- Component # 1** - Introduction to ecology
- Component # 2** - Abiotic structural components
- Component # 3** - Biotic functional components
- Component # 4** - Climate and weather general
- Component # 5** - Climate and weather southern Africa
- Component # 6** - Geomorphology, geology and soil
- Component # 7** - Savannah ecology
- Component # 8** - Ecosystem dynamics

## Module 11 - Game ranging skills part A

- Component # 1** - Anticipating animal behaviour
- Component # 2** - Approaching dangerous game
- Component # 3** - Basic bush navigation
- Component # 4** - Basic first aid for snakebites
- Component # 5** - Basic first aid for arthropod bites and stings
- Component # 6** - The night skies
- Component # 7** - Basic principles of habitat management
- Component # 8** - Environmental sensitivity
- Component # 9** - Introduction to ecotourism
- Component # 10** - Local communities (impact and involvement)
- Component # 11** - Sustainable tourism and sustainable utilisation

## Module 12 - Game ranging skills part B

- Component # 1** - Dangerous game rifles
- Component # 2** - The game drive vehicle, spotlight and radio
- Component # 3** - Game drive vehicle mechanics
- Component # 4** - Planning game drives and bush walks
- Component # 5** - Dealing with guests
- Component # 6** - Communication and facilitation skills
- Component # 7** - Working within the industry