



## BABOON INFORMATION

Baboons are very much part of the Kogelberg Biosphere, having foraged in the fynbos for millennia. However, since discovering that human settlements are sources of easy, high-energy food, they have become masterful marauders! By allowing easy access to our homes, cars and bins, we provide them with rich dining opportunities.

**Remember, baboons can open unlocked windows, doors and car doors.**

In doing so, they mean you no harm - they are only searching for food.



## HOW TO AVOID A BABOON 'HIT'

Be aware of the sounds around you. Baboon barking or squeals, hooting cars and barking dogs all herald the arrival of the troop. BUT, lone baboons can be stealthy and noiseless. All windows and doors must be baboon secure. Don't ever leave doors or windows wide open. Take note that a baboon is not fazed by your presence.

- **Do not leave a bowl of fruit within sight**
- **Do not put food out for birds**
- **Do not take groceries out of your car, leaving the boot open**
- **Use BABOON PROOF RUBBISH BINS**



## WHAT TO DO SHOULD A BABOON COME INSIDE

Stay calm, the baboon is after food & means you no harm. Remember baboons are not predators. Be sure to leave the entry route clear as a baboon will usually exit by the same route. If you can bark loudly enough, do so! Mock threaten with a catapult or stick while firmly telling them to "get out!".

Do not scream as this frightens baboons. Their response to fear is leaving a smelly mess! **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN NOW** - not during a 'HIT' - to stay out of the way and remain quiet. Human screaming makes the baboons panic and may worsen the situation. Never try to wrest anything away from a baboon, they are much stronger than us!

**Remember to stay calm, stay calm, stay calm!**