A tree walk around the property shows an abundance of beautiful indigenous trees: several Acacia species, Tree Wisteria (*Bolusanthus speciosus*), Weeping Boer Bean (*Schotia brachypetala*), Kalahari Apple-leaf (*Lonchocarpus capassa/Philenoptera violacea*), Karee, (*Rhus Lancea/Searsia lancea*) Mopane (*Colophospermum mopane*), African Wild Olive (*Olea africana*), Combretums - including Leadwood (*Combretum imberbe*), Buffalo Thorn (*Zizyphus mucronata*), and the African Weeping Wattle (*Peltophorum africanum*). No wonder there are birds everywhere and at night if you are lucky, you might be able to see the lesser bushbaby flying from tree to tree. The lawns underneath the gorgeous shaded canopy are kept immaculately, with *Dichondra* and LM grass a perfect combination for the dappled light.

Indigenous shrubs such as *Bauhinia galpinii*, *Grewia flava*, and *Diospyros lycioides* bring those birds that love to scuffle about in shrubberies and on forest floors.

There are small compositions of sculptures and succulents, echeverias spilling over wooden pots and wheelbarrows, rusty bicycles and an assortment of animals peeping in between plants and driftwood. The larger gardens around the campground are filled with aloes, yuccas, cacti and agaves. It is on the outskirts of Francistown on the Nata road, and day trips can be arranged to the nearby Domboshaba ruins and Kalakamati Mantenge Conservation Trust with Rock paintings and Mantenge Well.

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Woodlands ~ a wild garden delight on the edge of Francistown

In keeping with the name, a visit to Woodlands Stop Over & Lodge is all about the trees, and the forest wildlife. A garden filled with indigenous species, and trails that meander around the property, taking in the historical Old Hunters’ road and a small dam with a bird hide.