

**Come visit the Big Five of Milnerton Racecourse Nature Reserve, a little piece of nature tucked away for young and old to enjoy. Have a walk through the northern area situated at the third circle along Grande National Boulevard and experience the gem of Milnerton.**

<p><b>MILNERTON RACECOURSE NATURE RESERVE</b></p> <p><b>BIG 5</b></p> <p><b>INTERESTING FACTS</b></p>		<p><b>Cape Dwarf Chameleon</b> <i>Bradypodion pumilum</i></p> <p><b>Tongue</b> is one and a half times their body's length and does not possess taste buds. <b>Change colour</b> according to external factors such as temperature, danger and emotions. <b>Virtually deaf</b> therefore vibrations enable detection of food and enemies.</p>	
	<p><b>Water Mongoose</b> <i>Atilax paludinosus</i></p> <p><b>Adapted thumb</b> on front paws for extra grip. <b>Sensitive paw padding</b> to detect prey in the mud. <b>Can lure birds</b> by lying on its back to display its pink stomach. <b>Opens fresh water mussels</b> by using its front feet to throw them backwards through its back legs against rocks.</p>		<p><b>Black-Headed Heron</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i></p> <p><b>May perform acrobatic figures</b> when it flies down for landing. <b>Young Black Herons</b> mature faster than other species of heron and therefore prey upon chicks of other species. <b>Waits for prey</b> completely motionless. <b>Scavenges</b> sometimes.</p>
<p><b>Cape Grysbok</b> <i>Raphicerus melanotis</i></p> <p><b>Nocturnal and solitary.</b> <b>Only found</b> at the southern tip of Africa. <b>Name given</b> by the Dutch settlers, meaning Grey Buck. <b>Water independent</b> as it attains water from the plants it eats <b>After weaning</b> (2months age) the ewe drives the lamb away by biting its ears.</p>		<p><b>Angulate Tortoise</b> <i>Chersina angulata</i></p> <p><b>Females only</b> lay a single egg. <b>Live for longer</b> than 30 years. <b>Drink by sucking up</b> water through their nostrils. <b>Named due to the angular pattern</b> on the shell. <b>One of South Africa's</b> hardiest tortoises.</p>	