



Summer Snaps



*We have a surprise edition
Featuring wonderful photographs from
Ali Reynolds*

*Thank you, **Ali**,
for sharing your beautiful trip
from Cape Town, South Africa with us!*

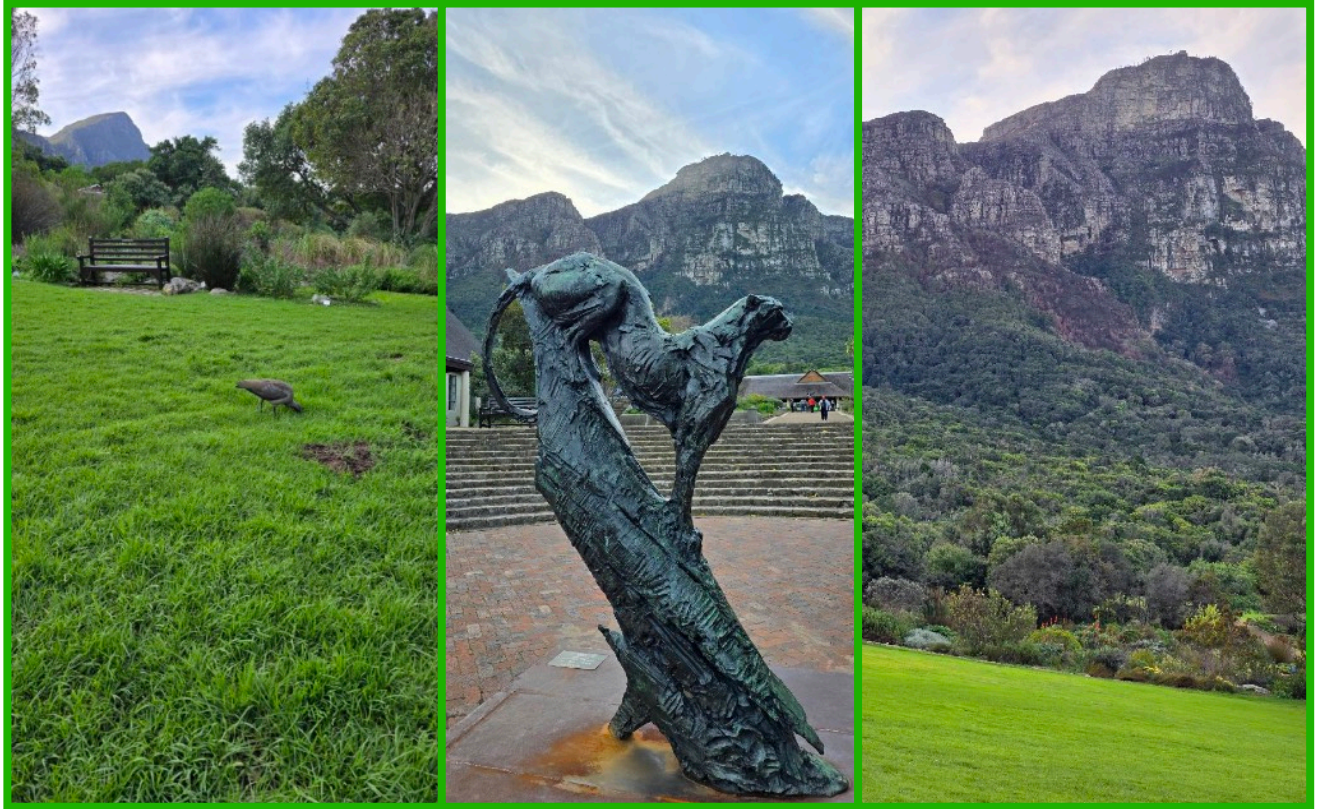
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**KIRSTENBOSCH
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

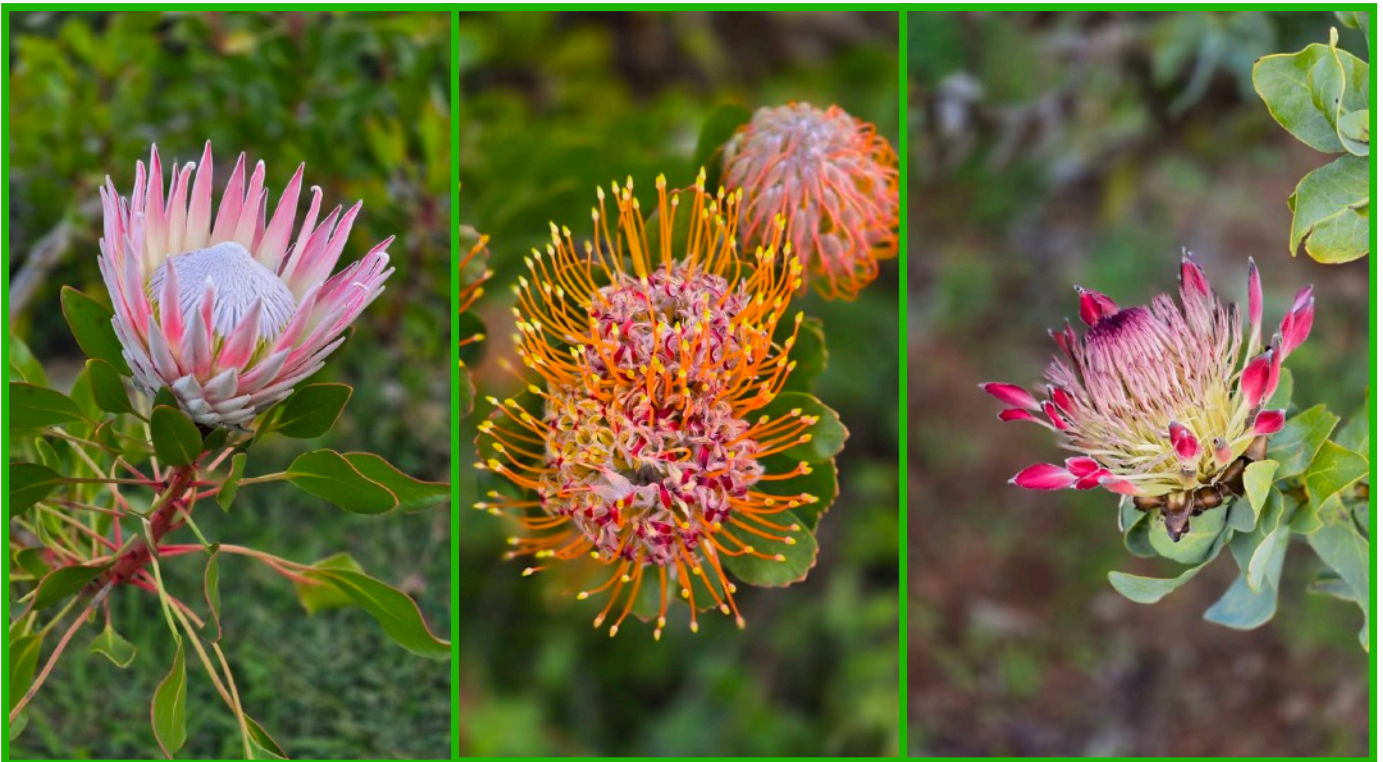


Ali writes: “Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden is acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world. Few gardens can match the sheer grandeur of the setting of Kirstenbosch, against the eastern slopes of Cape Town’s Table Mountain.”





“In June and July at the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town, the flower most likely to be in full bloom is the Protea, particularly the King Protea (*Protea cynaroides*), which is South Africa's national flower and blooms mainly during the winter and spring months (including June-October).”





“The history of the area as a botanical garden has its origin in Henry Harold Pearson, a botanist from Cambridge University who came to the Cape Colony in 1903 to take up a position as professor in the newly created chair of botany at the South African College (the predecessor of today's University of Cape Town.)”





Ali continues: “The land now occupied by the Kirstenbosch Gardens was bequeathed to the Nation by Rhodes, who died in 1902.”





“We were lucky to be in Cape Town, South Africa, during the winter, so we were able to see some of the unbelievable blooms that occur only in the cooler weather. Recommendation for all our members if you visit South Africa is to go during the months of June, July and August as that is the winter and actually plant life and blooms are some of the best during this time of the year.”

