

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

African vertebrates 261 (ZEN 261)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BEd in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching BSc in Biochemistry BSc in Biotechnology BSc in Ecology BSc in Ecology 4-year programme BSc in Entomology BSc in Genetics BSc in Geography option Geography and Environmental Science BSc in Human Physiology BSc in Human Physiology 4-year programme BSc in Meteorology BSc in Meteorology 4-year programme BSc in Microbiology BSc in Plant Science BSc in Zoology
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	ZEN 161 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 practical every 2nd week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Zoology and Entomology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to general vertebrate diversity; African vertebrate diversity; vertebrate structure and function; vertebrate evolution; vertebrate relationships; aquatic vertebrates; terrestrial ectotherms; terrestrial endotherms; vertebrate characteristics; classification; structural adaptations; habits; habitats; conservation problems; impact of humans on other vertebrates. The module addresses the sustainable development goals of Life below Water and Life on Land.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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