On one of our drives, we found ourselves in a herd of 200 elephants. Many were calves and their mothers, called cows, were protective. They trumpeted, fanned their ears and pawed the ground if we got too close. That's why I was so happy to meet Doug and Sandy Grove's three semi-habituated elephants. See photos of Jabu, Marula and Thembi on their website www.livingwithelephants.org. Sandy and Doug study their elephants but their relationship with them is far deeper.

I loved touching the elephants and seeing them close up. They are very intelligent, complex animals and scientists are discovering more and more about them.

Jabu, Thembi, and Marula


Learn to draw an elephant! Look for my short video on my website.