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TRANSVAAL MUSEUM



Male flatlizards at Auhrabies Falls displaying their brilliant colours while their biology and social structure is being studied by the herpetology department of the Transvaal Museum

Pretoria could be called the 'Museum City of Africa', containing more than 30 museums. The city also boasts the Transvaal Museum, one of three premier bioscience museums in Africa and a well-known landmark in Paul Kruger Street. The museum has its origins in the State Museum of 1892. In 1995 the Museum Park came into being, consolidating the major museums in the city along Minnaar Street.

Apart from maintaining purely scientific activities within the context of current national research priorities, the Transvaal Museum is planning exiting public events to celebrate 1998 as the Year of Science and Technology

(YEAST). The most prominent of these will be the Transvaal Museum Bioscience Discovery Centre, where inquisitive people of all ages will be able to discover how their bodies perceive and interpret their environments by means of their senses. They will also learn how the dominant species on earth rely on nature for survival and quality of life. Two massive biodomes - the first in Africa - containing aquatic habitats and endemic animals and vegetation will augment the Centre. One biodome will include features of a typical cool, south-facing gorge in the Magaliesberg, and the other represents woodland savannah of Mpumalanga.