

SPECIAL EVENTS: BIG BUG OUT, COOL ZOO SUMMER, SUMMER CAMP

# TOUCAN TALK



May - June 2002

## Ball of the Wild!

Photos, stories and more!

They're here. They're huge.

## Giant Eland

## What's New at the Zoo?

The latest on births,  
hatchings and acquisitions.

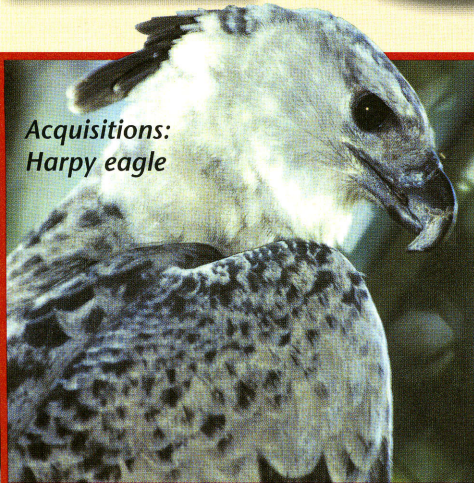
## Wings of Asia

Pigeons or doves?



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

## Acquisitions: Harpy eagle



## BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 1 Male Addra gazelle.....Dec. 09, 2001
- 1 Marabou stork \* .....Dec. 16, 2001
- 1 Female chimpanzee .....Dec. 20, 2001
- 1 Female Eastern bongo.....Dec. 30, 2001
- 1 Male Grant's gazelle.....Jan. 06, 2002
- 1 Cape teal duck \* .....Feb. 01, 2002
- 1 Yellow-backed duiker \* ....Feb. 06, 2002
- 1 Male reticulated giraffe ...Mar. 15, 2002

\* Gender undetermined

## New Aviary Resident: Red-billed Malkoha



## ACQUISITIONS

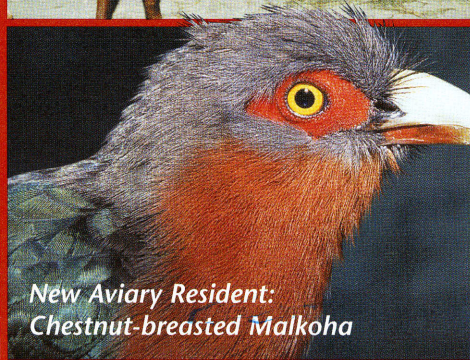
- 2 Female gopher tortoises...Dec. 04, 2001
- 1 Male American crocodile...Dec. 04, 2001
- 1 Female West African crowned crane .....Dec. 06, 2001
- 1 Female Stanley crane .....Dec. 13, 2001
- 2 Male giant eland .....Dec. 19, 2001
- 54 Giant Malaysian pond turtles\* .....Dec. 30, 2001
- 1 Male Toco toucan .....Jan. 15, 2002
- 4 Midget sucker catfish .....Jan. 17, 2002
- 5 Silver hatchetfish.....Jan. 17, 2002
- 30 Glowlight tetras .....Jan. 23, 2002
- 28 Black neon tetras .....Jan. 23, 2002
- 23 Lemon tetras .....Jan. 23, 2002
- 1 Female white-fronted wallaby .....Jan. 28, 2002
- 2 Female okapi .....Jan. 28, 2002
- 3 Female Grant's gazelles...Jan. 28, 2002
- 1 Male Harpy eagle .....Feb. 06, 2002



Births:  
Eastern bongo

## NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 1 Male and 1 female Nicobar pigeons.....Dec. 18, 2001
- 1 Male and 2 female Sulawesi magpies .....Dec. 18, 2001
- 3 Male and 1 female pink-necked pigeons .....Dec. 20, 2001
- 1 Sulawesi pigeon \* .....Dec. 20, 2001
- 2 Male and 4 female fairy bluebirds.....Jan. 13, 2002
- 1 Male and 1 female Malayan great argus.....Jan. 19, 2002
- 2 Female white-winged wood ducks .....Jan. 19, 2002
- 1 Male and 2 female painted storks .....Jan. 29, 2002
- 1 Male blue crowned pigeon .....Feb. 06, 2002
- 1 Male & 1 female pink-necked pigeons .....Feb. 06, 2002
- 1 Male woolly-necked stork .....Feb. 21, 2002



New Aviary Resident:  
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha

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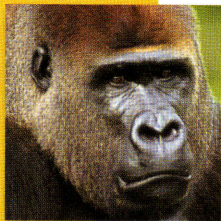
will reveal fascinating animal facts and answer your questions. Tours for up to six people, adults and/or children (10 years and older). Tour includes gate admission (for non-members), refreshments and a keepsake photo of your adventure.

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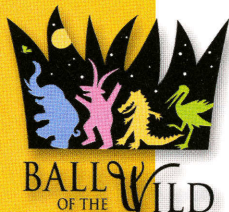
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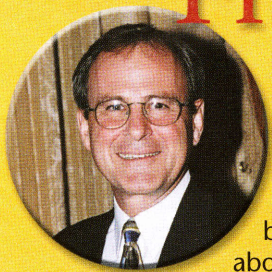
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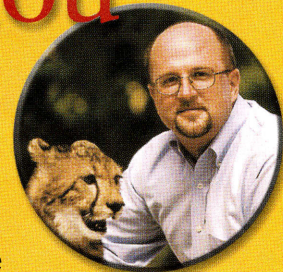
Welcome to the new *Toucan Talk*! We hope you are as happy with the new look as we are. In future issues, we will bring you even more exciting news about the Zoo and how you can enjoy it when you visit. We decided to convert to a magazine format for several reasons, but primarily to better meet the needs of our members whose support both as contributors and as advocates for our mission is so important to ZSF and Miami Metrozoo. Our primary goal in issuing *Toucan Talk* is to keep you informed about the animals, our education and conservation programs, and to alert you to monthly special events at the Zoo. Please let me know what you think of *Toucan Talk*, and especially if you would like to see something that we do not offer.

My heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so much to the success of our annual fundraiser, *Ball of the Wild 2002 A Brazilian Carnival*. Our sponsors, donors, volunteers and staff are our lifeblood, and we can't thank you enough for all you do!

The membership department is up-dating their records, so please be sure to send your EMAIL address to [www.omena@zsf.org](mailto:www.omena@zsf.org).

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

**GLENN W. EKEY**  
Executive Director  
Zoological Society of Florida



## DEAR FRIENDS,

If you haven't been out to the Zoo in a while, you have missed a great deal of work on the aviary, as we are now about four months into construction. We are all tremendously excited about this signature project for the Zoo and it is a wonderful feeling to see the birds coming in that will soon populate this extraordinary Asian habitat. Many thanks go out to all who have contributed to make this project a reality, from staff to donors and to board members for their time, patience and dedication. Our team of consultants, designers and contractors are some of the finest in America, and the final product will reflect that.

Dr. Wilde's World also continues to be a hit with school groups, families and also with our friends who book it for their corporate or personal outings. Please consider us in those terms, too, when the time comes for you or your firm to have a special event.

New animals continue to find their way to the Zoo, also. We now exhibit giant eland from the plains of Africa, the largest of all antelope and the secretive forest relative of the giraffe, the beautiful okapi. Both of these additions significantly upgrade our animal collection and we will always strive to bring to Miami wonderful animals with wonderful stories that will encourage you to stay active in your support of the Zoo.

Come by and see what's new at the Zoo!

**ERIC J. STEPHENS,**  
Director  
Miami Metrozoo



## Streets renamed for Zoo.

**It's easier than ever to find the Zoo!** Thanks to the efforts of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dennis Moss and the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, Miami Metrozoo has its name on two streets. Southwest 152nd Street in front of the Zoo has been named Zoo Boulevard, and SW 124th Avenue, where it intersects SW 152nd Street at the entrance to the Zoo, has been named Zoo Drive. Our thanks to Commissioner Moss and DOT for making the street designations official.





NEW EXHIBIT

# GIANT ELAND

By Steve Conners,  
Metrozoo's  
General Curator

*“Also known as  
Derby eland, this  
is a huge species  
of antelope.”*

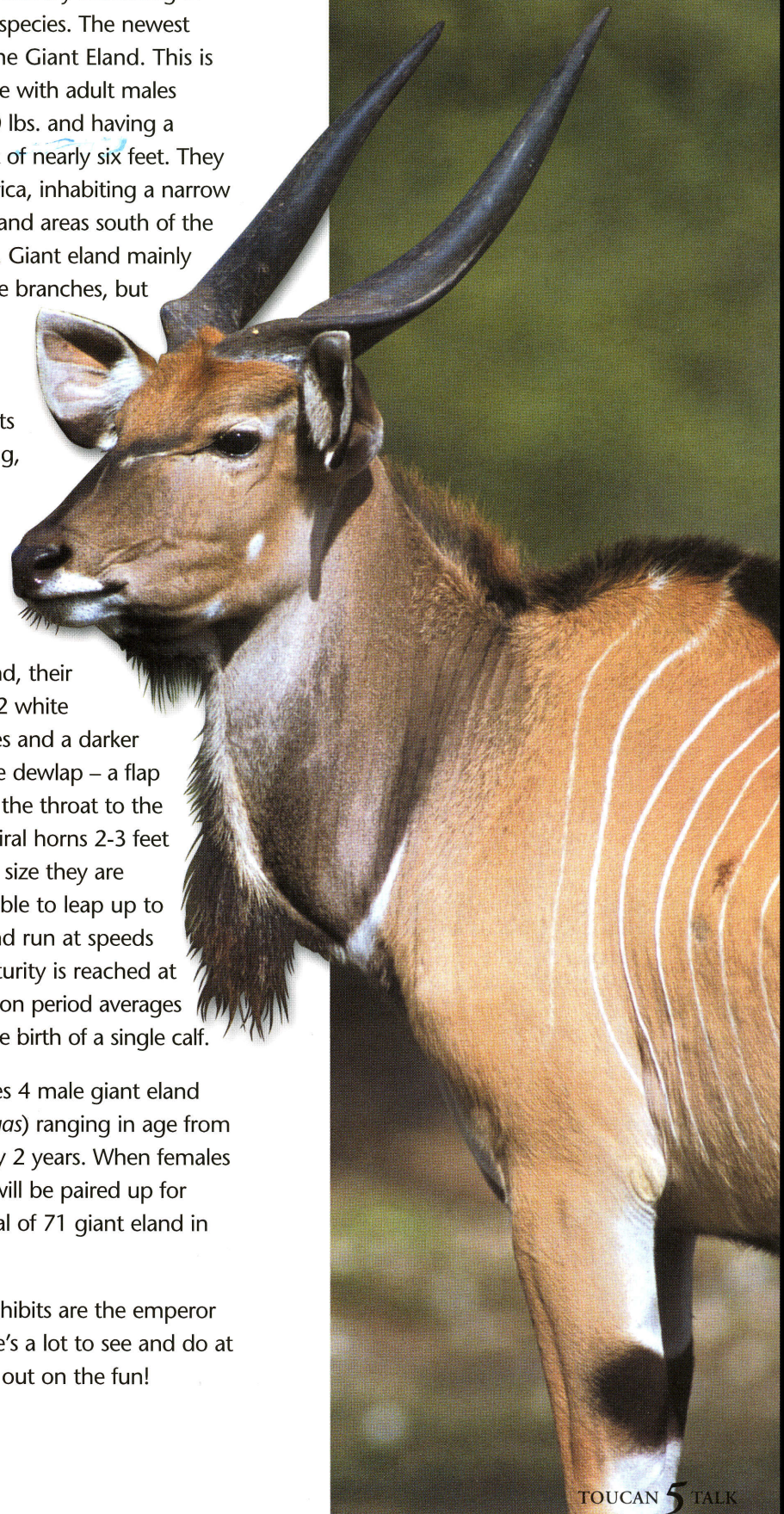
**O**ur animal collection is steadily increasing in diversity and numbers of species. The newest attraction at the Zoo is the Giant Eland. This is a huge species of antelope with adult males weighing 1,800 lbs. and having a shoulder height of nearly six feet. They are found in Africa, inhabiting a narrow strip of woodland areas south of the Sahara Desert. Giant eland mainly browse on tree branches, but also graze on

grasses and other plants. The species has been eliminated from large parts of its range due to hunting, habitat loss and diseases transmitted by domestic livestock. The western subspecies is now considered endangered.

Also known as Derby eland, their coloration is tan with 8-12 white vertical stripes on the sides and a darker neck. They possess a large dewlap – a flap of skin that extends from the throat to the chest. Both sexes have spiral horns 2-3 feet in length. In spite of their size they are remarkably agile, being able to leap up to 6 feet from a standstill and run at speeds over 40 mph! Sexual maturity is reached at about 2 years. The gestation period averages 260 days and results in the birth of a single calf.

Metrozoo currently houses 4 male giant eland (*Taurotragus derbianus gigas*) ranging in age from just under a year to nearly 2 years. When females become available, these will be paired up for breeding. There are a total of 71 giant eland in captivity worldwide.

Two more new animal exhibits are the emperor tamarins and okapi. There's a lot to see and do at YOUR Zoo, so don't miss out on the fun!







# MIAMI METROZOO FRIDGE CALENDAR



**MAY 2002**

## FOURTH ANNUAL BIG BUG OUT

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5

Bring Mom to the Zoo on  
Mother's Day  
Sunday 12



**JUNE 2002**

## SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP

June 17-August 16

Enjoy Father's Day  
at the Zoo  
Sunday 16



**JULY 2002**

## FOURTH FEST

TBA



**AUGUST 2002**

## COOL ZOO SUMMER

Dr. Wilde's World and  
Summer Camp  
July -August



**SEPTEMBER 2002**

## KEEPER TALKS

Daily, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy Grandparents'  
Day at the Zoo  
Sunday 8

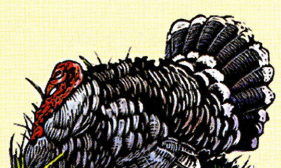


**OCTOBER 2002**

## METROBOO!

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27

**HOWLING BASH**  
Friday 25



**NOVEMBER 2002**

## WALK OFF THE TURKEY!

The Zoo's open on  
Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday 28



**DECEMBER 2002**

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT METROZOO

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**JANUARY 2003**

**RADIO DISNEY  
BIRTHDAY BASH**  
TBA



**FEBRUARY 2003**

**JUNGLE JOG  
5K RUN & FUN  
WALK**  
TBA



**MARCH 2003**

**BALL OF THE WILD**  
TBA



**APRIL 2003**

**EARTH DAY**  
TBA  
**EGG SAFARI**  
TBA

Calendar events and dates are subject to change.

For information on any of these events, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305)255-5551

## HOT COFFEE MUG SALE!

### at the Toucan Trader Gift Shop at the ZOO!

Zoo Members receive an additional 10% off on any coffee mug.  
Free gourmet coffee with purchase of a mug. (several flavors to  
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## GET ON-LINE!

Please send us your email address so we can keep you  
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# Thank You!

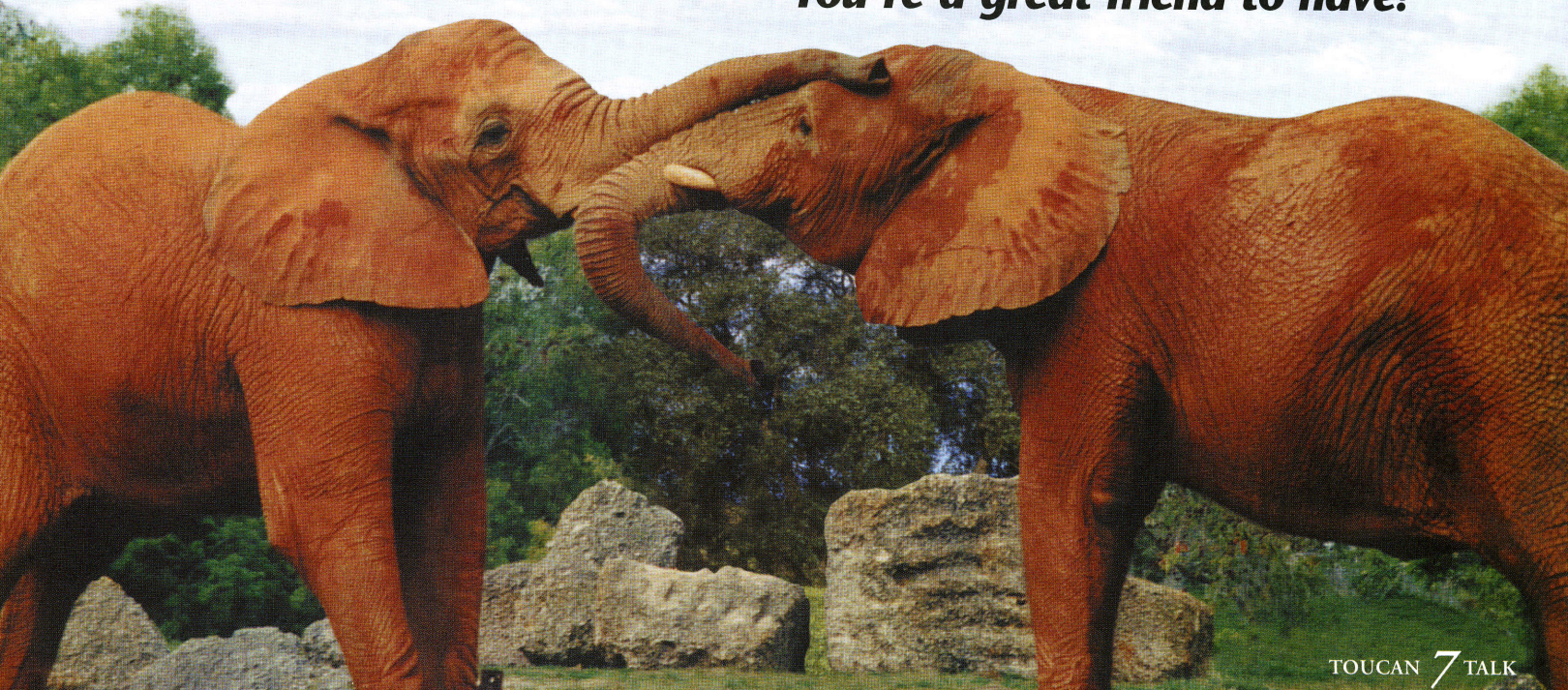
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***You're a great friend to have!***







## BALL OF THE WILD

# 2002

### A BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL

Over 700 guests dined on Brazilian-inspired cuisine by Lasso the Moon, marveled at exotic Carnival costumes and thrilled to the Lambada, Maculele, Capoeira, Rhythm Beaters and Samba Dancers performed by the Paulo Gualano Samba Group. A cocktail reception and Silent Auction were held at Dr. Wilde's World, followed by dinner, entertainment and a Live Auction in the Carnival Grand Canopy.

Sponsored by Claudia and Alan Potamkin, *Ball of the Wild* raised \$430,000. "It is wonderful to see our most important annual fundraiser grow with each year," said ZSF executive director Glenn W. Ekey. "The proceeds will help support the Society's programs in education, conservation and advancement on behalf of Miami Metrozoo."

The first-time live auction, hosted by Christie's raised \$40,000. Artmarina donated a 3-day, 5-night Billfishing Trip in Canavieiras, Brazil. Land Rover, a Division of Warren Henry Automobiles, Inc. gave a 1-year lease on their new luxury SUV Freelander. ZSF offered to feature a child in the Zoo's new *Faces* ad campaign featuring children reacting to the Zoo's amazing animals. ResidenSea's *The World* provided a 15-day cruise along the French and Italian Riviera.

The success of this year's *Ball of the Wild*, was a result of the extraordinary efforts of our Chair Constance Tolevich Fernández. She and husband Mike served as ambassadors for the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo, opening their home and their hearts to generate support for the purpose of creating a Zoo that is like no other in the world. Constance inspired her committee to rise above the challenges facing today's fundraisers and her leadership has exceeded all expectations. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated, hard-working friend, volunteer and supporter. We salute an exceptional woman and a dear friend!



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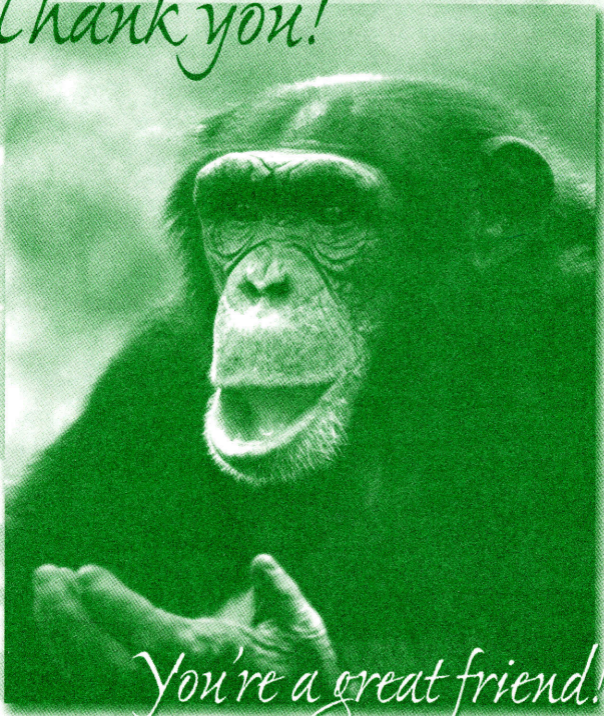
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Wildlife conservation is a top priority for us, and our goal is to enlighten others through the Zoo's network of multi-faceted education programs. Currently Miami Metrozoo is breeding over 40 species of animals, like the Bengal tiger, that are in danger of extinction. We are helping to conserve tree kangaroos in New Guinea and Amazon parrots in the West Indies. Over 200 volunteers spend some 40,000 hours a year teaching visitors about the animals.

If it were not for Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida, your children and grandchildren might never have the privilege of seeing a black rhino or an African elephant.

We know you have a choice in gift giving. We value and appreciate your generosity and recognize your gift as an act of genuine caring and support of our mission. Please contribute to ZSF and make a difference in the future of the world's wildlife. In doing so, you will not only help make Miami Metrozoo a better place to visit, but you will also increase the odds that the animals you see here will not become extinct.  
*Thank you.*







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12400 SW 152ND STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33177-1499

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(Please fill out both sides of registration form.)

**CAMPERS ONLY/CAMPER'S MEDICAL INFORMATION (CONT.)**

Please indicate any medical conditions or health problems of which the Camp staff should be aware.

Please describe: (if you require further space, please use a separate sheet of paper):

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Prescribed Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Your signature below gives permission to Camp staff to dispense only required medications you send with your child. Please provide the prescribed container, paraphernalia necessary for taking medications, and explicit instructions on a separate sheet of paper.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO WILL PICK UP THE CHILD**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Second name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the Zoological Society of Florida camp or other program as indicated above. I have read the registration and medical sections and have supplied accurate information. My child can be photographed and his/her picture used for public relations purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, and registration cannot be processed unless this form is completely filled out.**

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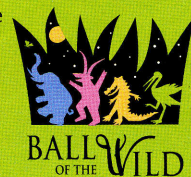
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# Seen at the gala...

1. Kerri Francis, Terry Recknor, George Batchelor, Amanda Rodgers, 2. *The Wild Bunch*: Guillermo Levy, Rosina Villavicencio, Debbie Mucarsel, Robert Powell, Sallie Anne Marvil, Dr. Miguel Nuñez, 3. Hon. Larcenia Bullard, Paulo Gualano Samba dancer, 4. Peter & Kelly-Ann Warwar, Land Rover South Dade, a Division of Warren Henry Automobiles, Inc., 5. Jennifer (Co-Director, Gala) & Samuel Getz, 6. Philip Freedman, ResidenSea (winning bidder for the Land Rover) & Ronn Glanz, 7. Lynn Martinez, WSVN TV-7; Jimmy Mourra, Equitable Mortgage Services; Emma Norgan Palmer; Kevin Veilleux, Equitable Mortgage Services; Constance & Mike Fernández, 8. Starting the evening with a Brazilian friendship bracelet, 9. José Pimentel, Epica Advertising and Samba dancer, 10. Julie Chang & Miles Gilman, CEO Navix Corp., 11. ZSF Board Member Diana Udel, Broadcast Quality and Kelly Cragin, City of Coral Gables, Golf Course Superintendent, Biltmore Hotel, enjoyed after-dinner cigars courtesy Matusalem & Company, 12. Eric Stephens, Director Metrozoo; Claudia and Alan Potamkin, Presenting Sponsors; Constance Tolevich Fernández, Ball Chairman; Glenn Ekey, Executive Director ZSF; Ron Magill, Zoo Goodwill Ambassador & Gina Martell, DJ, Love 94 FM, co-emcees, 13. Choosing from the Live Auction items





Mariana Fruit Dove



Anyone walking through a forest in the Malay Archipelago or New Guinea would soon realize that pigeons and doves constitute one of the major elements in the avian fauna. Few people in the US realize that there are nearly 300 species of pigeon and dove in the world and of those 300, more than a third come from the islands of Asia. Unlike our pigeon fauna here in North America, the Asian pigeon fauna is extremely diverse with brightly colored fruit-doves, enormous frugivorous imperial-pigeons, shy ground-doves, turkey-sized, blue plumaged, crowned pigeons, and many others.

There is no difference between a pigeon and a dove. The two words simply are of different origins, one French and the other Anglo-Saxon.

Pigeons have several unique attributes. They drink by sucking water into their mouths instead of scooping up water like most birds. They also produce a very high-fat substance known as crop or pigeon milk and feed this to

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WINGS OF ASIA

# Pigeons & Doves

By Jeff Sailer, Curator of Birds

their chicks. The milk allows pigeons to grow very quickly. Pigeons have very few natural defenses. They lack powerful bills like parrots or the sharp talons or beaks of raptors. They are a favorite food of raptors and many mammals and reptiles. Luckily, pigeons have adapted by reproducing rapidly.

Pigeons are a very important part of the Asian rainforest ecosystem because they disperse the seeds of rainforest trees and help in forest regeneration. Since pigeons make up such a large portion of the Asian bird fauna and because they are so important to forest conservation, we will be making sure that pigeons and doves are well represented in the *Wings of Asia*.

Presently, we have 10 species of pigeon and dove at Metrozoo: White-faced Cuckoo-Dove, Luzon Bleeding-heart Dove, Sulawesi Ground-Dove, Pink-necked Green-Pigeon, Jambu Fruit-Dove, Mariana Fruit-Dove, Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove, Collared Imperial-Pigeon, Purple-tailed Imperial-Pigeon, and Blue Crowned-Pigeon. As our bird collection grows, expect many other species of pigeon to be included.



Collared Imperial Pigeon



# ZOO EDUCATION

To enroll in Education Programs and Zoo Camp, please use the enclosed application form & envelope.



## ZOODLER ACADEMY

Bring your little one to our popular toddler program! Zoodler Academy provides a safe and friendly environment for small children to meet animals and learn about nature. The program includes a story, craft project, touch table, and live animals.

**Tuesdays: 2-3-year-olds**  
May 07: African Safari  
May 14: Asian Adventure  
May 21: Australian Outback  
May 28: Exotic South America

**Thursdays: 3-4-year-olds**  
May 09: African Safari  
May 16: Asian Adventure  
May 23: Australian Outback  
May 30: Exotic South America  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Members: One Adult and One Child: \$10.00; Additional Children & Adults: \$4.00 each

Non-Members: One Adult and One Child: \$12.00; Additional Children & Adults: \$6.00 each

Alumni of Zoodler's 2000-2001 season receive a \$2.00 discount.

## Graduation

It's that time again when we honor the new Zoodler class of 2002! Have your little one join in the ceremony. Any child that has attended at least one Zoodler class is eligible to attend the year-end celebration.

**Date:** June 6th 2002  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Members \$12.00, Non-members \$14.00

**NOTE:** Zoodler Academy will not be in session June, July and August. Sessions resume in September.

## ZOO-INNS

Bring your scout group, youth group, biology class or adult group to spend the night! In this sleep-over program, you'll have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark and a morning activity or animal presentation, which varies according to conditions and resources. Available for adults and children six years and over. Price also includes a T-shirt, badge, pizza party and continental breakfast.

**Dates:** Program offered Fridays and Saturdays throughout the school year.

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person.

Minimum group size: 15  
Maximum group size: 30

## WILD NIGHTS

Two to three-hour behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark and a pizza party.

**Dates:** Available upon request. Minimum of 15 participants.

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Members \$20.00 per person

Non-members \$25.00 per person

The Zoodler Program is for one adult and one child. Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required. Additional participants must also pre-enroll in order to attend class.



(Left) Zoodler Academy Toddler with Turkeys



(Right) Wild Nights Keeper with White Tiger



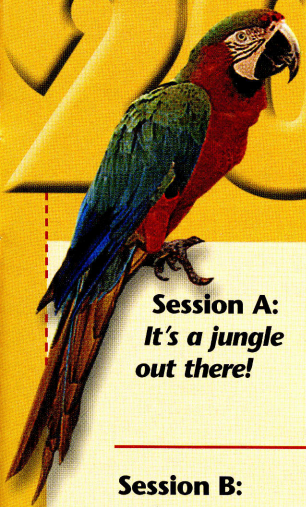
(Above) Zoodler Graduation

(Bottom of Page) Zoo-Inn group in front of tigers cages.



# 2002

# SUMMER ZOO CAMP



*Learn to make snacks for wild animals!*

**Session A:  
It's a jungle  
out there!**

Animals work hard to make a living in the natural world. During this week devoted to animal adaptations, you'll learn about foraging strategies, techniques that protect prey from hungry neighborhood predators, and how the support of friends makes tough times bearable.

**Session B:  
Animals  
and me**

What makes pests pesky? Do exotic animals make good pets? What do people have in common with their closest non-human relatives? In this session, you'll explore the connections between people and animals across cultures, through time, at home, and in the wild.

**Session C:  
Wildlife  
celebration!**

A healthy ecosystem is a team effort, and each animal plays an important part in its natural community. In this session, you'll learn about the far-reaching effects of extinction and what you can do, everyday, to make a difference. Join us in our celebration of the world's wildlife, and gain a new appreciation for our most precious natural resources!

**CAMP SCHEDULE AND COST**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Cost: Members \$128 per week,**  
**Non-members \$148 per week**

**\$10 discount with 2 or more  
weeks registration or...**  
**\$10 discount with 2 or more  
registrants per week.**

**One discount per family.**

## Session dates to remember

**June 17 – 21**

Session A	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
	Zoolife	11-13-year-olds
Session B	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**June 24 – 28**

Session B	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session C	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**July 1 – 5\***

Session C	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session A	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**July 8 – 12**

Session A	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session B	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**July 15 – 19**

Session B	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session C	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**July 22 – 26**

Session C	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session A	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**July 29 – Aug 2**

Session A	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session B	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**August 5 – 9**

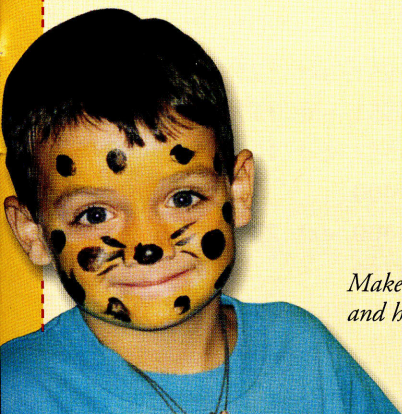
Session B	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session C	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

**August 12 – 16**

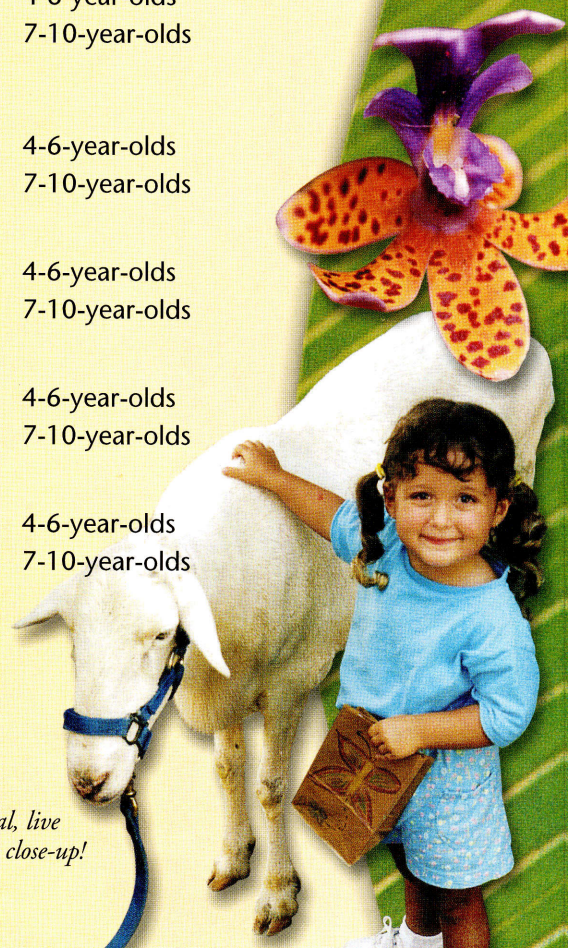
Session C	Kindercamp	4-6-year-olds
Session A	Zoofari	7-10-year-olds

\*Note: Camp will be held on July 4.

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*Make new friends  
and have fun!*

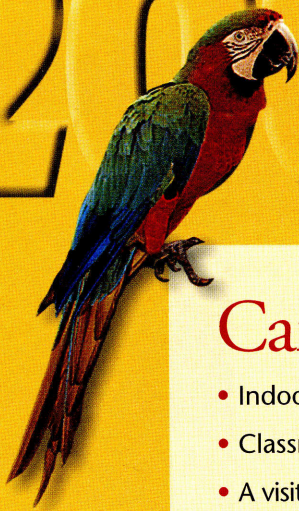


*Meet real, live  
animals close-up!*



# 2002

# SUMMER ZOO CAMP



## EARLY MORNING DROP-OFFS

8:30 a.m.,  
\$15 per week per child

## Camp Activities

- Indoor and outdoor activities alternated for comfort
- Classroom presentations with animal skulls, skins, teeth, tusks, etc.
- A visit to Dr. Wilde's World and the wonders of the Tropical American rainforest
- Visits to animal exhibits and with the animal keepers
- A behind-the-scenes visit (at least once a week)
- Many close-up classroom encounters with small birds, mammals and reptiles

## AFTER CAMP CARE

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,  
\$35 per week per child

- Arts and crafts
- Classroom preparation of special treats and toys for animal enrichment followed by a visit to watch the animals enjoy their gifts
- Water play (children should have a change of clothes)
- Playground time
- Storytelling
- Schedules subject to change depending on weather and animal welfare issues
- **PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH NOT PROVIDED**



Send a completed registration form along with payment to:

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Miami, FL 33177-1499  
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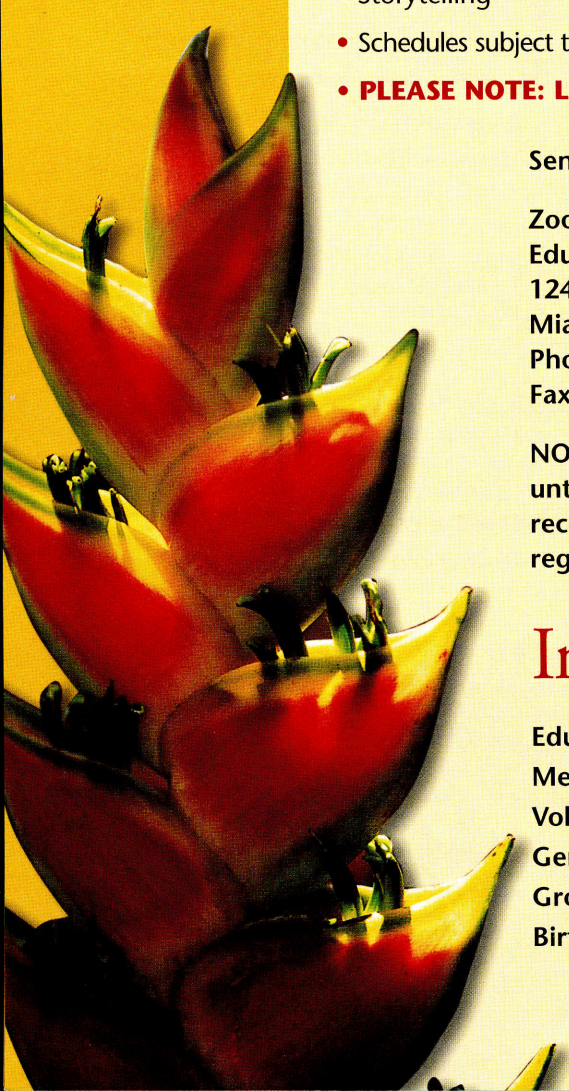
## CANCELLATION FEE

\$30 fee is applied if cancellation is made ten days or less prior to the program date.

NOTE: Enrollment is not confirmed until the Education Department has received both a completed registration form and full payment.

## Important phone numbers:

Educational Programs.....305-255-5551, ext. 123  
 Membership / Adopt-An-Animal.....305-255-5551, ext. 111  
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# AT THE ZOO!

It's time to "Spring" into Summer!



## THE 4TH ANNUAL BIG BUG OUT

Saturday, May 4 – Sunday, May 5

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bugs to See! Bugs to Touch! Bugs to Eat!

The Zoo will be abuzz with all kinds, shapes and sizes of fascinating bugs. Don't be afraid to get up close. You'll be amazed at how beautiful and ugly they can be! Come learn about insects, the most numerous of all species on Earth. Why are some bugs important to our lives and our environment, while others are harmful? Learn how to create a butterfly garden at home. There will be lots of people on hand to answer questions. Entertainment, refreshments, and interactive activities will be available for all.

## TREAT MOM TO A DAY AT THE ZOO

Mother's Day\*, Sunday, May 12

Get Mom out of the house this Mother's Day and bring the whole family to enjoy all the animal mothers and babies. The Zoo honors moms with free admission when accompanied by a paid child (ages 3 and up).

## DAD DESERVES HIS DAY, TOO!

Father's Day\*, Sunday, June 16

Dads like to get away from the house, too. Give Dad a special gift trip to the Zoo. The Zoo honors dads with free admission when accompanied by a paid child (ages 3 and up).

## COOL ZOO SUMMER FUN

All of June, July and August

Along with the exciting and awesome new okapi and giant eland exhibits, see our new animal babies. Frederika, the lowland gorilla, is expecting her next baby in late June, early July. You won't want to miss the big event!

There are lots of ways to keep cool at the Zoo this summer, so be sure to bring a bathing suit or change of clothes for the kids. Children love the seahorse water playground next to the Children's Zoo. Check out the Rain Rooms, fans and all the misters along the walkways. Chickee huts, covered rest areas and the air-conditioned free monorail will help you escape the sun and heat as you travel throughout the Zoo. Also for your cool comfort, explore the wonders of the Tropical American rainforest in our indoor, air-conditioned Dr. Wilde's World. It's way cool at the Zoo!

Cool down with an ice cream and a variety of live musical performances throughout June, July and August.

\* Special Day Discounts only.



Bugs to Eat!



Treat Mom...



... and Dad!



Be cool!





# UNION PLANTERS & METROZOO R Wild About U!

That's right, Union Planters is offering you huge rewards and tremendous savings that are sure to drive you wild!

For a limited time only, we're walking on the wild side--giving Metrozoo members, like you, huge rewards for letting us take care of your financial needs. You'll go ape when you see what we have in store for you, and your family members too.



## Investment StartUP

Get **\$5.00**  
when you open an  
investment account\*\*

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## Free child admission with new checking or savings account\*

Get a **FREE** child's admission when you open a new account\*

Bring your child's friend along during your next hike to the zoo. For a limited time only, Union Planters will give you a free child's admission when you open a checking or savings account.\* Don't miss out on this roarily good offer.

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## \$20 contribution to Metrozoo with Home Equity Loan or Line\*

Get a home equity loan or line of credit and Union Planters will donate to Metrozoo\*

Pay off bills, add a new room to your home or go on a safari. Apply for a home equity loan or a home equity line of credit and we'll make a \$20 donation to Metrozoo in your name.\* Visit Union Planters Bank for more details.

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## Free adult admission with a personal or business loan\*

Friends and family benefit when you apply for a loan\*

Take a family friend with you the next time you visit the zoo. One free adult admission is yours when you apply for a personal or business loan with Union Planters Bank.\* Share the fun with someone and have a howling good time.

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## \$5.00 DEPOSIT when parents open a Little Dreamers account\*\*

Secure your child's future with a Little Dreamers account\*\*

Begin taking steps so your child's dreams take flight. Union Planters makes it easy for you to plan for the future. And just \$50 gets you started.\* Your child will soar into the future and get a \$5\*\* deposit when you open a Little Dreamers account.

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Get **.25%\*** off a car loan

We're goin' bananas to get you in a new car. We'll give you .25%\* off your next car loan. So don't slouch like a sloth or lounge like lizards. This offer won't last. Take advantage today.

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## \$5.00 DEPOSIT when young adult opens account\*

Young adults get **\$5.00** to save for the future\*

Young adults in your family can benefit from your zoo membership and your association with Union Planters Bank! Bring a young adult (18-21 years old) into the bank to open an account and we'll give them a \$5\* deposit.

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