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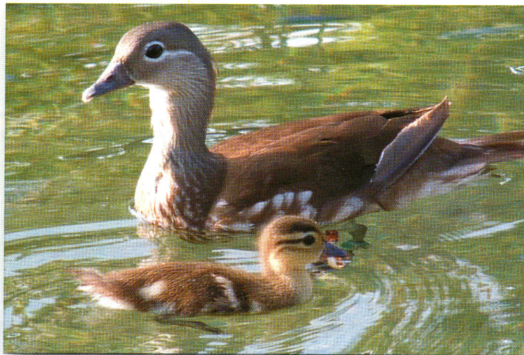
Carnival Kids
cruise the Zoo

LOOK

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

Hatching: Mandarin duck & chick

This is the first chick to be hatched inside the American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia. It is native to China, Japan and Siberia.



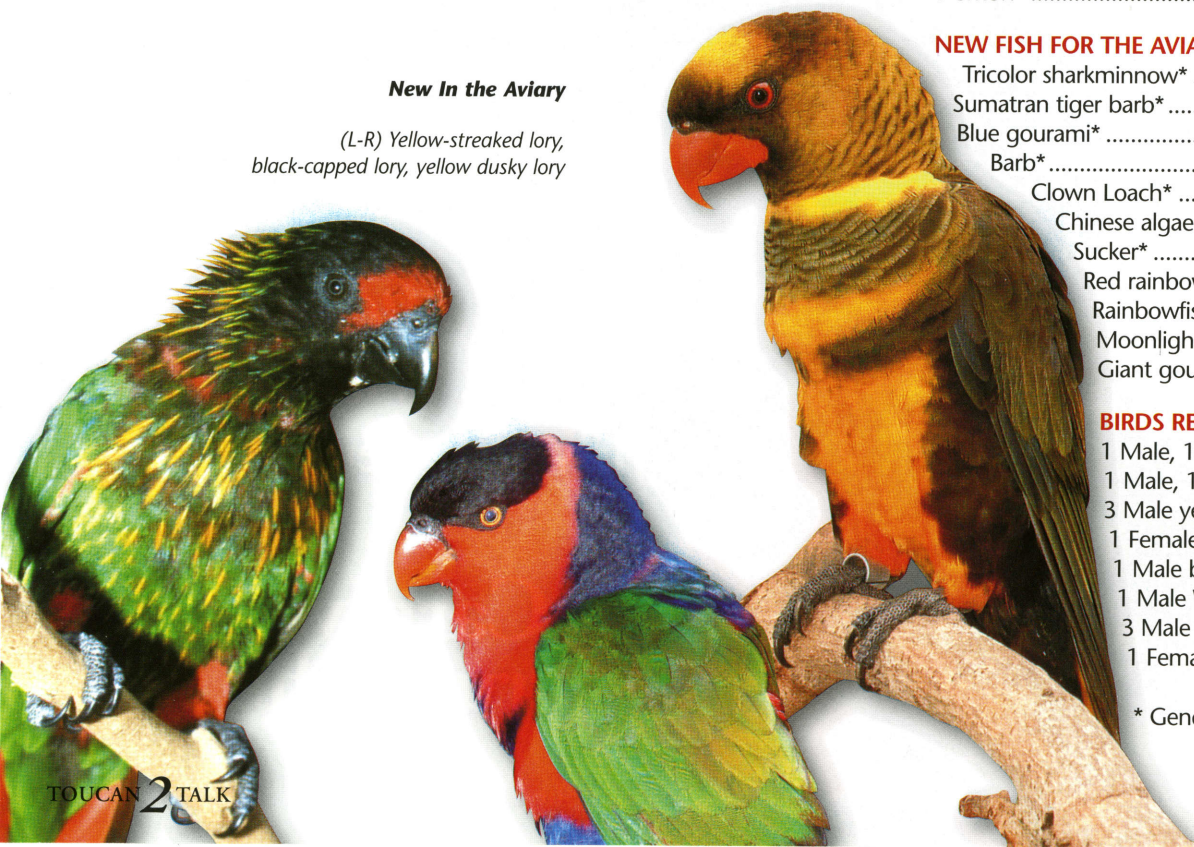
Hatching: Banded Rail and day old chicks.

These chicks were hatched in the brooder here at the Zoo. They will eventually be released into the aviary.



New In the Aviary

(L-R) Yellow-streaked lory, black-capped lory, yellow dusky lory



BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 5 Banded rails* (for Aviary)May 11
- 2 Demoiselle cranes*May 05, 06
- 1 Mandarin duck*April 28
- 3 Pink-necked pigeons* (for Aviary)April 07 and 24
- 5 South American red-footed tortoises*April 14, 13, March 23, 19

ACQUISITIONS

- 1 Female siamangMay 08
- 2 Male Guinea pigsMay 02
- 3 Female Lar gibbonsApril 30
- 1 Male siamangApril 30
- 1 Green-winged macaw*April 23
- 1 Blue-and-yellow macaw*April 23
- 2 Female Virginia opossumsApril 18
- 1 Male Marabou storkApril 11
- 2 Chinese crocodile lizards*April 11
- 4 Female Arabian goitred gazellesMarch 27

NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 1 Male and 1 female magpie robinsApril 23
- 1 Lesser golden plover*April 23
- 1 Male pied avocetApril 23
- 1 Female Malayan great argusApril 10
- 1 Male, 2 female Maguari storksApril 10
- 1 Smew*March 24

NEW FISH FOR THE AVIARY

- Tricolor sharkminnow*May 06
- Sumatran tiger barb*May 06
- Blue gourami*May 06
- Barb*April 30
- Clown Loach*April 30
- Chinese algae eater*April 30
- Sucker*April 30
- Red rainbowfish*April 30
- Rainbowfish*April 30
- Moonlight gourami*April 30
- Giant gourami*April 30

BIRDS RELEASED INTO AVIARY

- 1 Male, 1 female shama thrushes ..May 08
- 1 Male, 1 female black lorriesMay 19
- 3 Male yellow-streaked lorriesMay 19
- 1 Female brown loryMay 19
- 1 Male black-capped loryMay 19
- 1 Male Weber's loryMay 19
- 3 Male (yellow) dusky lorriesMay 19
- 1 Female (orange) dusky loryMay 19

* Gender undetermined

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Red-tailed laughing thrush. These beautiful small, fluffy birds are common to South China, NE and E Burma, NW Thailand, Laos and Tonkin. Their short rounded wings make them poor migratory birds.

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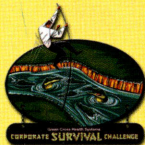
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Message to Zoo Members



Dear Friends,

The month of May was truly exciting as we all celebrated the opening of the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*. The overwhelming sentiment expressed from our visitors has been, "I loved the old aviary, but this is even better!" To watch birds of all sizes and species flying unencumbered overhead and to hear the cacophony of birdsongs is indeed a wonderful beginning of our 20-year master plan.

This summer will be the best yet at Miami Metrozoo. Now the Zoo offers you four air-conditioned, hands-on, interactive exhibits: Dr. Wilde's World, the Potamkin Conservation Center (Asian Temple) and Observation Center entrance to the free-flight aviary, the Aviary Field Research Center and Discussion Theater in the aviary plaza, and ToadStool at the Children's Zoo. The air-conditioned monorail and the guided tram tour are two excellent ways to get around the Zoo. Shaded benches are available at each exhibit as well as several thatched-roof

shade pavilions along the walkways. Misterters along all the walkways and the Seahorse Fountain at the Children's Zoo are popular for cooling down and water play for the children.

The Children's Zoo is more fun than ever. ToadStool provides a variety of small animals for the entire family to view close-up and even touch. Beautiful butterflies busily pollinate the flowers and shade trees in the butterfly garden where you can observe the stages of development in the life of a butterfly.

For outdoor family fun, nothing beats Miami Metrozoo. I hope you will help us get the word out by telling your friends and business associates. Our best wishes to you for a happy and fun-filled summer.

Glenn W. Ekey,

President & CEO

Zoological Society of Florida

The Josephine Wolf Society

In May, 2003, the Planned Giving Committee of the Zoological Society of Florida voted unanimously to establish the organization's first planned gift recognition society, the Josephine Wolf Society. This group was named in honor of the late Josephine Wolf, who showed tremendous leadership in the area of deferred giving and cared deeply about our world's wildlife and its future.

Ms. Wolf's generous estate gift came to the Zoological Society in June, 1997, at a time when the Zoo faced critical funding needs for its ambitious expansion plans.

Membership in the Josephine Wolf Society is open to any individual who makes, or commits to make, a planned or deferred gift, including a bequest of any amount, to benefit the Zoological Society of Florida. When a gift is made or committed, the individual then becomes a permanent member of the Josephine Wolf Society.

There are a number of premium benefits, including a members-only dinner, associated with this exclusive society. For more information, please contact Chip Roberts, Director of Development for the Zoological Society of Florida, at 305-255-5551, extension 118.



Flying tigers! Bengals at play.

PHOTO: DAN FOX

Managing the menagerie

By Jeff Sailer, Curator of Birds

Stocking the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia* was a monumental task. In fact we are still acquiring birds for the exhibit. Birds were acquired from zoos and wildlife professionals from around the world for the enjoyment and education of Metrozoo's visitors.

What makes our collection so significant is not the numbers of birds that we are exhibiting, but many of the species. Because we had to expend so much energy and time literally searching worldwide for our birds, we were able to bring together several rare and seldom seen species into this collection. Several of these rare species such as the Sultan Tits and Mindanao Bleeding-heart Doves have been covered before in Toucan Talk articles.

Additionally, many birds that were either being phased out of their former collections were able to find a beautiful new home here in Miami. Our Red-tailed Laughing Thrushes fall into this category. These two delightful birds were not working out in the exhibit at their former institution so we brought them here to try in our much larger aviary. The pair has settled in quite well to the delight of many guests.

Still other birds were able to retire here from collections in northern zoos. Our flock of Pied Imperial-Pigeons, as well as the newly released Pied Avocet, are mostly birds of advanced age that were in need of a nice southern home to live out the rest of their lives. In our warm climate these birds will have many more productive years in front of them even though some of the birds, like the Pied Imperial-Pigeons are in their late teens.

One highly significant aspect of the new *Wings of Asia* is our attempt to exhibit birds in flocks whenever possible to encourage natural behaviors and to give the birds a choice of mates. We have been having a great deal of success with our flock of Pink-necked Green-Pigeons for this reason. The seven birds in this flock are constantly interacting with each other and already new nests are being built in the exhibit. Our Bali Mynahs, on the other hand, are maintained in a single-gender flock of all

males. In this situation, we can exhibit Bali Mynahs in a natural grouping and not worry about over-population or aggression from breeding pairs. Furthermore, by holding a large group of male mynahs, we are opening up space at other institutions around the country for the production of more of these endangered and beautiful birds.

If you still haven't seen the new *Wings of Asia*, I highly recommend a trip to your Miami Metrozoo to experience this wonderful new attraction and the incredible birds that inhabit it.



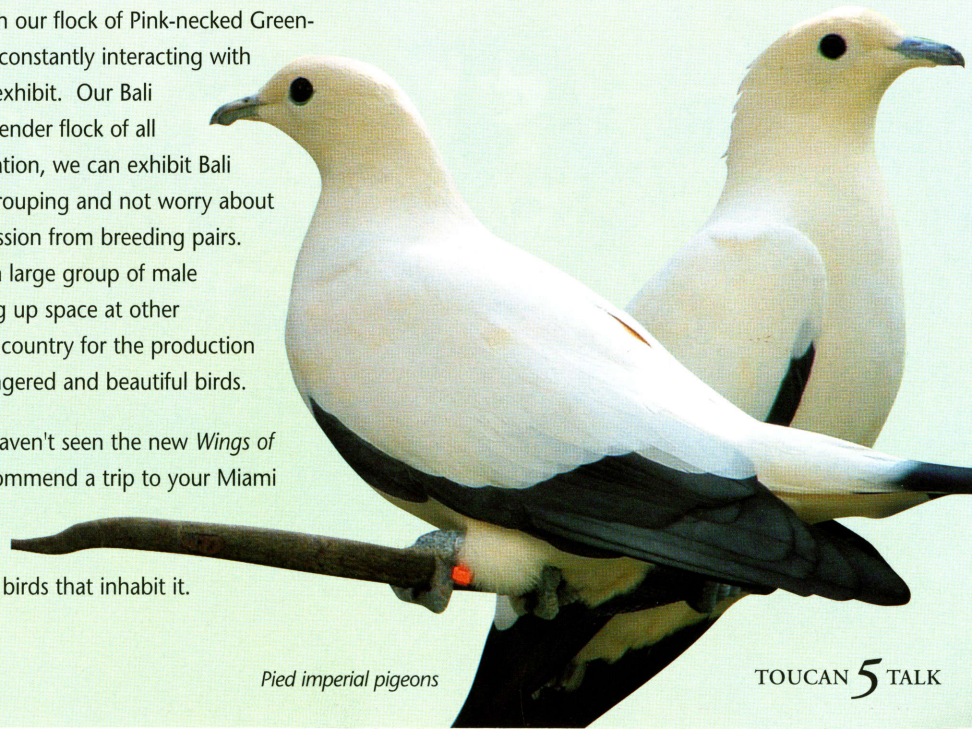
Pink-necked green pigeons

Finding enough species and individuals of Asian birds took the better part of 18 months from August of 2001 to the present.

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Bali mynah



Pied imperial pigeons



Wings of Asia
at Miami Metrozoo

A grand opening celebration!

In rain and in sunshine, more than 45,000 Zoo visitors participated in the month-long aviary grand opening festivities. Over 160 Asian birds are getting rave reviews from their guests, and children can't get enough of the fossil excavation dig pit!

We couldn't think of a better way to inaugurate the Asian aviary than to link it to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and celebrate the diversity of Asian culture and the beauty of the Asian birds right here at the Zoo. We extend our gratitude to Mohammad S. Shakir, Executive Director and the members of the Asian-American Advisory Board for working with the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo to create more awareness of Asian Culture throughout our community.

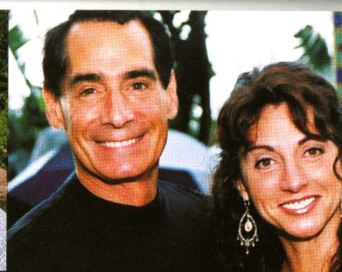
Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her tireless commitment as Artistic Director and Cultural Coordinator for the Aviary Grand Opening Celebration. Corky composed the aviary theme song, "Wings of Asia," which will be released as a CD later this year. She was the artistic director for the 26 educational interstitials aired on WLRN, and for the staging

and choreography of the many cultural acts and activities each weekend at the Zoo during May. "My effort is a continuation of an initiative established on behalf of the Greater Miami Host Committee themed 'The Bridge between Man and Nature,'" explained Corky. "The objective is to promote ecotourism, community and economic development in South Dade."

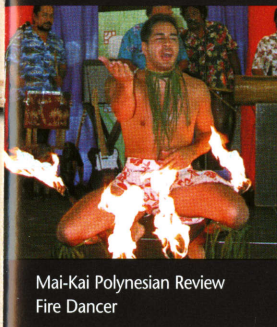
Our heartfelt thanks to all who made this wonderful exhibit possible, and especially to R. Kirk Landon for his gift of \$2.5 million, Alan and Claudia Potamkin for sponsoring the Potamkin Conservation Center in the Asian temple, and to Austin Weeks for his generous contribution to the aviary. The American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia* is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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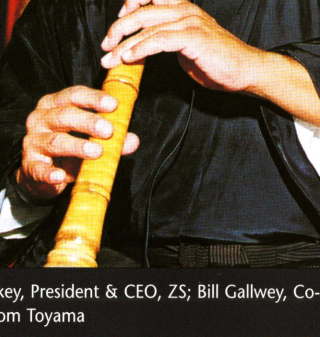
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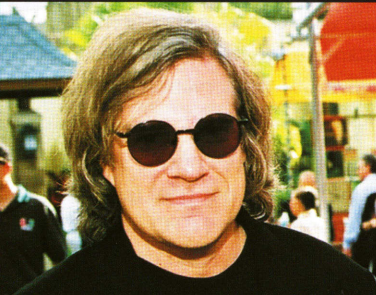


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Zoological Society Of Florida and World Wildlife Fund sign agreement for Miami Metrozoo

With Phase I of Miami Metrozoo's ambitious master plan now open to the public, the Zoo and the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) have moved quickly toward the Zoo's next project, a state-of-the-art exhibit featuring tropical America. In a first-ever partnership for both organizations, an agreement has been signed with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) that will bring some of that region's foremost conservation expertise to Miami Metrozoo's exhibits. The signing ceremony was held at a dinner honoring Ms. Anna K. Rentz, retiring president of Northern Trust Bank of Florida and a strong supporter of the World Wildlife Fund and the Zoo.

The agreement will include WWF experts in the planning process, now underway, for future phases of the Zoo's master plan. With that expertise, Zoo exhibits will portray the most advanced information on conservation efforts available, a major goal of zoological parks worldwide. Once open, the Tropical America exhibit will feature information on WWF's conservation efforts in the region and the Zoo's education curriculum will include WWF's vast knowledge. There will be new collaboration between the staff of the ZSF and WWF in research both in the field and at the Zoo as well as outreach, education, marketing and other areas. Finally, joint fundraising efforts will be conducted to extend the opportunities for large and small-scale supporters to aid the world's wildlife.

Miami Metrozoo recently celebrated the opening of Phase I of its \$350 million master plan, The American Bankers Family Aviary - *Wings of Asia*. Phase II, Tropical America, has been in the design stage for the past year and is expected to open in 2006. That phase has been targeted as critically important for conservation efforts in the region because of Miami's role as the crossroads of the Americas. Dr. Richard Leakey, one of the world's most respected bioanthropologists, stated that Miami Metrozoo is, "uniquely located to be the conservation gateway to tropical America."

World Wildlife Fund is heavily involved in the tropical American region through the Amazon Region Protected Areas Program (ARPA), the largest joint initiative for conservation of tropical forests in history. The historic agreement was signed in 1998 and creates a partnership between the Brazilian government, World Wildlife Fund and the World Bank to triple the extent of protected or community sustainable areas in the region.

In addition to ARPA, WWF has created The Global 200, an ecoregional approach to conservation. Ecoregional conservation provides a framework to align conservation priorities identified at a community scale with global and regional conservation priorities. Once the areas are designated as critical representative elements of the world's biodiversity, conservation efforts can be applied at a very localized level.

"This agreement is one more important step in moving Miami Metrozoo forward towards our goal to be the world's greatest zoo," said Glenn Ekey, president and CEO of the ZSF. "The work being conducted by World Wildlife Fund on a global scale and especially in tropical America is critical to the protection of this planet's biodiversity for ourselves and our children. Through this partnership, we can bring that expertise to the people of South Florida while cooperating with the World Wildlife Fund on our joint missions of protecting animals and their habitats."

Eric Stephens, Zoo director, echoed the importance of the partnership: "Miami Metrozoo is very pleased to have the World Wildlife Fund as a partner in this vital effort. Many of the areas identified in WWF's The Global 200 occur in tropical America and it is such a natural progression for our organizations to come together to pool our conservation resources. That way, we can make a larger impact. By working both globally and locally, so much more can be achieved."

Thank you!



You're a great friend!

On behalf of all our furry, winged, and scaly friends at Miami Metrozoo, we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

The mission of the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) and Miami Metrozoo is to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and to help conserve it for future generations.

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(L-R, Top Row) Steel Hector & Davis, LLP Okapi team members on a paddle boat; a strategy session for the Green Cross Health Systems, Inc. Meerkats; Zoological Society of Florida & Miami Metrozoo Gibbons work together to build a shelter; (L-R, Bottom Row) Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Poison Dart Frogs working together on the water; a couple of the Green Cross Health Systems, Inc. Elephants team members push along in a canoe; Burger King Corporation vs. Steel Hector & Davis, LLP in a heated wheelbarrow obstacle course



The Second Annual Green Cross Health Systems Corporate Survival Challenge

Over a hundred "tribespeople" and volunteers spent an action-packed day at the Zoo, hosted by the Zoological Society of Florida's Wild Bunch. Competition was fierce to determine who the reigning tribe of "ultimate survivors" would be, as participants from ten different corporations faced a battle of physical and mental challenges that put their abilities to the test. In addition to taking home first prize, the Meerkats (Green Cross Health Systems, Inc. team) won a trip for each team member to Montego Bay Jamaica, courtesy of Air Jamaica.

Special thanks go to Dr. Miguel A. Núñez Jr. for his generous support for a second consecutive year of being the title sponsor of the event. And also to Robert L. Powell Jr., for his tireless leadership as event chair; to the Wild Bunch

Events Committee: Sean Kramer, Valerie Quemada, Monika Mucarsel, Stefanie Klein and Mauree Talman; and to ZSF staff for many long hours of planning.

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Challenge competitors gather together for an explanation of the days events.



Grand prize courtesy of Air Jamaica

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You're great friends to have!



A male argus pheasant surveys his new surroundings at the American Bankers Family Aviary Wings of Asia.

PHOTO: RON MAGILL

KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES JUST FOR KIDS!



A Zoological Timeline of Life on Earth:

See if you can match the illustration with its classification!

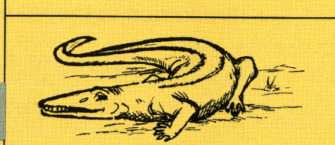


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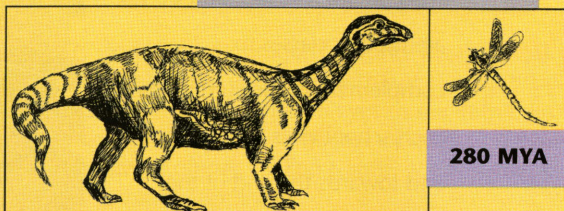
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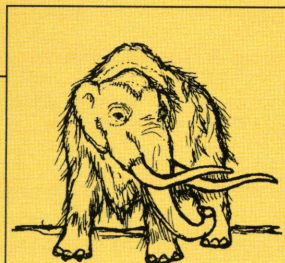
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60 MYA



88 MYA

Match the MYA (Million Years Ago) or YA (Years Ago) dates with the period dates. Then write the corresponding animal's name below each illustration. See example.*

408 - 362 MYA: Devonian Period

First vertebrate land animals evolved during the age of fishes. (FIRST AMPHIBIANS)

144 - 65 MYA: Cretaceous Period

Variety and abundance of dinosaurs, birds and plants flourish. (TRICERATOPS) and (AVIMIMUS)

65 - 3 MYA: Tertiary Period

Rodent and fur-like mammals appear. (OPOSSUM)

245 - 208 MYA : Triassic Period

First mammals develop and reptiles appear and expand. (PLATEOSAURUS)

100,000 YA - Today: Pleistocene - Holocene Epochs

Homo sapiens develop and flourish. (HUMANS)

290 - 245 MYA: Permian Period

Modern insects appear while much life is in the sea and fresh water. (DRAGONFLY)

3 MYA - 100,000 YA: Quaternary Period

Many animals diversified quickly like hoofed animals, elephants, birds, and bears. Ape and human species appear. (WOOLLY MAMMOTH-MASTODON)

510 - 439 MYA: Ordovician Period

Jawless fish began before sharks and bony fish. (AGNATHAN FISH)

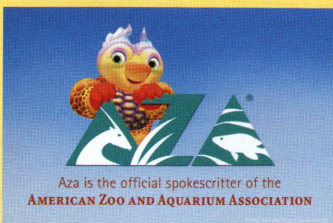
208 - 145 MYA: Jurassic Period

The age of reptiles. First bird forms appear. (HETERODONTOSAURUS) AND (ARCHAEOPTERYX)

570 - 510 MYA: Cambrian Period*

Life forms in the sea began with soft bodies and Trilobites, segmented, hard-shelled animals. (SEA URCHIN)

ILLUSTRATIONS BY CAROL TOMLINSON, ZSF EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR



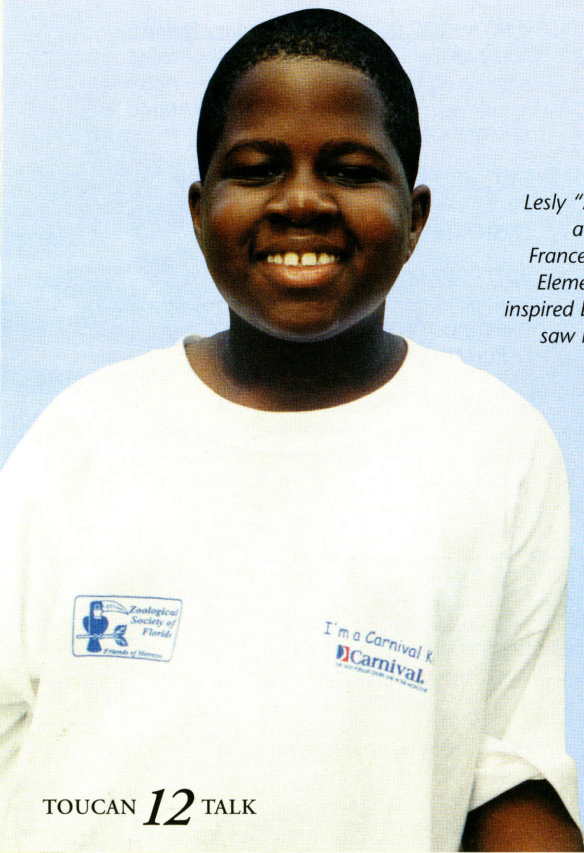
Check Out www.azasweb.com

- Find out what 60,000 children and adults from around the world had to say about the environment.
- There's a special kids' section for children to learn what their peers had to say about nature, as well as learn what they can do now and into the future to help preserve the planet.
- See a video clip of Leadership Campaign spokesman, former Senator Bradley speaking about the important role AZA zoos and aquariums already play, and can play in the future.

By Cecilia Betancourt,
Education Specialist

Carnival Kids cruise the Zoo

It's a field trip day, and Metrozoo's entrance gate is flooded with eager fourth-graders, anticipating a day at the Zoo.



Lesly "AJ" Joseph, a student at Frances S. Tucker Elementary, was inspired by what he saw in the wild.

The students are part of Carnival Kids Environmental Education Program (Carnival Kids), now in its 6th year. The program is sponsored by Carnival Cruise Lines and the Carnival Foundation, and implemented by the Zoological Society of Florida/Miami Metrozoo. All the fourth-graders at Bunche Park Elementary, Frances S. Tucker Elementary, and Bel-Aire Elementary participate in a yearlong special curriculum.

Classroom presentations at the schools give the students an introduction to the animal kingdom, adaptations, food webs, and wildlife conservation. Live animals and biofacts like skins, skulls, feathers, and bones are used in classes to complement curriculum material. Each school visits the Zoo twice, and towards the end of the program, the Carnival Kids students can apply what they've learned on a visit to our own wilderness area, the Everglades.



Cecilia Betancourt, Education Specialist, leads a group of students from Bunche Park Elementary School.

PHOTO: MICHELLE BAEZ

Many of the students have never been to the Zoo, and more than half have never been to the Everglades. For these children, participating in Carnival Kids enables them to see wildlife up close, and to visit wild Florida, for the first time in their lives. By introducing students to the beauty and diversity of wildlife and nature, this exceptional program offers us the chance to touch students' lives, year after year.

**Student Quote: The Everglades,
by Lesly Joseph, Age 10, Frances S. Tucker Elementary**

"The Everglades is a place surrounded by water, but the ground has soil. Plants float through the water. Snakes, alligators pop out of nowhere. Alligators stick their heads out of the water to seek their prey. It stays smooth in the water, it gets close to the water, and then it waits to the right moment to strike the prey. If a big animal is captured, the alligator [bites and] turns around to take out chunks of meat. It takes out 20 pounds of meat, or it will swallow the animal whole. If it has bones [or] horns it breaks [them] down [in]to pieces."

2003 GUIDE



2002 CAMP ART: BAILEY GIBSON (AGE 9)

A. Animals' Relatives

Who are the birds' ancestors? Are hippos and zebras really distant cousins? Would you believe that gorillas and lemurs are related? Do you know what koalas and opossums have in common? Discover what the similarities are between these animals and others. You'll have a great time meeting animals' wild and fascinating extended families!

B. The Place to Be

Exotic locations or faraway lands, everyone needs a place to come home. Homes are as important to animals as they are to us. During this week, we will look at animals' habitats and how animals find what they need to survive in their niches of the world.

But what if wild animals no longer find what they need in their natural habitats? What would life be like without a place to call your own or no more favorite things to eat? At Zoo Camp, you will discover some tips on how to help wildlife.

C. Dining with an Attitude!

What are tigers' and Komodo dragons' favorite meals? What do they do when they are hungry? Meat eaters are equipped with just the right tools to put "dinner on the table." Some animals may have special eyes to see in the dim light of the forest at night, and others may have an acute sense of smell to detect the presence of a potential dinner. At Zoo Camp, you'll watch and learn about some mighty predators!

D. Plant Eaters with Issues!

They're always on the lookout! After all, it's not fun to be on a snake's or a leopard's menu! What do you do when things get rough? Run for your life! Jumping, hiding, climbing, and slithering away are good ideas, too! Well, the bright side for the plant eaters is that their lunch isn't going anywhere! You'll have a grand time with the Zoo animals while discovering how plant eaters deal with possibly being prey for other animals.

CONTACT US TODAY!

To register, call the
Zoological Society of Florida
at **(305) 255-5551**.

Schedules are subject to change.

For more information about
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www.miamimetrozoo.com.

Session dates to remember...

JUNE 16 - 20

A. Animals' Relatives 4-6-year-olds
C. Dining with an Attitude! 7-10-year-olds

JUNE 23 - 27

B. The Place to Be 4-6-year-olds
D. Plant Eaters with Issues! 7-10-year-olds

JUNE 30 - JULY 4*

C. Dining with an Attitude! 4-6-year-olds
A. Animals' Relatives 7-10-year-olds
A. Animals' Relatives 11-13-year-olds

JULY 7 - 11

D. Plant Eaters with Issues! 4-6-year-olds
B. The Place to Be 7-10-year-olds

JULY 14 - 18

A. Animals' Relatives 4-6-year-olds
C. Dining with an Attitude! 7-10-year-olds

JULY 21 - 25

B. The Place to Be 4-6-year-olds
D. Plant Eaters with Issues! 7-10-year-olds

JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

C. Dining with an Attitude! 4-6-year-olds
A. Animals' Relatives 7-10-year-olds

AUGUST 4 - 8

D. Plant Eaters with Issues! 4-6-year-olds
B. The Place to Be 7-10-year-olds

AUGUST 11 - 15

A. Animals' Relatives 4-6-year-olds
C. Dining with an Attitude! 7-10-year-olds

* Note: Camp will be held on July 4



PHOTO: BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE BY DOLORA BATCHELOR

CAMP GUIDE



Camp Activities

- Classroom presentations with animal skulls, skins, teeth, tusks, and more
- Visit to the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*
- Visit to Dr. Wilde's World and the wonders of the Tropical American rainforest
- Visit to animal exhibits and the animal keepers
- A behind-the-scene visit each week
- Many close-up classroom encounters with small birds, mammals and reptiles
- Arts and crafts
- Classroom preparation of special treats and toys for animal enrichment, followed by a visit to watch the animals enjoy their gifts
- Visit to the endangered pine rockland forest
- Water play (children should have a change of clothes)
- Playground time
- Songs, games, and storytelling

Camp Schedule and Costs

JUNE 16 – AUGUST 15, 2003

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., Monday – Friday

Ages 4 to 13 years old. Morning & Afternoon snacks provided. Campers must bring their own lunches with drinks from home.

Cost: \$150 per week (Members: \$130 per week)

- Morning drop-off is 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
- Extended care is 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M., \$35 per child per week
- Cancellation fee: A \$30 fee is applied if cancellation is made ten days or less prior to the program date
- \$5 discount per additional child, and \$5 discount per additional week (Discounts apply to immediate family only)
- Pre-registration with payment is required at least 10 days before the week of camp begins

CONTACT US TODAY!

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PHOTO: JESSICA SWANSON CARCERANO

SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS



ZOO BABIES AND FAMILIES

Saturday, July 19, 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Metrozoo's family is growing fast, so come and meet some of our newest residents! Parents and children embark on a narrated cart tour to discover Zoo babies and learn about their family lives.

Recommended for young children; children must be accompanied by an adult. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

COST: Members: \$18 – one adult and one child

\$4 – additional child or adult

Non-members: \$20 – one adult and one child

\$5 – additional child or adult

FROM BIRDS TO DINOSAURS

Saturday, July 26, 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Join us as we take a look at ancient dinosaurs and modern avian dinosaurs, birds! After we investigate the similarities and differences of these creatures, your personal guide will take you on a walking tour through the Zoo's newest exhibit *Wings of Asia*, including the Dinosaur Plaza and the Free Flight Aviary.



FROM BIRDS TO DINOSAURS (Cont.)

Recommended for ages 6 years and older; children under 17 must be accompanied by a parent. Pre-registration is required.

COST: Members: \$12 per person

Non-members: \$16 per person

KEEP YOUR COOL

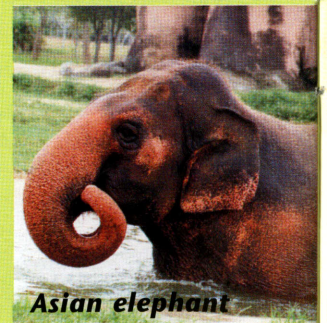
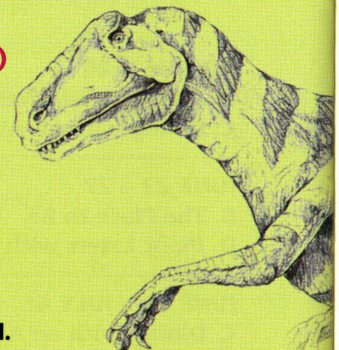
Saturday, August 2, 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

How do elephants keep cool in the hot sun? Why do tortoises hang out in their shallow pool? Come and see how our animals survive the hot summer weather without air conditioning! Our personalized cart tour will give you reason to brave the heat and visit our cool friends. Then we'll enjoy chilly refreshments to help us "Keep our Cool".

Limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

COST: Members: \$12 per person

Non-members: \$16 per person



Asian elephant

COOL EVENTS ALL SUMMER LONG!

PHOTO: SHERRIE AVERY

**THE AMERICAN BANKERS FAMILY AVIARY
WINGS OF ASIA**

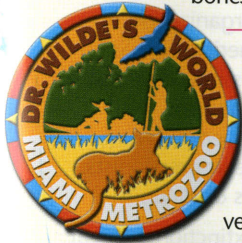
Open daily from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The Birds Are Back!

Brilliantly colored pheasants, hornbills, pigeons, mynahs and magpies, tiny and large, swoop overhead, perch on branches and even strut and stroll right by you. Observe ducks swimming on top of and under the water through the viewing glass of the Observation Center.

Dinosaur Encounters!

Did you know that Tyrannosaurus rex is a relative of today's Mandarin duck? Miami Metrozoo's *Wings of Asia* is the only known zoo exhibit in the world to tell the story that birds are living dinosaurs in such a dramatic way! Explore the Field Research Camp for all sorts of hands-on fun. View a film showing the link between dinosaurs and birds and search for dinosaur bones in a mock fossil excavation pit.



DR. WILDE'S WORLD SHOWCASES THE TROPICS

March - June 29, 2003

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(Zoo Entrance closes at 4:00 P.M.)

Enjoy a unique hands-on, interactive adventure into the very heart of the Tropical American rainforest. Inspect artifacts and crafts made by the indigenous rainforest people as you try to identify hidden wonders throughout the exhibit.

COOL ZOO SUMMER FUN

All of June, July and August

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. Mistert, 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 hands-on interactive exhibits in our indoor, air-conditioned Dr. Wilde's World; the Potamkin Conservation and Observation Centers, and the Field Research Center at *Wings of Asia*; and ToadStool at the Children's Zoo. It's way cool at the Zoo!



GRADE "A" KIDS

June 11 - August 25

Good report cards can mean big rewards this summer at Miami Metrozoo, maybe even free Zoo admission! Throughout the summer until the beginning of school this fall, Miami Metrozoo will give \$1.00 off the admission price and a sticker for every "A" any student has earned on his/her report card. Parents will be given a bumper sticker stating "My Child Is A Grade 'A' Kid At Miami Metrozoo," and each student will receive stickers to wear. Students presenting a report card with at least one "A" can also sign The "A" List, a large sign at the Zoo's entrance that lists their names, school and the number of "A's" they've earned.

INVITE THE ANIMALS TO YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Have a birthday that everyone will remember! We can bring some of Miami Metrozoo's Wildlife Show animals to your party for a very special presentation. You and your guests can interact with the animals, including a parrot that imitates a variety of animal sounds, does crazy sound effects and even sings "Happy Birthday!"

For more information and reservations, call (305) 233-8389 (between 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.) for available dates and bookings.



"Baby" sings.



Cool Zoo Summer

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CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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FREE Wings of Asia Post Card at the aviary gift shop!

Visit the gift shop at the American Bankers Family Aviary Potamkin Conservation Center and get a FREE *Wings of Asia* postcard.

ONE CARD PER COUPON. OFFER EXPIRES AUG. 31, 2003.



Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida



25th Anniversary Bird Expo

Saturday, August 16, 2003 • 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Omni Auditorium / Broward Community College / North Campus
1000 Coconut Creek Boulevard / Coconut Creek, FL 33066

ADMISSION: \$3.00 / FREE PARKING

Visit our website: www.feathers.org

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THE WORLD OF GUY HARVEY

Autographs & Print Signing

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Meet world-renowned marine wildlife artist Guy Harvey who will be speaking and signing his works for a pre-opening celebration of Art and the Animal, the 42nd Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists.

Dr. Guy Harvey is a unique blend of artist, scientist, diver, angler, conservationist and explorer. From his early inspirations, Guy's natural gift to recreate marine life has propelled him from Professor of Marine Biology to become an accomplished artist and photographer.

Guy became an avid scuba diver and skilled underwater photographer, pioneering a technique of diving and photographing free-swimming billfish. The Guy Harvey Research Institute at Nova Southeastern University was established in 2000 to provide scientific information necessary for effective conservation and restoration of fish resources and biodiversity from a local to global scale. New and exciting projects underway include a series of audiovisual marine research programs featuring Guy's underwater cinematography.

For more information, contact Steve Stock at Guy Harvey, Inc., (954) 501-0073.



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ART AND THE ANIMAL

The 42nd Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists At Dr. Wilde's World

July 12-September 14, 2003

The Society of Animal Artists (SAA) is a worldwide organization of artists from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America, headquartered in New York City with a mission to promote excellence in the portrayal of domestic and/or wild animals in art. Members work in all media, including paint, pastel, pencil, wood, stone, steel, and bronze. Many are realists; some are impressionists, and others stylize their imagery. They depict animals of all kinds.

With increasing concern for the environment and extinction a threat to many forms of life, animal art has become even more relevant. The Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo are thrilled and honored to showcase the works of these exemplary artists. We are especially grateful to SAA member Guy Harvey, ZSF Board Member Diana Udel, and Ivan A. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Art In Public Places for their efforts to bring this prestigious traveling exhibit to Miami Metrozoo. Miami-Dade Art In Public Places promotes collaboration and creative art projects that transform public spaces and create a meaningful sense of place.



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