

# PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

## A Successful Season of Bird Hatchings



Ibis Chick - photo by: Keith Lovett



Magpie Goslings - photo by: Keith Lovett

The Palm Beach Zoo has had a very successful bird hatching season this year. Close to 20 species and 96 individual birds were successfully hatched and raised. Notable hatchings include three endangered Laysan teals, 11 threatened marbled teals, and first time hatchings at the zoo of an Andean goose and two magpie geese. In addition to the numerous duck, goose, and swan species, the zoo also had another great hatching season for the scarlet ibis and roseate spoonbill breeding colonies.

Many of this year's additions can be seen in exhibits throughout the zoo, so make sure to look for them, including the mute swan family now residing in the giant anteater exhibit in the Harriet W. and George D.

Cornell Tropics of the America section.



| Species                      | No. hatched | Species                        | No. hatched |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Andean goose                 | 1           | Mute swan                      | 1           |
| Black-bellied whistling duck | 7           | North American ruddy duck      | 14          |
| Ferruginous white-eye        | 2           | Orinoco goose                  | 2           |
| Fulvous whistling duck       | 5           | Redhead                        | 8           |
| Hooded merganser             | 2           | Ring teal                      | 2           |
| Laysan teal                  | 3           | Roseate spoonbill              | 7           |
| Magpie goose                 | 2           | Scarlet ibis                   | 6           |
| Mandarin Duck                | 17          | Shaft-tailed finch             | 1           |
| Marbled teal                 | 11          | South African yellow bill duck | 4           |
| Masked Lapwing               | 1           |                                |             |

**Total individuals hatched: 96**

**Total species hatched: 19**

## Dr. Michele Miller Caring for Animals in the Wild

Dr. Michele Miller, our Chief Veterinary Officer and Director of Conservation Medicine, recently returned from a trip to Africa where she was part of a team doing field research on white



rhinos.

She reports that the trip was very successful. They immobilized a number of white rhinos and were able to measure cardiac, respiratory, and blood values over a prolonged anesthetic period (100 minutes) which is basically unheard of in this species (typical time is 25 minutes due to problems with respiratory difficulties). In addition, they worked on collating data collected during this year's capture season on blood values for over 60 rhinos to determine "normal values." They are also getting closer to validating the field blood test for use in large cats.

This field work is part of the Palm Beach Zoo's mission to support global conservation, species survival, and habitat preservation.



## Science Teacher Open House



On Friday, October 16th from 10:00 am thru 3:00 pm, the Palm Beach Zoo and the South Florida Science Museum will be hosting our 2nd Annual Science Teacher Open House. Teachers will receive free admission to both the South Florida Science Museum and the Palm Beach Zoo by completing the RSVP below and showing their teacher ID badge the day of the event. The open house will include educational vendors, exhibitors from cultural institutions, special educational presentations and much more. If you are a teacher or an exhibitor please click on one of the following links to register for the event. Are you a vendor or exhibitor? [Please fill out this registration form.](#) Are you a science teacher who would like to attend? [Please RSVP here.](#)

## Wild Adventure Toddler Workshops

### Become a Member:

Palm Beach Zoo membership is a wonderful way to make the natural world a priority in your family life. It's also a great way to save money. Your zoo membership card gives you unlimited free zoo admission all year round, discounted or free admission at 140 other zoos and aquariums across the country, discounts at zoo gift shops and restaurants, and discounts on special programs such as Summer Camp, Zoo Overnights, Home School Classes, and much more. Zoo membership is a great investment in your zoo, and a smart buy for your family budget. [To learn more about Zoo Membership, click here.](#)



### Make a Donation

The Palm Beach Zoo relies on charitable contributions to close the gap between earned revenues and operational expenses. Your tax-deductible gift will help us to provide





This fall the zoo is offering educational and interactive workshops for your toddler; ages 2 - 4! Workshops are held in the classroom and include: hands-on animal encounters, stories, snack, song, craft-time, and admission to the zoo. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend this program with participant. Programs last for one to one and a half hours. Two year old workshop excludes snack. [Please click here to register.](#)

## Home School Classes

The Palm Beach Zoo is proud to offer home school classes for students throughout Palm Beach, Martin, and Broward counties. Students will get wild when they explore a variety of topics through up-close animal investigation and interactive classroom activities. Choose from any of the following classes that are appropriate for your child's grade level. Prices include registration for one program and admission for the student and one adult only. Please, no younger or older siblings unless they are registered for the class as well.

- Cost per Participant: \$15 for Members \$20 for Non-Members
- (Fee includes admission to the zoo and class for 1 child and 1 adult only.)
- [Click here for Registration](#)

## October Zoo Events

### Safari Nights -

Friday, October 2 and Friday, October 16

Enjoy a "wild" evening out with the whole family! [More Details »](#)

### Spooky Snooze at the Zoo -

Fridays, October 9, 16, 23, and 31

Saturdays, October 10, 17, 24, and 31

*Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble!*

Are you brave enough to spend a night at the zoo? [More Details »](#)

### Teacher Open House -

October 16th, 2009

the very best facilities, health care, and nutrition for the over 1,600 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.



10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(See item above)

**Boo at the Zoo -**  
Friday through Sunday,  
October 23 - 25  
*Calling all ghosts & ghouls!*  
[More Details »](#)



## Plan Now to Attend the Zoo's Annual Dinner Dance

"Where the Wild Things Are" - A Dinner Dance to Benefit the Palm  
Beach Zoo, Friday, January 22, 2010. [More Details »](#)

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches exists to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. We advance our conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, and conservation medicine.

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