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Common Name: Cotton-top Tamarin

Scientific Name: *Saguinus oedipus*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

These New World monkeys are small-bodied and easily recognized by the long, white hair on their heads. They weigh about one pound and are about 10 inches long. Their back is brown and the under parts of their arms and legs are whitish to yellow. They spend a lot of time grooming others and themselves. All members share their food and upbringing of the young.

Habitat: Cotton-top tamarins inhabit tropical rainforests and open woodlands in Northwest Colombia.

Wild Diet: In the wild they eat fruit, vegetation, tree sap, insects, small lizards, and eggs.

Facts: The clearing of their forest habitat and population depletion due to animal trade contribute to the cotton-top tamarin's endangered status.



Santa Ana Zoo AZA Accreditation by Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Director



I am pleased to announce the Santa Ana Zoo passed its recent accreditation review with the Association of Zoo and Aquariums (AZA). Accreditation by the AZA is a very prestigious honor bestowed upon

less than ten percent of all animal exhibitors in the country. Accredited zoos and aquariums demonstrate the highest standards in animal care and management

and also for safety, conservation, education, and visitor services. The Santa Ana Zoo was first accredited in 1985 and accreditation lasts for five years.

The accreditation process included a very detailed application and a meticulous onsite inspection by a team of trained zoo professionals. This inspection team observed all aspects our Zoo's operations down to the tiniest details like searching every cabinet for any medicine that might be expired. The visiting team also supplied a list of recommendations and suggestions

for further improvement. Many of the upgrades and additions you may have noticed around the Zoo recently are in response to this report.

The Zoo staff works incredibly hard every day to provide the best possible services for our animals and our guests and it shows. Your help and support has allowed us to maintain the Santa Ana Zoo at these highest of standards. Thank you all and together we will continue to make the Zoo even better.



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Nora's Plant Notes: Ombu Tree

A little over two years ago, our new exhibit, Tierra de las Pampas, opened. And what a wonderful area it has proven to be. It all seems so natural and it is obvious how content the guanacos and the rheas are within the exhibit.

In the middle of the enclosure is an Ombu tree. In a little over two years it has more than tripled its height and width. This tree grows very fast and becomes, when fully grown, between 40-60 feet across and with a massive umbrella-like canopy of leaves that can spread 40-50 feet across. Often the Ombu has multiple trunks. So, you can see why one tree is enough!

In South America the Ombu is found in the Pampas plains of Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. In fact, it is the national tree of Uruguay. The tree can make several adaptations to help it survive the sometimes harsh conditions found on the Pampas.

The massive fire resistant trunk contains water storage tissue, an excellent adaptation for the raging fires that periodically sweep across the Pampas. Even young trees

develop the characteristic enlarged base, an advantage to surviving months of drought in the dry season. There is only 10-30 inches of annual rainfall there, which is not enough to support many trees. Even the Ombu trees are widely spaced.

The sap is poisonous, so the Ombu is not bothered by grazing cattle or pests.

On the Pampas these trees provide a much welcomed shade to travelers on the hot, open plains. They are called "lighthouses" of the Pampas by the gauchos who use them for landmarks and shelter.

The wood is very soft and can be cut with a knife. They have been used for the art of bonsai as it can be manipulated to create the desired effects. It is hard to imagine such a potentially large tree being manipulated into such a smaller version!

The Ombu tree has been imported to places like Southern California, where it is used as a shade tree. But, caution must be used when planting this tree. The roots grow long and fast and can uproot concrete.

In nature, every living thing has its place and function, its niche. The Ombu



tree is an outstanding example of adaptation and perfect fit for its natural environment. We are happy to have our one Ombu tree at the Zoo.

Dreamnight at the Zoo sponsored by FOSAZ



"Dreamnight at the Zoo," organized by FOSAZ, takes place on Friday, December 14 for children living with life-threatening conditions and their families. Our honored guests will receive gifts, free train and carousel rides, animal encounters, and more! All of the children and their families are warmly welcomed and treated as VIPs. It is a night that the children and their families will always remember!

If you would like to help make our "Dreamnight" an extra special one, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x6. For more information on this international event, visit the official "Dreamnight" website at www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl.

These young students raised money by selling duct tape pens to help the Zoo.



From left to right, FOSAZ Executive Director Cathi Decker and Zoo Director Kent Yamaguchi accept the donation from students Katherine Knowles, Julia Brozek, and Amanda White.

Zoo Info:

HOURS:

Gates Open 10 AM
Gates Close 4 PM
Grounds Close..... 5 PM
The Santa Ana Zoo is open daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION:

Adults (13+) \$10.
Children (3-12) \$7.
Seniors (60+) \$7.
FOSAZ Members and children under 2 are FREE.
Train Rides \$3.
Carrousel Rides \$3.
11 AM-2 PM Every Day (\$5 Combo Tickets for Train & Carrousel available)
Subject to change without notice.
Call for further information (714) 647-6575.

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Special Events for 2012/13

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY of the month: FREE Santa Ana Residents' Day. Proof of Santa Ana residency is required.

October 7 Prehistory Day at the Zoo — Booths, activities, and special presentations to celebrate National Fossil Day: 11AM – 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

October 14 National Chemistry Week/Chemistry Day — Chemistry displays sponsored by the American Chemical Society: 11AM-3PM. FREE with price of admission.

October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Boo at the Zoo — Halloween family festival with trick-or-treating, costumes, lights and decorations, nocturnal animal presentations, train and carousel rides: 5:30-8:00PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

November 8 FOSAZ Board of Directors Annual Meeting — 6 PM to 8 PM.

November 17-18 University of California Master Gardeners — Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiasts: 11AM to 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

December 14, Dreamnight — Special invitation ONLY holiday event for children living with life threatening conditions from Make-A-Wish Foundation: 5:30-8 PM.

December 15, Holidays with the Critters — Holiday family event with animals, music, holiday crafts, lights and decorations: 5:30-8 PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

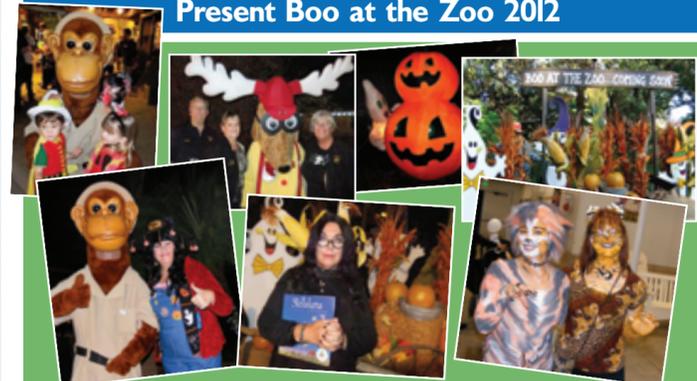
Feb. 9 Membership Appreciation Day — FOSAZ Members get \$3 all day wristbands to ride the train and carousel, craft tables and extra discounts: 11AM-2PM.

February 16 – 17 University of California Master Gardeners — Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiasts: 11AM to 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

March 2 - 3, Zoo Birthday Party — All-Zoo party with miniature train displays, music, games and fun: 11AM-2PM – General Public - FREE with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

Dates are tentative and subject to change. For additional information on any event, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555.

FOSAZ and the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 Present Boo at the Zoo 2012



The ghosts are bringing the pumpkins, the monkeys have picked out the candy, and once again the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo are excited about presenting another "merry not scary" Boo at the Zoo, sponsored by the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. These howling good times will take place on Saturday, October 20; Sunday, October 21; Friday, October 26; Saturday, October 27; and Sunday, October 28, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM each evening. For the 22nd consecutive year the Zoo will be filled with decorations, treats, games, music, and Halloween Cheer! Boo at the Zoo is an annual tradition held throughout the Zoo and is fun for ghosts and goblins of all ages.

You can trick-or-treat your way through the Zoo, wearing your favorite costume, and then join in the nightly costume parade led by Count SAZOO (the Zoo's monkey mascot)! You will also be able to meet and learn about some of our interesting and beautiful nocturnal animal friends with live encounters and frightfully fun educational programs. Plus, there is no better place to listen to

ghoulishly good Halloween tales than in the big red barn of our Crean Family Farm. General Admission is \$14 per person ages 2 and up, and \$7 per Zoo Member ages 2 and up. Children under the age of 2 are free. The Zoo's train, the "Boo"fari Express, will be making its way around the haunted tracks for \$3 per ride. Also, join us for a spin on the Carrousel for \$3 per ride or a combo ticket for both rides for \$5. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase each night.

For those who are a little older and a little more adventurous, the Zoo will have a haunted house in a separate area (included in the regular price of admission) that is sure to provide chills and thrills for those who dare to enter.

To avoid the lines, tickets will be available online at www.santaanazoo.org (valid any night of the event, nonrefundable – bring your receipt to Will Call on the night of the event). You may also purchase tickets at the main gate on the night you attend. For more information, please call (714) 953-8555 x12. See you at BOO!

Zoofari 2012 "The Cat's Meow" – Huge Success for the Zoo

Returning for the 20th year, the Zoofari gala fundraiser on Saturday, August 25, hosted by the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo brought in over 350 guests who were treated to a "roarin'" good time with the 1920s-themed, "The Cat's Meow." The fabulous party in Orange County celebrated the night under the stars at the Santa Ana Zoo, where guests began the night by sipping cocktails with one special drink appropriately named, "Roarin' Rickey's Fizz," reminiscent of the Bathtub Gin tastings from the 1920s. Attendees also enjoyed a large silent auction as well as special visits with the animals followed by dancing to the lively tunes of the "Class of 69."

Co-chairs and emcees for the evening were OC Register columnists Frank Mickadeit and Barbara Venezia with Glen Fladeboe as the live auctioneer. FOSAZ President Debbie Friedman and Executive Director Cathi Decker helped present special honors to Mark and Shio Hui Harrison, Lucille and Mike Harrison, David Exline and Amos Bracero. They were instrumental in bringing the Pavement of Progress team together by



meeting with designers, contractors and architects. This project resulted in the pathways and service roads at the Santa Ana Zoo to be eco-friendly and also provide improved accessibility for disabled guests and any requiring mobile assistance.

A special "reveal" of the Ocelot location where the exhibit "Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde" (Wild Cats of the Green Forest) will be housed was held for the press and VIP's in attendance. This

was the first time the public was able to see the exhibit location before it is built.

The event raised almost \$80,000, well over this year's goal. The money raised will be used to bring a pair of Brazilian Ocelots to the Zoo. Ocelots are beautiful "exotic" wild cats from South America, often described as "miniature cheetahs." There are currently only 26 Brazilian Ocelots in the United States, and we will soon be adding two more to that total.

Cool Cats Ron Glazier Santa Ana Zoo Director, Retired

Recently some 350 "cool cats" prowled the Santa Ana Zoo grounds; perhaps, you were one of them? These cats were in search of a good time, which from my personal observation as a wildlife expert they accomplished. But more than looking for a good time these cats had assembled their pride to help another cool cat, the ocelot. This year's annual Zoofari theme, *The Cat's Meow*, focused on completing funding for the *Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde* exhibit at the Zoo. This exhibit is designed for ocelots but has the flexibility to display other small rain forest cats such as the margay. While more work is to be completed in the final design development, the generosity of those attending brings FOSAZ close to their funding goal.

The Santa Ana Zoo had a record attendance year that underscores the value that our community places on the Zoo. Those attending Zoofari, with their generosity at the voice and silent auctions, demonstrated their support for the Zoo. We are a small zoo, but we have large work to do in providing a quality wildlife experience for our visitors. We have an obligation to provide the best environment we can for the animals entrusted to our care. *Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde* will do that for ocelots or margays, but the work doesn't stop there. We must tell the story about these marvelous animals and how they fit into nature's scheme of things. We must engage in conservation

programs to ensure future generations that ocelots and similar species thrive as they should. In the words of Chief Seattle, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." More to the point, let's continue the legacy at the Santa Ana Zoo as it has been for the past 60 years so that the generations to come will still enjoy coming to the Zoo and not say; "Remember when there was a zoo over there in Prentice Park?" With your continued support as members and the dedicated work of FOSAZ in partnership with the City of Santa Ana, I am confident that legacy will prosper.

I wish I were as optimistic about the real "cool cats" in nature. Tigers are imperiled in India with less than 3,000—with some estimates as low as 1,700—existing in the wild. As a matter of fact, there are more tigers in captivity than in the wild. The other subspecies of tigers are even more endangered with some already extinct in the wild. Lions, those iconic cats of Africa, have seen an estimated 30% reduction in their population in the last two decades and may now number only 20,000. They could face extinction in the wild in as few as 20 or 30 years. The 400 or so remaining Asian lions in the Gir Forest of India face desperate times from India's crushing population growth. Cheetah populations world-wide are estimated to be less than 10,000.

Habitat destruction due to human

encroachment and forest clearing for agriculture or mining are still growing threats to ocelot, margay, and jaguar habitats. Each of these cats require a certain amount of space for their individual territories. Less space means fewer territories and fewer cats. Fortunately, fashion trends have become more enlightened and spotted cat coats made from real fur are no longer in vogue, but sadly there is still a black market for cat skins and cat body parts. Unfortunately, greed and ignorance continue to drive these markets—most notably in elephant ivory and rhino horn. That is why education is always a high priority in zoos. But enough of the gloomy message.

A huge thank you goes out to the Zoofari committee, FOSAZ staff, numerous volunteers, and the Zoo staff for their hard work and generosity of time to make this event the success, and fun, it was. A special thank you again for all who attended and who were so generous with their contributions.

Finally, there is still time to be a "cool cat" and be counted as part of the "pride"—that is by helping complete the next part of the Zoo's "vision." You can send your donations to: COUNT ME IN FOR THE CAT!, Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92701. All donations are tax-deductible, and besides that, they make you feel really good, too!

Scout Patch Program

Designed for Scout groups, this program combines a variety of nature topics such as animal classification, endangered species and conservation. Topics are chosen to help fulfill requirements for various badges and Try-Its for Cub Scouts and Brownies. The program includes an animal presentation, paper and pencil scavenger hunt, notebook and embroidered patch for the Scouts. The program is offered on select Saturday afternoons from 2-4:30 pm. Fee is \$12 per scout and \$10 per adult and includes Zoo admission. Advance reservations are required. Dates fill quickly so please contact the Education Department for available dates in November, December, and 2013.

Zoomobile

Treat your child's class to a Zoo program! The Zoomobile is an exciting live animal presentation brought directly to your child's class. The program provides an unusual educational experience, blending scientific knowledge with intimate opportunities to study animals. Five animals, chosen from a variety, including parrots, birds of prey, snakes, opossums, frogs, hedgehogs and more, are introduced to the class. (If the class size is below 30, touching of chosen animals is included.) The program is available for preschool through high school ages. It has been designed with the California Science Framework in mind. Teachers receive a Zoomobile Curriculum Guide with animal information and activity pages. Call the Education Department at 714-647-6562 for available dates.

Zoo Education Programs

Join the education staff for some fun and learn about animals and nature firsthand. Call the Education Department at 714-647-6562 for available dates.

Conservation Education Theater



While visiting the Zoo, please stop by and enjoy the animal presentations in our Conservation Education Theater. You will learn fascinating facts and be able to "get up close and personal" with animals from our Education Department. These presentations are free with Zoo admission.

Weekends
12:00 & 2:30 pm

Prehistory Day

Join us on Sunday, October 7, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM for a new event! To celebrate National Fossil Day, the Cooper Center will set up booths and informative stations throughout the Zoo. Special presentations in the CET and other activities such as a scavenger hunt will help Zoo visitors connect with the wild animals here on exhibit and with their ancestors found in Orange County. The event will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 11AM-3 PM. These displays are free with Zoo admission.

National Chemistry Day

Join us on Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM for National Chemistry Day. Fun and wacky displays are set up in the Zoo to show you how chemistry improves our quality of life. These displays are free with Zoo admission.

KIDS ZONE Zoo Fable #27: The Ocelot and the Gnat

The proud ocelot rested peacefully on the floor of the mangrove forest. Suddenly a brave gnat flew up and around the ocelot's face.

"How dare you disturb my rest!" growled the ocelot as the gnat flew by his ear. "Be off, before I crush you into dust!"

"Brave words!" jeered the tiny gnat. "But I'm not afraid of you. For all your boasting, you'd never dare to meet me in battle!"

With a roar of rage, the ocelot lunged at the gnat. But the tiny insect slipped easily between the ocelot's claws and flew to sting him on the nose. The ocelot swatted at him, but he managed only to claw and tear at his own face. Again and again, the gnat bit the ocelot; again and again the ocelot drew his own blood, trying to capture his enemy. At last, numb from the pain, the ocelot bellowed, "Enough! I surrender!"

Zoo Moral: The least of our enemies can be the deadliest.

The Meerkats, picture by Jackson L., age 7. Kids, send your Zoo art (along with your name and age) to: Tom Decker, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E Chestnut Ave, Santa Ana CA 92701 or email artwork to tdecker@fosaz.org.

1. VARENMOG (A type of forest)



2. BUMN (What pain did to the ocelot)



BONUS:

Now unscramble the letters circled above to find this kind of tree!



HINT:

This tree is featured elsewhere in this newsletter!

WORD SCRAMBLE

FROM STORY



Celebrate with a Custom Brick!

Celebrate a special event or achievement, or celebrate the life of an animal lover or perhaps a favorite pet. You are invited to become a part of the Santa Ana Zoo with your purchase of a personalized brick.

Look for the bricks by the Wishing Well, just across from the Conservation Carrousel and next to the Train Depot, where they are "planted." Profits from the brick purchases go directly into programs and efforts which support and

enhance our Zoo.

The 4"x 8" bricks are only \$99 and include 3 lines of 20 characters per line. The 8"x 8" bricks are only \$199 and include 6 lines of 20 characters per line.

If you are interested, please stop by the Treetop Toys Gift Shop and fill out a Brick Order Form. For more details, or to order by phone, please contact Estela Gomez at (714) 953-8555, ext. 13. You can also purchase a brick now online at www.santaanazoo.org.



Animal Adoptions Make Great Gifts, Too!

Animal adoptions make exceptional gifts, and at \$39 they are just the right price to satisfy any animal lover on your list. Imagine the thrill your recipients experience when you take them to the Zoo and they see their names on the Adoption Board in the center of the Zoo! And for \$69 you can purchase the Deluxe Package, which includes a photo and a plush monkey of the golden lion tamarin, the black and white colobus, or the spider monkey.

All adoption packages include an animal fact sheet, a certificate of adoption (suitable for framing), and name recognition in the center of the Zoo. Funds from the program are used for habitat upkeep, special equipment acquisition, and animal preservation programs. It's a great way to let the animals know you care about them.

Visit www.santaanazoo.org to view all the available adoption options or call (714) 953-8555 x13 for more information.



FOSAZ Presents Holidays with the Critters 2012

Save the date for our annual holiday family festival, "Holidays with the Critters," presented by FOSAZ. The event is open to the general public on Saturday, December 15, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, rain or shine. The Holiday Event prices are \$6 per person or \$3 per Zoo Member.

"Holidays with the Critters" features enchanting animals, beautifully lighted displays, seasonal music, crafts tables, and storytelling, placed all around the Zoo entrance and farm area, which are transformed into a winter wonderland! Along with the crafts and holiday decorations, the evenings will feature seasonal music. SAZOO, our Zoo's monkey mascot, will make special appearances throughout each evening. Conservation Carrousel and Zoofari Express Train Rides will be available for \$3 each, with combo tickets selling for \$5 each.



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