

Nora's Plant Notes: Lavender

As one walks toward the Crean Family Farm, the wishing well comes into view to the right near the train depot. All around the wishing well is an aromatic gray to gray-green plant with violet-colored flowers which is called Lavender. (There is a smaller plant on the left of the wishing well which is called lavender cotton. This is not true lavender and has small, round, yellowish flowers.)



They grow well in many parts of the world, so well, in fact, they are considered invasive in Australia and a weed in Spain. Every year, after blooming, they should be pruned one third to one half their previous sizes. This encourages new growth.

Besides their pretty flowers, we are drawn to them because of the aroma of the leaves, flowers, and seeds. They are used in balms, salves, perfumes, cosmetics, dry arrangements, sachets, wedding confetti, candles, and are said to even deter moths.

Lavender can be blended with black, green, or herbal tea to give scent and flavor.

Many people find lavender soothing, whether it is inhaled, in a drink, or rubbed on as an ointment.

Folk wisdom (unproven) claims it soothes insect bites, burns, headaches, repels insects, and disinfects. But, it is an allergen to some people and should not be ingested by pregnant women.

Lavender is used as a food source for butterflies and bees. The resulting lavender honey is popular with some people.

of some has come to be called lavender. Because of cross pollination, it is very difficult to get pure seeds, so most lavenders are grown from cuttings.

They are very drought-tolerant and do best in sandy, well-drained soil. They flourish in full sun with little or no fertilizer. If they are kept too wet, they are susceptible to root rot caused by fungus.

Baby Golden-Headed Lion Tamarin Born!

A baby golden-headed lion tamarin was born on April 26, 2012. Closely related to the golden lion tamarin, golden-headed lion tamarins have a black body with a golden-orange face and hands. Weighing less than 1 pound as adults, the babies tip the scale at about 1/8th of a pound! These rare monkeys are only found on the Atlantic coast of Brazil and are on special loan from the Brazilian government.

Zoos have worked together for several decades on the conservation of this species.

Captive breeding, habitat restoration, conservation education and reintroductions into the wild are all part of the international effort to protect this species. This birth is a great boost to the conservation program. The Santa Ana Zoo's four golden-headed lion tamarins combined with eleven closely related golden lion tamarins make up one of the largest groups of lion tamarins in North America.

Come visit the Santa Ana Zoo and look for our newest guest!



Animal Trading Card

Distinguishing Characteristics: Iguanas are fast and agile on land, but spend most of their time on trees basking in the sun. They have strong jaws with razor-sharp teeth and sharp tails, which make up half their body length. They can also detach their tails if caught and will then grow another one without permanent damage. Its long tail is used as a weapon and also for balance when climbing. They average a length of about 6.5 feet and weigh about 18 pounds.

Habitat: The rainforest canopy of Central and South America.

Wild Diet: They are herbivores. Occasionally they will eat insects along with the vegetation.

Facts: The green iguana is a skilled swimmer and can stay under water comfortably for up to 30 minutes. It is listed as threatened because of the destruction of the rain forests and demands of the wildlife pet trade.



OCAAZK Bowling for Rhinos Event



On Saturday, May 19th, the Orange County Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers participated in the annual event to help save the rhinos at the Jewel City Bowl in Glendale. The event raised over \$500 toward this worthy cause. If you would like to read more about Bowling for Rhinos, please visit this link: <http://aazk.org/committee/bowling-for-rhinos/>



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Time Sensitive Material



"Sunsets at the Zoo," Santa Ana Zoo's Summer Concert Series



On Sunday June 10, Sunday June 24, and Sunday July 15 from 5:30-7:30 PM each night the Zoo will host live music performances during the beautiful California sunsets. Sunsets at the Zoo are happily sponsored by VILLA FORD. Pack up a picnic dinner, a blanket, your family and friends to enjoy an evening of live music (Crazy Boots Band on June 10 with beer tasting, Mighty Mojo Prophets on June 24 with tequila tasting, and Peggie Perkins on July 15 with vodka tasting), animals, crafts, lemonade and snacks compliments of Parties by Panache, cool decorations by R.W.B Party Props, Inc., \$3 wristbands for train/carrousel rides, and booths with unique items for sale by local artisans.

Admission to Sunset is \$10 per person ages 3 and up, and half-price of just \$5 for Zoo Members. Children under 3 are free. Tastings are an extra \$10 donation per person. Come early at 2:00 PM for a bonus "Blues at the Zoo" concert on the lawn (Blues included with Zoo admission). Become a Member today through our secure online website at www.santaanazoo.org or by calling (714) 953-8555 x13.

We hope to see you all there. Visit us on Facebook, too, as www.facebook.com/Santa.An.Zoo/

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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+)\$8.
Children (3-12)\$5.
Seniors (60+).....\$5.
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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A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE



Animal Trading Card
Stays under water for 30 minutes!



Sunsets at the Zoo
Live Music Festivals Return to the Zoo.



New Baby
Golden-headed lion tamarin born April 26.

Special Events for 2012

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

June 10
Sunset at the Zoo — Bring a picnic and join us for an evening of live music, special table exhibits, coffee, dessert, train/carrousel rides, and animals: 5:30-7:30PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

June 24
Sunset at the Zoo — Bring a picnic and join us for an evening of live music, coffee, dessert, craft tables, train/carrousel rides, and animals: 5:30-7:30PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

July 15
Sunset at the Zoo — Bring a picnic and join us for an evening of live music, coffee, dessert, craft tables, train/carrousel rides, and animals: 5:30-7:30PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

August 25
Zoofari 2012 — Black tie gala, "Cats Meow," fundraising dinner/dance: 5:30PM – Midnight.

September 22
Membership Appreciation Day — FOSAZ Members get \$3 all-day wristbands to ride the train and carrousel, craft tables, and extra discounts: 11AM-2PM.

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 carrousel rides: 5:30-8:00PM. FOSAZ Member Discount.

November 13
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.

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.

Zoofari 2012 – Cats Meow!



Let the feasting, frivolity, and fundraising begin with our 20th annual black tie/1920-dress fundraising gala, Zoofari 2012, the "Cats Meow!"

The Friends of Santa Ana Zoo Board President Debbie Friedman says, "Join Zoofari Event Manager Cathi Decker and myself for the best-ever 1920s-themed Zoofari Fundraising Gala. Bid on wonderful trips, golf outings, one-of-a-kind gifts in our live and silent auctions, as well as enjoying an evening under the stars with great food, drinks, music, and dancing!"

This year Zoofari is continuing to raise money for a pair of Brazilian ocelots. 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. Scientists hope to increase that number to 120 in captivity by 2025, but there is limited space to house them well. Your support of Zoofari will help make this dream come true. You will have the opportunity to make a significant impact on our animals and their valuable place in the world.

The evening includes valet parking

underwritten by Villa Ford, a fully hosted bar, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, a "Bathtub Gin" style signature drink, photo opportunity in a paddy wagon, 1920s-themed decorations by R.W.B. Party Props, and live and silent auctions. Glen Fladeboe, our preeminent fundraising auctioneer, will serve as our honored host for the live auction, followed by a fully catered sit-down dinner by Parties by Panache and dancing to "Soundbytes."

Reservations are required. Marketing sponsorships and program ads are available. For reservations and information, contact The Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x-10 or on-line at www.santaanazoo.org.

ZOOFARI 2012 – "CATS MEOW"
August 25, 2012
5:30 PM to Midnight
Dining, dancing, and hosted bar
Tickets are \$225.00 per person, or tables may be purchased for \$2,250.00 for tables of 10.
(714) 953-8555 x10
www.santaanazoo.org

Buy Your Own Carrousel Animal!

by Cathi Decker, FOSAZ Executive Director

One of the more unique ways to get involved with your Santa Ana Zoo and leave a lasting legacy of showing your support and dedication to the animals of the Zoo is to purchase your very own Carrousel Animal!

The Carrousel features 30 hand-painted animals, a swan chariot, and a "spinning" nest. Many of the figures represent residents at the Zoo and endangered species. They are each available for a sponsorship purchase.

We still have some left, but once they are all sold, that is it!

Each figure took over five weeks to create and the artists took anywhere from two to five days to paint. The attention to detail enhances the ride experience and appreciation for each animal.

The Carrousel's theme of conservation is central to the mission of the Zoo and helps to educate children about the value of environmental conservation through the preservation of endangered animals. After enjoying a ride on this unique Carrousel, each child is given an educational collector card with information about an endangered animal.

By offering Carrousel Animal Sponsorships, we are able to raise funds to pay off the Carrousel loan, support the Zoo's conservation efforts and educate children about endangered species. From the majestic Eagle to the custom Anteater, donors can sponsor a Carrousel Animal for a tax-deductible gift of just \$5,000.

\$7,500 or \$10,000 (monthly payment plans available).

Sponsors are recognized with a bronze plaque at the base of their carrousel animal, free ride tickets, and a membership in our exclusive Carrousel Club. You can find a complete list of available animals on the Zoo's website at: www.santaanazoo.org/carrousel.pdf



In April, Shannon and Jessica Salottolo from the Orange County Chapter of the National Charity League presented a check for \$5,000 to sponsor an animal on the Conservation Carrousel at the Zoo. They selected the zebra with the blue and orange reins and rhinestones. Now you can join them by selecting a carrousel animal of your very own, while they are still available.

Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde Ron Glazier Santa Ana Zoo Director, Retired

Imagine for a moment being deep in the Amazon basin where the canopy of the rain forest closes overhead and sunlight penetrates the gaps in the foliage creating dappled patterns of light and shadow. A sleek cat with a spotted coat matching those patterns of light and shadow follows a scent trail of a scurrying rodent. The ocelot is the most prevalent small cat of the Amazon Basin, where it is a perfectly adapted hunter. Also lurking in the green forests are the other small spotted cats, the margay and oncilla. The cats' spotted coats enhance their predatory lifestyle, and their natural beauty also makes them one of the Zoo visitor's favorites.

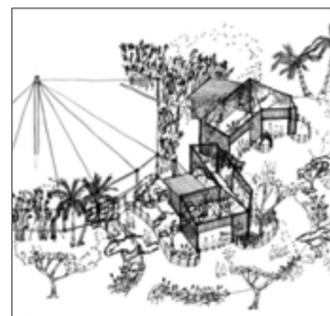
South America is rich in its animal and plant diversity. The cat family (Felidae) is well represented with 10 species found in a variety of habitats from deserts to rain forests. They range in size from the third and fourth largest cats in the world, the jaguar and mountain lion or puma respectively, to some of the smallest: the margay, Geoffroy's cat, and oncilla or tiger cat. The Santa Ana Zoo currently exhibits the margay but in the past it has displayed the Geoffroy's cat and oncilla. The oncilla, which if memory serves me, was one of only 10 found in a U.S. zoo at the time. The jaguar is included in the Zoo's master plan but the current focus for the Zoo's development is to create an exhibit for one of the smaller species, such as the ocelot. as outlined in the last issue of *Animal Tales*.

Recently, a representative group of FOSAZ staff and board members, and



Zoo staff, met with ELM, an architectural and design firm, to develop a concept design for a new exhibit, **Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde** (Wild Cats of the Green Forest). The exhibit is designed to present the cat in context of its natural forest habitat but at the same time make a connection between these marvelous animals and the Zoo visitor. Exhibit features will allow visitors of all ages to appreciate the amazing attributes of wild cats in a fun and interactive way. Graphics and an education station will help visitors further understand how the cat makes its living in the Amazon Basin. The exhibit can accommodate a breeding pair when the opportunity and need arise to participate in breeding and conservation programs.

Flexibility is built into the complex to display any of the small cats of the rain



forest, such as the ocelot, margay, oncilla, or jaguarundi. Unlike the other three, the jaguarundi is not spotted but has a uniform dark brown color and an overall appearance more closely resembling an otter or a large weasel.

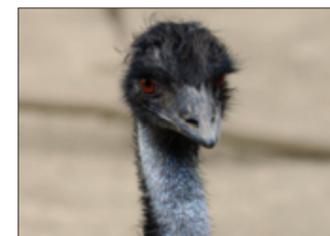
The central portion of the Zoo grounds is to be developed as the *Amazon Basin*. Building on two of the Zoo's premier exhibits, *Amazon's Edge* and *Colors of the Amazon Aviary*, *Wild Cats of El Bosque Verde* will be the next step in completing the Amazon Basin development. This project will continue the process of replacing the Zoo's older exhibits with the latest concepts in zoo exhibit design. It also provides for the possibility of adding new animals to the Zoo collection; for example, what was accomplished with *Tierra de las Pampas* in providing a new habitat for the rheas and guanacos while adding the giant anteater to the collection.

This exhibit will be "purrfect," pardon the pun, for the cats. There is still time to be counted as part of the "pride" that is 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!



Santa Ana Zoo Fun Facts!

by Ethan Fisher



Eloya, our oldest bird

The animals at the Santa Ana Zoo consume over 300,000 mealworms each year!

The oldest primate is Nero, a brown capuchin, born February 23, 1982.

The new animal identification signs are of different colors that correlate to the colors used for the animals' general habitat types.

The new signage panels throughout the Zoo are made from a special product composed of a dense paper core with a thin plastic resin; the signs are composed almost entirely of recycled materials.

The oldest bird is Eloya, our emu, hatched from an egg in 1983.

At one time the Jack Lynch Aviary housed beautiful pink flamingos.

The golden-headed lion tamarin family is growing again with the birth of a healthy baby on April 26, 2012. This makes a count of four golden-headed lion tamarins and eleven golden lion tamarins, one of the largest groups of these endangered primates in North America!

Matching Gift Program

sanctuary of recreation, conservation, and education. And, as a reminder, with every donation you give to the Zoo, you can increase your gift by participating in your company's Matching Gift Program. Contact your Human Resources Department to obtain a form.

Friends of Santa Ana Zoo appreciates all your ongoing support as we continue to make our "urban oasis" a true

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 with the animals. These presentations are free with Zoo admission.

Tuesday – Thursday
10:30AM and 11:55PM

Weekends
12 noon and 2:30 PM

School Groups

Adaptable to various grade levels from preschool through high school, our education programs teach to the California State Science standards. Our Zoomobile is an exciting live animal presentation brought directly to your child's class and is offered year around. For school classes planning a field trip, please consider our docent-led programs geared from kindergarten level through 4th grade. These programs focus on animal adaptations, the rainforest, and birds. Advance reservations are required for both these school programs.

If your child's class is visiting the Zoo or studying about animals, please alert your child's teacher to the Zoo curriculum on our website, www.santanazoo.org. First grade curriculum is entitled "Science is Exploring" and kindergarten curriculum is entitled "Scientists' Senses." Both are available for your use.



KIDS ZONE Zoo Fable #26: The Council of the Mice

Once upon a time, the mice gathered at their monthly council to decide the best means of ridding themselves of a stray cat who had wandered into their midst and killed many of their friends and relations. Various plans were discussed and rejected, until at last a young mouse came forward and proposed that a bell should be hung around the tyrant's neck, that they might, in the future, have warning of her movements and so be able to escape.

The suggestion was received joyfully by nearly all, but for one old and wise mouse, who had sat silent for some. The wise mouse said, "While I consider this plan to be a very clever one, and feel sure that it would prove to be quite successful if carried out, I would like to know who is going to hang the bell on the cat!"

Zoo Moral: It is easier to make a suggestion than to carry it out

1. **UNCLICO** (The assembly of the Mice)



2. **SNAPL** (Many of these were discussed and rejected)



3. **NAGH** (_____ the bell on the cat)



BONUS:

Now unscramble the letters circled above to find this animal!



FROM STORY

Hint: Check the Fun Facts for the oldest primate at the Zoo!

Kids, send your Zoo art (along with your name and age) to: Tom Decker, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana CA 92701 or e-mail artwork to tdecker@fosaz.org.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Animal Trading Card



Clip and Save