

Quack-tastic! Woodland Park Zoo Celebrates World Waterfowl Day!

SEATTLE—Today, January 17, people around the world are celebrating our feathered friends that flourish in aquatic habitats—it's World Waterfowl Day! Woodland Park Zoo is doing its part to honor these special birds with some fun activities at the zoo tomorrow, January 18.



Waterfowl are a fascinating group of birds with more than 170 species of ducks, geese, swans and screamers in the order Anseriformes. Woodland Park Zoo is home to more than 25 species. These wetland wonders typically have webbed feet, perfect for swimming, as well as waterproof feathers to keep them dry.

Right now, there are 14 waterfowl species around the world considered endangered or critically endangered in the wild. Protecting these birds and their habitats is critical as they play vital roles in ecosystems, including water quality, and supporting biodiversity through pest control. Waterfowl face a variety of threats, including shifting habitats and environmental conditions due to climate change.

Activities on Saturday, January 18:

- Waterfowl Animal Keeper Talks (at Broadleaf Theater) at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Waterfowl biofact station (at Broadleaf Theater)
- Waterfowl themed coloring activity in Zoomazium

[World Waterfowl Day](#) was designated by Sylvan Heights Bird Park, a non-profit organization that is home to one of the world's largest waterfowl conservation centers. The organization chose January 17 as World Waterfowl Day in memory of Mike Lubbock, one of the world's leading waterfowl conservationists. January 17 was Lubbock's birthday; he passed away last fall at age 80, after dedicating his life and career to the conservation of birds.

Guests are encouraged to visit the zoo to celebrate World Waterfowl Day. Please note the zoo continues to take extra health and safety precautions to protect its birds, staff and guests from HPAI or highly pathogenic avian influenza. Guests should expect some of our open-air aviaries to be closed.

Winter zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools can be found at www.zoo.org/access. ADA ramp access for Historic Carousel. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

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