



Inspection Report

South Carolina Aquarium
100 Aquarium Wharf
Charleston, SC 29401

Customer ID: **10952**

Certificate: **56-C-0125**

Site: 001

South Carolina Aquarium

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 18-JUN-2025

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

The facility lost one Rose-breasted Grosbeak due to suspected predation within its primary enclosure. On October 24th, 2024, the husbandry staff were unable to locate one grosbeak housed in an aviary. While the staff was able to locate the other two grosbeaks housed within the same habitat, the third grosbeak was never found, and considered deceased by October 28th, 2024. The staff discovered feathers present within the aviary, and later identified burrowing holes under the ground of the exhibit, suspecting a rodent as the cause of predation event.

Ongoing threats due to predation are a concern for all birds housed in their respective enclosures, as these opportunities contribute to unnecessary stress, injuries, fear, and occurrences of trauma for all birds on-hand. The facility must ensure that bird enclosures are maintained in good repair, protect the birds from injury, contain the birds, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds within.

Corrective actions were promptly taken by the facility following this occurrence.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

18-JUN-2025

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	ROSEATE SPOONBILL
000005	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	WHITE IBIS
000002	<i>Anas acuta</i>	NORTHERN PINTAIL
000001	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	RING-BILLED GULL
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
000001	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	WOOD THRUSH
000002	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK
000019	Total	