



Inspection Report

Alexandria Zoological Park
3016 MASONIC DR
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301

Customer ID: 4771

Certificate: 72-C-0001

Site: 001

ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL
PARK

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 24-OCT-2024

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

Four incidents occurred in which enclosures did not protect birds from injury or predation:

--On March 8, 2024 during morning round observations a 4 year old male mandarin duck (ID# AV0619) was found predated in the black swan pond enclosure. The pond enclosure located on the periphery of the zoo grounds adjacent to an empty parking lot is not fully enclosed (i.e. open-air top) but it includes areas of dense foliage on opposite sides of the pond as well as two shelters (i.e. a large dog crate as well as an A-frame structure) for safety. A hawk was previously seen nesting near the zoo grounds and presumed by zoo staff to be the predator involved in this case.

--On June 13, 2024 during morning round observations a zoo keeper discovered a rat snake in one of the sun parakeet nest boxes where two sun parakeets were missing (i.e. 13 year old male #AV0431 & 14 year old female #AV0429). Staff confirmed predation by scanning and detecting the missing birds' microchips inside the rat snake. The enclosure consists of 1x1 inch metal fencing walls and roofing which are contiguous with each other and this is the first incident of a predator breach to this enclosure. The enclosure was thoroughly inspected by zoo staff for point of entry for the snake and no area of compromised integrity was identified.

--On July 10, 2024 during morning round observations a 15 year old male Chilean flamingo (#AV0496) was found deceased in its enclosure with a foot caught in a split gap on one of two 5-foot vertical wood pillars/posts. The vertical posts have an approximate 6-inch flat cut diameter top surface and staff indicated the flamingos were never observed to use these posts for perching. The wood pillars/posts are only intended to keep the giant tortoises from entering the flamingo area of the exhibit. Corrective action of trimming the posts as well as increased frequency of enclosure integrity checks were implemented prior to the time of the inspection on October 24, 2024.

--On August 3, 2024 the keeper opened the 6 inch diameter water drain of the black swan pool to empty it for routine maintenance. When the keeper returned to complete the pool maintenance the 1.5 year old female black swan (#AV0831) was found deceased with her head inside the drain. The cause of death was determined to be drowning due to necropsy findings of water in the bird's lungs. Corrective action of covering the pool drain with a screen cover during pool maintenance was implemented prior to the time of inspection on October 24, 2024.

Complete corrections by January 28, 2025 by ensuring housing facilities are kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds within.

3.160(b) Critical

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Compatibility and separation

On May 5, 2024 a patron reported to zoo personnel that they saw an agouti (a rodent species) bite the 11 year old male Campine chicken (#AV0544) that was housed in the same enclosure. The chicken was the only bird housed in this enclosure and had been housed its entire life with 3 covies and 2 agouti without prior incident. Once notified, zoo staff quickly retrieved the chicken for medical assessment. The veterinarian elected to euthanize the chicken due to poor prognosis from the injuries it received. Birds may be subjected to adverse effects on welfare, health, or injury if housed with other animals that are not compatible. Facilities must ensure birds are housed with other compatible animals that do not prevent access to food, water, or shelter by individual animals, and are not known to be hazardous to the health and well-being of each other.

Corrective action was implemented prior to the inspection on October 24, 2024 and avian species are no longer housed in this enclosure.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC
000001	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	GIANT ANTEATER
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000005	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000001	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000001	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	MANED WOLF
000002	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>	BRAZILIAN AGOUTI
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000004	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>	COTTON-TOP TAMARIN
000004	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000003	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	BLACK HOWLER
000002	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY
000007	<i>Callosciurus prevostii</i>	PREVOST'S SQUIRREL / TRI-COLORED SQUIRREL
000001	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN TAPIR
000002	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	RED RIVER HOG
000006	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000002	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000002	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	OCELOT
000001	<i>Bubalus depressicornis</i>	ANOA
000002	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000003	<i>Colobus angolensis</i>	ANGOLAN COLOBUS
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Mareca americana</i>	AMERICAN WIGEON
000002	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Ara militaris</i>	MILITARY MACAW
000002	<i>Anas acuta</i>	NORTHERN PINTAIL
000001	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	MAGPIE GOOSE
000001	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	SILVER PHEASANT
000000	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	MANDARIN DUCK
000001	<i>Polyplectron napoleonis</i>	PALAWAN PEACOCK-PHEASANT
000000	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	BLACK SWAN
000003	<i>Chauna torquata</i>	SOUTHERN SCREAMER / CRESTED SCREAMER
000012	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK
000007	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	WHITE IBIS
000001	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	ECLECTUS PARROT
000002	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	COSCOROBA SWAN
000002	<i>Cygnus melancoryphus</i>	BLACK-NECKED SWAN



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000001	<i>Aix sponsa</i>		WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK	
000001	<i>Spatula platalea</i>		RED SHOVELER	
000001	<i>Aythya americana</i>		REDHEAD	
000003	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>		RINGED TEAL	
000002	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>		SANDHILL CRANE	
000002	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>		MANED DUCK / AUSTRALIAN WOOD DUCK	
000003	<i>Netta peposaca</i>		ROSY-BILLED POCHARD	
000001	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>		RUDDY DUCK	
000003	<i>Mareca sibilatrix</i>		CHILOE WIGEON	
000014	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		GREATER FLAMINGO	
000001	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		GADWALL	
000001	<i>Spatula versicolor</i>		SILVER TEAL	
000002	<i>Spatula puna</i>		PUNA TEAL	
000001	<i>Radjah radjah</i>		RADJAH SHELDUCK	
000004	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>		HOODED MERGANSER	
000008	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>		CHILEAN FLAMINGO	
000001	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>		BLACK CROWNED-CRANE	
000003	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>		SUN PARAKEET	
000004	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>		SCARLET IBIS	
000002	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>		EASTERN ROSELLA	
000002	<i>Polytelis alexandrae</i>		PRINCESS PARROT	
000003	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>		ROSEATE SPOONBILL	
000003	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>		AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	
000003	<i>Cathartes aura</i>		TURKEY VULTURE	
000002	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>		KING VULTURE	
000002	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>		ANDEAN CONDOR	
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>		RED-TAILED HAWK	
000002	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		BALD EAGLE	
000003	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000001	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000004	<i>Psittacara finschi</i>		CRIMSON-FRONTED PARAKEET	
000002	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>		HYACINTH MACAW	
000002	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000001	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>		YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Amazona viridigenalis</i>		RED-CROWNED PARROT / GREEN-CHEEKED AMAZON / RED- CROWNED AMAZON / MEXICAN RED-HEA	
000105	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>		COCKATIEL	
000002	<i>Casuarus casuarus</i>		SOUTHERN CASSOWARY / DOUBLE-WATTLED CASSOWARY	
000001	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>		YELLOW-BILLED TEAL	
000001	<i>Anas georgica</i>		YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL	
000001	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)	
000311	Total			



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