

Congo Aviary and Parrot Yard/Individual Fact Sheet

Some of the zoo's birds have breeding recommendations so the animal care staff are interested in knowing if someone is making a nest. *Not all birds may be on exhibit*

Congo Aviary

Amethyst Starling, *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*, 2.1.0

Individual Name: Bandit (male)

Males are colorful (purple). Adults cover their eggs with leaves when they are away from their nests. Amethyst Starlings are omnivores. They also referred to as Violet-backed Starlings.

Black Crane, *Limnocorax flavirostra*, 0.1.0

Individual Name: Ally (female)

Ally has a slight limp. Black Cranes may take eggs from other bird's nests.

Blue-bellied Roller, *Coracias cyanogaster*, 0.1.0

Individual Name: Jasmine (female)

Blue-bellied rollers are named for their acrobatic flight while snatching insects out of the air. Their courtship includes nosedives and rolling around.

Buff-crested Bustard, *Lophotis gindiana*, 1.0.0

Individual Name: Crunchy (male)

Crunchy hangs out on the ground and blends in well. Buff-crested Bustard nest on the ground because they don't fly much. When chicks hatch their eyes are open and they can stand up.

Common Bulbul, *Pycnonotus barbatus*, 1.0.0

Individual Name: Yellow Butt (male)

Yellow Butt is small, shy, and blends in well. The word bulbul comes from the ancient Arabic meaning "small bird".

Green Woodhoopoe, *Phoeniculus purpureus*, 1.0.0

Individual Name: Woody (male)

Marbled Teals, *Marmaronetta angustirostris*, 1.1.0

Individual Name: Hansel (male) and Gretel (female)

Southern Bald Ibis, *Geronticus calvus*, 1.1.0

Individual Name: Jack Skellington (male) and Sally (female)

Speckled Pigeon, *Columba guinea phaeonota*, 2.0.0

Individual Names: Speck and Spot (males)

Speck and Spot normally roost together. Their favorite food in the aviary is waxworms. Most of their diet in the wild is vegetables.

White Headed Buffalo Weaver, *Dinemellia dinemelli*, 2.1.0

Individual Names: Tapestry and Hippo (males) and Loom (female)

White headed buffalo weavers are known for their elaborate nests. Both parents build the nests and feed the chicks.

Parrot Yard

African Gray Parrots, *Psittacus Erithacus*, 4.4.0

Individual Name: Shakespeare, Hamill, Wonka, Fred (males) and Petunia, Tulip, Violet, Fern (females)

The African Gray Parrots are very smart and are vocal. They make cat calls and whistles. They can be destructive – the zoo gives them lots of enrichment. Thousands are taken from the wild illegally each year.

Fred and Fern are in the Congo Aviary, not in the parrot yard. Fern is fully flighted, Fred prefers to move by foot.