

Nocturnal Aviary Species/Individuals Fact Sheet

Bali Mynah, *Leucopsar rothschildi*, 2.1.0

Individual Names: Reptar and Dil Pickles (males) Cynthia (female)

This species is critically endangered. Fewer than 100 adults are left in the wild, mostly due to the exotic pet trade. These birds like to hang out in the trees above the waterfall and have a wide variety of vocalizations.

Black-Naped Fruit Dove, *Ptilinopus melanospilus*, 2.0.0

Individual Names: Stein and Monster (males)

These two can usually be found in the canopy near the waterfall. They have a distinct “cooing” call and love blueberries.

Chestnut Teal, *Anas castanea*, 1.0.0

Individual Name: Leroy (male)

This bird likes to hang out above the cave or above the waterfall. He’s on the older side so his feathers are a little ruffled.

Crested Wood Partridge, *Rollulus rouloul*, 1.1.0

Individual Names: Bocce (male) and Pallino (female)

The zoo’s pair of crested wood partridges are very social and active and may be seen all over the aviary. They love to dig in different ground materials (substrates) and sometimes take dust baths.

Freckled Duck, *Stictonetta naevosa*, 1.0.0

Individual Name: Howard (male)

This species is usually present in mainland Australia but disperse to coastal and subcostal wetlands in the dry period. The base of the male’s culmen is red, especially during the breeding season, where the female’s is a slate gray color. This bird can usually be seen in or around the pool.

Laughing Kookaburra, *Dacelo novaeguineae*, 1.1.0

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Individual Names: Jim (male) and Dani (female)

Luzon Bleeding-Heart Dove, *Gallicolumba luzonica*, 1.2.0

Individual Names: Mark (male) and Target (female)

Luzon bleeding-heart doves get their name from the large red spot on their chest that makes it look like the bird is bleeding. The youngest dove hatched in 2025 has not yet been named.

Masked Lapwing, *Vanellus miles*, 1.1.0

Individual Names: Jesse (female) and Frank (male)

The Columbus Zoo's pair of masked lapwings like to hang out above the porcupine exhibit. When they have a nest, they become very defensive and noisy.

Metallic Starling, *Aplonis metallica*, 1.3.0

Metallic starlings are very social birds. The zoo's one male and three females can often be found in the tree canopy or bathing in the waterfall.

Nicobar Pigeon, *Caloenas nicobarica*, 3.6.0

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has many Nicobar pigeons – some are in the Nocturnal Aviary and some are in the Asia Quest Aviary. Nicobar pigeons are the second largest species of pigeon (the largest is the Victoria crowned pigeon). They are the only living relatives of the extinct Dodo.

Pekin Robin, *Leiothrix lutea*, 0.8.0

Individual Names: Eliza, Angelica, Dorothy, Peggy, Tanya, Jeanie, Bernadette, and Willett (females)

They love to follow the keepers around in the morning asking them for bugs (waxworms are their favorite). You will see them spending most of their time flying from tree to tree on the main floor of the aviary chatting away. They are the social committee of the aviary, very curious and friendly.

Pied Imperial Pigeon, *Ducula bicolor*, 1.1.0

The word "pied" means "having two or more different colors." These large white and black pigeons like to hang out in the tree canopies of the aviary. They love "bath time," when the keepers gently mist them with water from the hose.

Scarlet-Faced Liocichla, *Liocichla ripponi*, 1.1.0

Individual Name: Decimal (male)

This social pair likes to hang out in the tree canopy by the waterfall, usually snuggled up to each other.

Southern Masked-Weavers, *Ploceus velatus*, 2.0.0

Southern masked-weavers are native to Africa, but they are too small to go in the Congo Expedition African Aviary. Male southern masked weavers shred leaves and use long pieces of hay to weave nests. But if a female does not choose him as her mate, he will cut down the nest.

Victoria Crowned Pigeon, *Goura victoria*, 1.1.0

Individual Names: Dolores (female) and Teddy (male)

The Victoria crowned pigeon is the largest species of pigeon in the world. Dolores and Teddy attempted to nest for a long time before they were finally successful. Their courtship display includes bowing and a deep drumming vocalization.

Dolores has a bold personality and is one of the few birds that runs the aviary – she even walks on the handrails sometimes. Columbus Zoo and Aquarium guests should always remember to give animals plenty of space and never try to touch them.