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National Aviary Welcomes a Double Dose of Hope in the Form of TWO Additional African Penguin Chicks!

These pivotal hatchings mark another incredible step towards saving the newly up-listed Critically Endangered species from the brink of extinction.

Readers of the [last BirdCalls edition](#) might remember an exciting update on the African Penguin juveniles who hatched in 2023, named Dave and Rita Mae by Aviary friends. This February, nearly two years after their Penguin Point arrival, the Aviary welcomed the hatchings of TWO additional African Penguin chicks from beloved, adult penguin pair Bette and Sidney (named after Pittsburgh Penguins' captain, Sidney Crosby). We've recently determined the genders of this quickly-growing sibling set.

The first chick who hatched February 7 is... a **BOY**, and the second, which hatched February 10, is... a **GIRL!**

The adorable duo, who originally weighed about 115 grams **combined**, have more than quadrupled in size while growing in a behind-the-scenes habit under the tender care of their parents and are now sporting sleek grayish-black juvenile feathers. In April, Aviary visitors received a special treat during exclusive, *Chick Talks*, offered daily with admission, which were designed to allow the then-penguin chicks to slowly acclimate to being in social settings, a process incredibly important to their development.

Not only are the new African Penguins a small spark of hope for their species, which is rapidly declining in the wild, but they also represent a significant turning point for mom, Bette. Back in 2018, Bette's care team noticed she wasn't feeling well, and Aviary veterinary staff, led by Senior Director of Zoological Advancement and Avian Medicine, Dr. Pilar Fish, DVM, immediately jumped into action. Through the use of innovative avian medicine methods (like a customized anesthesia method for penguins and repurposing human mustache clippers to safely and closely clip the dense feathers of African Penguins), the veterinary team successfully removed a golf ball-sized mass from Bette's abdomen during a four-hour procedure. With physical therapy and close monitoring from our experts, Bette made a full recovery and continues to thrive as a wonderful mom... **a sign of this being that these two chicks are the first she has hatched since that surgery!**

Subscribe to our [email list](#) to be one of the first to hear the news of this adorable pair joining the colony at Penguin Point, PLUS learn their new names.

***Pictured above:** National Aviary juvenile penguin pair exploring their future home: Penguin Point.*

Letter From the Director



As we reach the halfway point of 2025, we're reflecting on what's already been an exciting and meaningful year at the National Aviary, and we're just getting started.

This spring, we launched a new seasonal theme, Rainforest Retreat, followed by this summer's *Global*

Odyssey: Avian Adventure. Both have delighted visitors of all ages with immersive experiences and engaging storytelling. We also debuted our most dynamic bird show yet: *Passport to Parks*, presented by AAA Travel. With its travel-inspired theme and close encounters with amazing birds, it's been playing to full houses all season.

To keep the momentum going, we've added fresh **Daily Activities** featuring our newest Animal Ambassadors. Highlights include **Destination Australia: Expert Talk** with a Blue-tongued Skink rarely seen at other zoos, and the return of our one-of-a-kind **Flamingo Feeding Encounter**. Additional programs, classes, and expert-led birding experiences are also drawing strong interest from families and nature lovers alike.

It's not just our programs that are growing—our bird family is too! This season brought:

- **Two African Penguin chicks**, a male and a female, an especially exciting milestone given the species' recent designation as **Critically Endangered**.
- **Three Spotted Whistling-Ducklings** in our Tropical Rainforest habitat.
- **Two Demoiselle Crane chicks**, hatched and adopted by our resident pair, Niles and Daphne.

We also welcomed a new male Andean Condor, Chavín (Chuh-veen), who may become a mate for Lianni. And in Ecuador, we supported the rehabilitation of a wild Condor named Valentino. Once recovered, he was fitted with a transmitter funded by the National Aviary and released back into the wild.

Meanwhile, our *National Aviary Peregrine FalconCam* captured another incredible season. Three chicks from Carla and Ecco were banded by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and have already fledged the nest, delighting livestream viewers across the region.

On the conservation front, we reached a historic milestone. On Palmyra Atoll, Guam Kingfishers—three of which came from the National Aviary—laid eggs in the wild for the first time in nearly 40 years. This marks major progress for a species once classified as **Extinct in the Wild**.

As we look toward the future, we also reflect on the loving memory of late, deeply beloved volunteer Sarah Blake Anderson-Brownlee. In April, we announced a *Kindness in Action Volunteer Award* in her honor. This award will serve as a daily reminder to continue Sarah's legacy of inspiring a love and passion for birds and the natural world in others.

Your visit this summer will continue to support these important endeavors, as well as many others, during another momentous year at the National Aviary. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Tracy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cheryl Tracy
Executive Director

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Go on a *Global Odyssey: Avian Adventure* this Summer at the National Aviary!

Backpack across the continents and explore the wonderful world of birds during the Aviary's newest summer-only theme, *Global Odyssey: Avian Adventure*.

From majestic Andean Condors gliding through the Andes Mountains to dazzling Scarlet Macaws foraging throughout the Amazon Rainforest, this season's exciting new "In-Flight Entertainment" (Daily Activities), and "Flight Upgrades" (Add-On Opportunities) are bound to unleash everyone's inner nomad, highlighting exotic environments and the unique species that inhabit them.

New and engaging Interactive Play Spaces, perfect for kids, include an even bigger Draw Alive station, with ample space to create a masterpiece live on screen before displaying it on an Art Wall; "taking flight" at

the Aviation Station where they'll get the chance to *pilot* from the cockpit or pretend to be a passenger soaring through the skies; help our bird friends pack their suitcase with essentials to travel to an icy tundra, sun-drenched desert, or a dense rainforest; feel and find their way around sensory obstacles using toy planes, trains, and automobiles on a travel-themed sensory table; and relax and enjoy books about globetrotting and birds all over the world at the *Global Odyssey* Book Nook!



"In-Flight Entertainment" - Daily Talks and Experiences

Global Odyssey: Avian Adventure includes new and returning Daily Activities, including the **Where in the Wetlands? Expert Feeding**: a travel twist on the guest-favorite programming held at 11 am and 2:30 pm. Watch as mischievous South American Inca Terns swoop down from their nests and vibrant American Flamingoes flock over from their sandy beach for a meal. Then check out a family of Spotted Whistling-Ducks waddle past, as sunny Floridian Snowy Egrets flutter overhead during the **Tropical Trek: Expert Feeding** at 11:30 am and 3 pm. Head "Down Under" at 1:30 pm for a **Destination Australia: Expert Talk**, where guests will get up close to one of the Aviary's scaliest new Animal Ambassadors: a [Blue-tongued Skink](#).

"Flight Upgrades" - Extraordinary Add-on Opportunities

National Aviary passengers can go the "extra mile" on an international trek through national parks during the Aviary's BRAND NEW and most immersive show to date: [Passport to Parks](#), presented by AAA Travel. Enhance the trip itinerary with even more exhilarating experiences: make way to **Canary's Call** Presented by Dollar Bank to hand-feed a cup of nectar to another Aussie favorite, Rainbow Lorikeets, or take a virtual flight with **Birdly®**. Get even closer to an owl, sloth, or penguin with exclusive **Animal Encounters**. PLUS, this summer season features a fun bonus, a rotating [Pop-Up Encounter every month](#): from a Skunk Painting Encounter in June (happening NOW), to a Penguin Painting Encounter in July, and even an adorable Armadillo and Friend Encounter, ONLY offered in August. But the Encounters don't stop there: returning for July only after a lengthy hiatus is the National Aviary's Flamingo Feeding Encounter, the only one of its kind at AZA-accredited institutions across Pittsburgh!



Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise

This Summer Only!

Visitors can keep their traveling adventure going with tickets for [SkyDeck](#), the National Aviary's exclusive summer-only live rooftop bird show. Bring sunglasses and watch as Hooded Vultures, a **Critically Endangered** species found in Africa, take flight from the rooftop, gliding on air currents as they circle over Allegheny Commons Park. Plus, meet the newest Aviary Animal Ambassador: American Kestrel, She-Ra.

Guests of all ages can also get a *Global Odyssey: Avian Adventure* passport stamped, as they turn Daily Activities into a scavenger hunt experience and take their passport with them as a trip souvenir. After such an eventful excursion, peckish wanderers can add on a stop for "In-Flight Snacks" at [Atria's Kookaburra Café!](#)

Daily Activities Schedule

10:30 am	Penguin Feeding Penguin Point	
10:30 am	Hand-feed Rainbow Lorikeets  Canary's Call Presented by  Dollar Bank	GUEST FAVORITE
11:00 am	Passport to Parks Show Presented by  AAA Travel  Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ Theater	BRAND NEW
11:00 am	Where in the Wetlands? Expert Feeding Wetlands	
11:30 am	Tropical Trek: Expert Feeding Tropical Rainforest	
12:00 pm	SkyDeck Show  SkyDeck Rooftop Theater	THIS SUMMER ONLY
12:30 pm	Hand-feed Rainbow Lorikeets  Canary's Call Presented by  Dollar Bank	GUEST FAVORITE
1:30 pm	Destination Australia: Expert Talk Condor Court	
2:00 pm	Passport to Parks Show Presented by  AAA Travel  Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ Theater	BRAND NEW
2:15 pm	Hand-feed Rainbow Lorikeets  Canary's Call Presented by  Dollar Bank	
2:30 pm	Where in the Wetlands? Expert Feeding Wetlands	
3:00 pm	Tropical Trek: Expert Feeding Tropical Rainforest	
3:00 pm	SkyDeck Show  SkyDeck Rooftop Theater	THIS SUMMER ONLY
4:00 pm	Penguin Feeding Penguin Point	
4:15 pm	Hand-feed Rainbow Lorikeets  Canary's Call Presented by  Dollar Bank	GUEST FAVORITE

 = Requires Additional Ticket. Please Purchase at our Visitor Services Desk.

National Aviary admission is included with **Animal Encounters**. Members get additional **Animal Encounter** discounts.
Book your next Animal Encounter online before you visit!

Animal Lover's Itineraries



Penguin Lovers

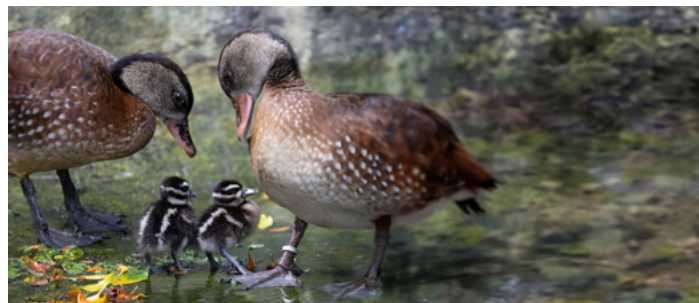
10:30 am	Watch a Penguin Feeding! <i>Penguin Point</i>
11:30 am	Penguin Encounter 🟢 <i>Get tickets at our Visitor Services Desk</i>
JULY ONLY: Upgrade to the Penguin Painting Encounter and get waddle-ful painting to take home!	
12:30 pm	Stop in the Gift Shop to pick out a penguin souvenir! 🟢
1:00 pm	Venture through the tunnels at Penguin Point to meet the colony! <i>Penguin Point</i>



Meet Our New Kids on the Block (Animal Ambassadors)*

11:00 am	Passport to Parks show, presented by AAA Travel, featuring a Striped Skunk! 🟢 <i>Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ Theater</i>
12:00 pm	SkyDeck Live Rooftop Show, featuring an American Kestrel! 🟢 <i>SkyDeck Rooftop Theater</i>
1:30 pm	Destination Australia: Expert Talk, featuring a Blue-tongued Skink! <i>Condor Court</i>
2:00 pm	Head to the Gift Shop to pick out a souvenir from your trip! 🟢

*Are you bringing your group to the National Aviary? Book an add-on meet-and-greet with one of our new Animal Ambassadors!



Ultimate Bird Lovers

11:30 am	Tropical Trek: Expert Feeding <i>Tropical Rainforest</i>
Don't forget to meet our adorable Spotted Whistling-Ducklings while in the Tropical Rainforest!	
1:30 pm	Owl Encounter 🟢 <i>Get tickets at our Visitor Services Desk</i>
2:00 pm	Say hello to our adorable Demoiselle Crane colts! <i>Condor Court</i>
2:30 pm	Where in the Wetlands? Expert Feeding <i>Wetlands</i>
3:00 pm	SkyDeck Live Rooftop Show 🟢 <i>SkyDeck Rooftop Theater</i>



*The National Aviary offers a variety of engaging options for groups of 15 or more. Explore the Aviary's free-flight habitats on your own, or with the guidance of an Aviary expert! Plus, add-on meet-and-greets with Animal Ambassadors, tickets to our live shows, **and more!***

🟢 = Requires Additional Ticket or Fee.



Get your “Passport to Parks” stamped during our new Immersive Bird Show!

Jet-set on an international trek through national parks during our new Immersive Bird Show: [Passport to Parks](#), presented by AAA Travel. Visit world wonders and meet the bird and mammal species that call them home, alongside two National Aviary experts! Plus, have the chance to see a stunning Gray Crowned-Crane as she flies closer than ever to the audience of “passport holders,” a few of whom will also get the chance to have a Curl-crested Aracari fly onto their hand for a piece of fruit.



Join us for an *Evening in Paradise at Night in the Tropics* Presented by UMPC Health Plan!

Put on your island attire and head over to the Northside for an *Evening in Paradise* at the summer's hottest 21+ party! Take in a glowing sunset while dancing your way around a lantern-lit Indo-Malayan-inspired night market to the sounds of event headliner, Radio Tokyo. Enjoy unlimited bites from more than a dozen restaurants and signature drinks, *plus* meet Animal Ambassadors up close and get the chance to snap a photo with an African Penguin. **Upgrade to VIP** for TWO extra hours of partying, full bar service with premium spirits, FREE valet parking, exclusive Animal Ambassador meet-and-greets, and more!

Friday, July 11 | VIP: 5 pm | General Admission: 7 pm



Updates from the Field: Guam Kingfishers Lay Eggs in the Wild for the first time in 40 years!

In the fall of 2024, the National Aviary made headlines for our global efforts towards saving the Extinct in the Wild Guam Kingfisher (known locally as sihek). From the hatching of three of these birds in our breeding center to their eventual introduction into the wild in August 2024, we are thrilled to share TWO more exciting sihek updates!

Earlier this year, the Aviary's Sihek Recovery Program partners, who are on the ground in Palmyra Atoll monitoring the nine sihek that were released in August of last year, shared reports of laid eggs, marking the first time the species has bred in the wild since their extinction from their native island of Guam in the 1980s.



Hinanao and Tutuhan's two eggs in the wild;
Photo Credit: TNC-ZSL

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Updates from the Field: Guam Kingfishers Lay Eggs in the Wild for the first time in 40 years! *cont.*

This historic achievement illustrates just how well the nine sihek, including the three that hatched at the Aviary, continue to flourish in the wild. After their remarkable release last autumn, the four female and five male birds quickly explored their new home, learning how to forage and hunt new prey within the tropical forest. Four pairs have since established territories, built nests, and now, laid eggs, to the delight of the dedicated staff who were instrumental in their reintroduction, including the National Aviary's Senior Aviculturist Brianna Crane. "Getting to see birds that I helped to hatch and raise continue to thrive in the wild is so extraordinary," says Brianna. "Someday soon, these mighty little birds may end up growing the first truly wild population of sihek in 40 years."

Plans are already underway for there to eventually be additional sihek released at Palmyra Atoll in the coming years. And when that happens, Brianna will temporarily embark on an adventure to play an even larger role in making that goal come true, as the Program Coordinator at the Sedgwick County Zoo. "It's truly an honor to take on a greater role with the Sihek Recovery Program," says Brianna. "Being able to return to Sedgwick but now as Program Coordinator after simply delivering the chicks and leaving them in capable hands for the next phase of their journey in past years, is more exciting than I could ever imagine!"



*Excavating nest box for Guam Kingfishers
at the National Aviary*

The National Aviary remains grateful to the following fellow Sihek Recovery Program partners and institutions who either contributed eggs to be hatched or staff to assist with their care: Brookfield Zoo Chicago, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Disney's Animal Kingdom, National Aviary, Sedgwick County Zoo, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Tracy Aviary, ZSL's London, and Whipsnade Zoos.

Stay tuned to our social media channels and subscribe to our email list for updates on the sihek in the wild and Brianna's future sihek adventures.

National Aviary Welcomes New Male Andean Condor Chavín

The National Aviary is delighted to welcome a new male Andean Condor, Chavín (chuh-veen), to the flock, as part of an AZA-led Species Survival Plan® (SSP).

Hailing from the AZA-accredited Brandywine Zoo in Delaware, the fellow 80's baby (hatched 1986) arrived at the Aviary as a potential new mate to our resident adult female (and Marijo's mom!), Lianni (hatched 1984).

Andean Condors are listed as **Vulnerable** throughout their range in South America, and **Critically Endangered** in Ecuador, and are increasingly declining in the wild. The National Aviary plays an important role in their conservation through the participation of the SSP for Andean Condors, which works to protect them and **Endangered** species alike and ensure their self-sustaining survival through accredited breeding programs, wild habitat preservation, and community education.



Chavin's arrival provides an important opportunity for him and Lianni to potentially breed, which would bolster conservation efforts for their species. Their bonding process is still in the developmental phase as they remain on opposite sides of their habitat in Condor Court. Stay tuned for exciting updates on the pair's budding relationship!

National Aviary Supports Release of Rehabilitated Ecuadorian Andean Condor, Valentino

A male Andean Condor, affectionately named Valentino, was found severely injured this past February 14, by researchers from our Ecuadorian sister zoo, Bioparque Amaru.

The majestic bird had unfortunately been shot many times and could not fly. While his situation was dire, the health planning of his quickly assembled care team was strong. After more than two months of rehabilitation and countless treatments—many of which were learned through collaborative efforts with the National Aviary's innovative veterinary and animal conservation teams led by Senior Director of Zoological Advancement & Avian Medicine, Dr. Pilar Fish, DVM, and Senior Director of Animal Care & Conservation Programs, Kurt Hundgen—Valentino flew in the wild once more on April 22 just in time for Earth Day.

Valentino was successfully released in **Cajas National Park**, in an area carefully selected to promote his survival and adaptation. With this release, Valentino is the 23rd Andean Condor to be tagged, with a satellite tracker provided by the

National Aviary, in Ecuador, which will share previously uncollected data from a southern section of Ecuador directly with researchers. **He is also one of only nine previously injured condors to have been returned to their natural habitat in the last 46 years!**

The National Aviary is a proud supporter of Bioparque Amaru, and we are incredibly grateful to have contributed to Valentino's rehabilitation and return to his natural habitat.

Learn more about Valentino's story and the National Aviary's efforts to help save Andean Condors at aviary.org.



PGC biologist, Patricia Barber,
holding a newly banded
Peregrine Falcon juvenile



Another Successful Peregrine FalconCam Season!

2025 National Aviary Peregrine FalconCam viewers enjoyed one of the most exciting seasons to date! Peregrine pair Carla and Ecco successfully hatched chicks in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning nest box for the second year in a row.

The mates laid a clutch of eggs in April, with the first two chicks hatching on April 24—just in time for National Take Your Kid to Work Day, followed by the third on April 27. The three hatchlings carefully grew under the watchful eyes of Mom and Dad and livestream viewers and could often be seen napping on camera, which is vital for their development. As part of an ongoing statewide effort to monitor the Peregrine Falcon population—once on the **Endangered Species List**—Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) biologist, Patricia Barber, with assistance from Aviary friend and supporter Kate St. John, completed health exams before banding the chicks in late May. The health exams included noting their weight and measurement of leg thickness, which led the PGC biologist to suspect that the two larger juveniles are likely female

and the smallest is likely male. In birds of prey, females are generally larger than the males, therefore, weight and leg thickness are solid factors in determining sexes.

National Aviary Educator and Photographer Mike Faix and members of the Marketing team were able to climb to the top of the Cathedral and witness this exciting development! A few weeks later, the chicks officially fledged the nest but continue to hang around the nest site as they grow comfortable flying and hunting on their own. Later this year, after they have acquired the flying and hunting skills necessary for independent survival, they will take off onto their next chapter.

The National Aviary remains grateful to the University of Pittsburgh and Aviary supporter Kate St. John for their continued support of this season's live *FalconCam*.

We look forward to the 2026 *Peregrine FalconCam* season and are hopeful Carla and Ecco will return for a third thrilling chapter!

Chick This Out!

Meet the line-up of adorable chicks that we have recently welcomed to our flock!

Meet the New Owl Finches



HATCH DATE: February 2 (*Groundhog Day!*)

HABITAT RANGE: Northern and Eastern Australia

FUN FACT: The Owl Finch, also known as the Double-barred Finch, has a white face bordered by a thin black line; viewed head-on it is somewhat heart-shaped and reminiscent of a miniature Barn Owl's face.

Visit the trio and their parents in the Grasslands Presented by Vitro Architectural Glass.

Meet the New Spotted Whistling-Ducks



HATCH DATE: May 12

HABITAT RANGE: Southeast Asia

FUN FACT: This species is also known as the tree duck due to its comparatively longer legs and neck, and its comfort perching high up in trees!

PARENTS: Ann and her partner, Reginald

You can see Ann and her growing chicks in our Tropical Rainforest habitat during your next visit!

Meet the New Demoiselle Crane "colts"



HATCH DATE: May 16 & 18

HABITAT RANGE: Indo-Malayan

FUN FACT: Demoiselle Cranes have a very arduous migration that takes them over the Himalaya Mountains at elevations of over 20,000 feet en route to their Indian wintering grounds.

The fertile eggs were provided to us by the International Crane Foundation for our adult pair, Niles and Daphne, to hatch and "adopt."

You can see the "Frasier" Crane family in our Condor Court habitat during your next visit!

Meet Echo, the Black Kite



HATCH DATE: March 5

HABITAT RANGE: Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia

FUN FACT: Black Kites eat "on the wing," catching smaller prey out of the air with their talons and bringing the food directly to their mouths without slowing down.

PARENTS: Maverick and Apache

You can see the Black Kite species in the summer-only rooftop show, *SkyDeck!*



Late Aviary volunteer Sarah Blake Anderson-Brownlee celebrating the holiday season

National Aviary Establishes *Kindness in Action* Award in honor of Sarah Blake Anderson-Brownlee

In loving memory of our late volunteer Sarah Blake Anderson-Brownlee, the National Aviary is proud to establish the *Kindness in Action* Award in her honor.

Starting in 2025, the award will be given to an Aviary volunteer who fulfills Sarah's legacy of embodying compassion and creativity, inciting a love for our planet in others, and sharing kindness. Sarah's life was defined by her passion for nature, love for birds (especially her favorite bird, Andean Condor Lianni), and vibrant spirit that made a deep and lasting impression on those who met her. During her more than two years at the Aviary, she eagerly assisted our Guest Operations department with various tasks, including creating beautiful handmade ornaments to gift to Members around the holidays.

When remembering Sarah, National Aviary Director of Animal Programs & Experiences, Cathy Schlott said, "Sarah was a kind and dedicated soul who found great joy in her work as a volunteer at the National Aviary. Her radiant smile and warm presence brightened every Friday that she was here, making her a cherished friend to both our staff and the birds she cared so deeply about. Her passion for conservation inspired those around her, and her commitment to protecting and celebrating wildlife will leave a lasting impact. Sarah's love for the natural world and her unwavering kindness will forever be remembered."



Upcoming Events with the National Aviary



Birding for Beginners

Sunday, July 13 | 10 am - 12 pm

Registration includes General Admission to the National Aviary.

Sunday, July 20 | 8 - 10 am

Birders will meet an Aviary expert at Frick Park

Binoculars will be provided, but registrants can also bring their own.

Go on a local birding adventure unlike any other in a two-part series – first learn the basics and practice using binoculars to spot birds in Aviary habitats. Learn more about the species that reside there, plus meet a National Aviary Animal Ambassador and discover their important role in the local ecosystem. For the second part of the series, explore Frick Park and put those new birdwatching skills to use.

[Reserve Your Spot Today!](#)

Falconry: The Sport of Kings

National Aviary Admission Included

Non-Members: \$25 per person | Members: \$20 per person

Saturday, August 2 | 10 am - 12 pm

Designed for ages 10 & up, under 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Registrants will join National Aviary's licensed falconer, Cathy Schlott, for an exhilarating experience as they delve into the fascinating world of Falconry and discover the ancient history of the sport that has been enjoyed by kings for thousands of years. Learn about the variety of birds that falconers hunt with and the individual considerations in selecting a species, and experience a visit from one of the National Aviary's Ambassador Animals!

[Reserve Your Spot Today!](#)

Summer Camps...For Adults!

Packed lunch from Atria's Specialty Catering provided | 18+

Camp-goers can embrace their inner child at the National Aviary Summer Camp for Adults! Spend a day with Aviary staff and go behind-the-scenes to see what it takes to care for the more than 500 birds and animals that call the National Aviary home! Help prepare enrichment for the flock, get up close with Animal Ambassadors, and learn about National Aviary conservation projects across the globe.

Saturday, August 9 | 9 am - 3 pm

[Register Here](#)

Saturday, August 16 | 9 am - 3 pm

[Register Here](#)

Brushes & Birds featuring Maria DeSimone Prascak of Maria's Ideas

Non-Members: \$45 per person | Members: \$40 per person

Saturday, August 23 | 11 am - 1 pm

Sloth Birthday Edition: Sunday, August 24 | 11 am - 1 pm

Join Maria DeSimone Prascak of Maria's Ideas; [MariasIdeas.com](https://mariasideas.com) in person for a creative and colorful class in painting your own fine and feathered masterpiece. In this course, designed for painters of all ages and abilities, follow Maria's step-by-step instructions to paint a portrait of a well-loved National Aviary animal.

[Book Your Canvas](#)

Sloth Birthday Celebration

Included with National Aviary Admission

Thursday, August 21 | 11 am - 3pm

Help the National Aviary's Linnaeus's Two-toed Sloths, Vivien (turning eight) and Wookiee (turning 25!) celebrate their birthdays during a festive Sloth Birthday Celebration.

[Purchase General Admission](#)



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