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## Your Yard Work Can Turn Into Something More

An adult elephant can eat 350 pounds of food a day and fresh browse is at the top of the menu! Browse is a term for any tender shoots, twigs, and green leaves of trees and shrubs that animals eat.

When the elephants are done eating the leaves and bark, the bare branches find a new home with other residents, like the ring-tailed lemur, for added enrichment.



Can you help? We're always looking for fresh, healthy donations of recently trimmed or felled landscaping from our community. Check out the browse donation page on our website by scanning this QR code for the list of accepted plants and FAQs. We appreciate your donations!



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**ZOO HOURS:**

June-September 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
October-May 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

# THE ZOO BY YOU

Here's a look at the Zoo through your eyes! Tag us on social media to enter your own photos for the next issue of Zoo & You!



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Lori Pluchinsky on Facebook



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A closeup view of the repurposed plastic

## See the Plastic Diversion Program in Action!

Next time you rest on a bench on after strolling through the Zoo, you might be sitting on a part of Tucson's conservation work in action!

Vice Mayor Steve Kozachik and ByFusion Global Incorporated CEO Heidi Kujawa have donated a new ByFusion bench to Reid Park Zoo that will serve as a visible illustration of the impact that happens when the community works together on plastics reduction and conservation.

The decorative Zoo bench has eight blocks made up of 175 pounds of plastic. All of the plastic used in the Zoo bench was diverted from the landfill by Tucson residents.



Tucson has signed a service agreement with ByFusion who will be moving an operation to Tucson in 2024 housed at the Los Reales Sustainability Campus as its anchor tenant. Once the business is up and running next year, Tucson will be the first city on the planet to have taken the concept of using non-recyclable plastic,



launching a fabrication operation and supporting the ByFusion operation.

For more information about Reid Park Zoo and its conservation programs, visit [ReidParkZoo.org](http://ReidParkZoo.org). For more information on ByFusion, visit their website at [www.byfusion.com](http://www.byfusion.com).

# Zebras on the Move: Supporting Species Survival

Reid Park Zoo's zebra herd is growing and changing with new developments that support survival of the world's rarest zebra species! Anna the Grevy's zebra is pregnant and expecting a foal in early 2024. This will be Anna's third offspring with Ben, the Zoo's male Grevy's zebra.

Meanwhile, Anna and Ben's previous foal, Haroo, has matured and the time came for him to move away from mom and into a herd of his own. We are excited for Haroo to assume an important role as a breeding male within his own herd and wish him all the best.

Those aren't the only changes — Reid Park Zoo also recently welcomed Zuri, a new mature female Grevy's zebra to its herd. She and Anna were recently introduced and are bonding well.

Zuri is an experienced mother herself and will be a help for Anna and her new foal once it is born. Zuri will also be a great companion for Ben and the two have a breeding recommendation



**Zuri, the Zoo's new Grevy's zebra**

through the Grevy's Zebra Species Survival (SSP) Program.

Grevy's zebra's are the most endangered zebra species with approximately 2,000 left in Kenya and Ethiopia. We're delighted to have Anna, Ben, Haroo, and Zuri play such an active role in the future of their species, and are proud to do our part to support efforts to ensure the health and viability of Grevy's zebra.

Stop by the zebra habitat next time you're at the Zoo and see if you can spot any new stripes!



**Anna, the Zoo's pregnant zebra**



## Explore the World of Play!

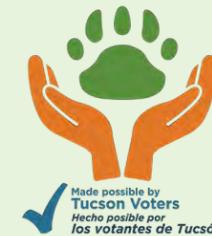
It's time to play! Reid Park Zoo is now home to an Antarctic ice cave, a towering redwood tree, and so much more at the new Angel Charity for Children World of Play, an exciting, interactive nature play zone.

Located next to the Zoo's Conservation Learning Center, World of Play features a variety of sensory exhibits where kids of all ages and physical abilities can climb, slide, swing and let their imaginations run as they learn about nature and biodiversity from the animals' perspective. World of Play is free with Zoo admission and open daily during regular Zoo hours. Come check it out!



## An Adventure Made Possible by an Incredible Community

World of Play is part of the Future of Your Zoo initiative made possible by Tucson voters in the November 2017 election to bring improvements to the Zoo.



Angel Charity supported the project as lead sponsor alongside another very generous anonymous donor

The concept and exhibits were designed by Torre Design Consortium Ltd, an award-winning architectural and master planning firm which specializes in zoo, museum, botanical garden and theme park design. The exhibits were constructed by Lloyd Construction, headquartered in Tucson,

along with a number of local subcontractors including Cemrock Landscapes, Inc., who crafted and constructed World of Play's

iconic one-of-a-kind Antarctic ice cave and 30-ft Sequoia Tree. Tucson's Dixon Studios LLC, leaders in design and fabrication of educational exhibits and displays, created the interpretive graphics, and a tile mosaic donor wall featuring animals from each of the continents was created by local artists Colleen Conlin and Gail Roberts.

Thank you to the incredible team who built and designed the project, the donors who funded the vision, and to everyone who comes to play and explore.

## Give the Gift of Zoo

'Tis the season of giving, and Reid Park Zoo is here to help you spread the holiday cheer. Reid Park Zoo has some great opportunities in this season of giving, gifting, and giving back!

### **BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR**

Looking for a wild gift for the holidays? Invite 1 to 10 of your closest friends on a special behind the scenes tour! With plenty of choices such as Elephant Experiences, Tamandua Encounters or Animal Care and Nutrition, there is sure to be a behind the scenes experience for those special people in your life. Registration required. Please see complete experience descriptions and book your tour online.

### **ADOPT AN ANIMAL**

Win the holidays with this unique gift you won't find anywhere else in Tucson! Adopt an animal here at the Zoo and a special person in your life will get a beautiful, personal gift package about their favorite animal at Reid Park Zoo.

### **HONORARY DONATION**

Recognize a loved one's passion for animals, nature, and conservation by making a holiday gift in their name. Visit our donation page or contact Reid Park Zoological Society's office at (520) 837- 8217. A card will be mailed to your honoree (or to your home for you to personally give to them). A gift in honor or memory of a friend, family member or a beloved pet is a wonderful way to remember them while recognizing their love of wildlife, conservation, and education!

### **ENRICHMENT TREE**

Want to include your favorite Zoo animals in your holiday shopping? Stop by the Conservation Learning Center on your next visit to the Zoo, and grab an ornament from the Enrichment Tree! Your ornament comes with a link to the Zoo's wish list. The items are selected by the zoo keepers, who know what new enrichment items will really wow the animals!

### **GIFT MEMBERSHIP**

Give the gift of the Zoo this year! Memberships include unlimited free daytime admission to the Zoo year round, discounted admission to more than 150 other zoos and aquariums around the country, discounts on Zoo camps and events, exclusive members only activities, and so much more!





## Tips for a Greener Holiday Season!

You already know that recycling your milk jugs and soda cans is good for the planet. You bring your reusable water bottle and shopping bags with you on errands. You may even occasionally “skip the straw” but did you know that there are also simple *holiday* actions you can take to protect wild animals and wild places? Reid Park Zoo has again partnered with Recyco, Inc to recycle burnt out light strands from our Boo at the Zoo and ZooLights events. By recycling these lights instead of throwing them away, the copper and other materials in them can be reused in new products. This lessens the need for raw materials to be mined



out of animal habitats. You can also recycle your spent holiday lights by bringing them to the Zoo or dropping them off at either of the Recyco, Inc locations on 22nd Street in Tucson. When you bring your lights to recycle to the Zoo, you can get \$1 off admission to ZooLights. Here are some other ways you can make the holidays brighter for all of us.

- Wrap gifts in butcher paper or newspaper instead of gift wrap, which is usually not recyclable. You can even decorate the butcher paper for a personal touch! Or use gift bags that can be reused year after year.



- Skip single-use dishware and cutlery during holiday parties. Even paper products cannot be recycled with food residue on them. You can even ask your guests to bring reusable containers for leftovers.
- If using a real tree this year, see if your town has a TreeCycle program to turn it into mulch for compost. Make sure to remove any decorations first!



By making some of these small changes, you can give the gift of a healthier planet this holiday season!

# SEARCH & EXPLORE

There's so many animals you can learn about at the new World of Play playground! Use the colors that match each biome to find all the animals in this word search.



Find these animals and more at the new World of Play!

B	W	T	O	A	E	B	X	P	Q
Z	B	W	H	N	D	A	Z	D	E
Y	C	T	Y	T	Q	L	P	A	P
V	R	Z	H	E	Z	D	E	R	J
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T	O	C	B	E	S	G	U	R	U
J	O	A	C	R	E	L	I	O	A
E	N	H	A	H	A	E	N	G	R
Z	K	D	T	D	L	C	M	W	C



**Amazon Rainforest**

**BALD EAGLE**

**BOBCAT**

**RACCOON**

**Red Woods Carniferous Forest**

**ANTEATER**

**JAGUAR**

**DART FROG**

**Antarctica Polar Desert**

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# Upcoming Events



## Education Programs

### Advance registration required

Please check [reidparkzoo.org/events](http://reidparkzoo.org/events) to view the full list of education programs

#### DR ZOO

##### Ages 6-12

Learn how Zoo vets use science and math to care for the animals at the Zoo through this hands-on interactive program.

**\$15 Members, \$20 General Public**

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 28

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 11

#### JR ZOO

##### Ages 6-12

Through this interactive, hands-on program your child will experience a snapshot of a day in the life of a Zoo Keeper.

**\$15 Members, \$20 General Public**

Saturday January 13

Sunday February 4

Saturday February 24

### ZOOLIGHTS: HOLIDAY MAGIC

**December 2-23**

**Extended Encore Nights: December 26-30 & January 2-7  
6 to 8:30 p.m.**

ZooLights: Holiday Magic, presented by **Tucson Electric Power**, is glowing brighter than ever with thousands of enchanting lights, mesmerizing light shows, and plenty of holly jolly fun for all ages. Stop in for a photo opp and a visit with St. Nick (through December 23) who will be hearing wishes each evening through December 23. Experience falling snow in the Arctic Zone, listen to festive music, or savor a hot cup of cocoa from the Flamingo Grill or carts as you travel through a colorful wild wonderland in this Tucson holiday tradition. New this year is a towering 33-ft-tall tree and zooland scene, perfect for your holiday photos. Check the Zoo's website to see the entertainment schedule and get tickets!

#### Tickets

**\$13 Adults (ages 15-61)**

**\$11 Seniors (ages 62+)**

**\$8 Children (ages 2-14)**

**Free for children under 2**

**Zoo Members receive \$3 off admission Tuesdays - Sundays., and half-off general admission every Monday night!**

### OPERA OUTDOORS: ARIZONA OPERA LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Friday, March 8, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.**

Take a break from your day and enjoy opera in a fun and casual setting. Members of Arizona Opera will perform a lunchtime concert featuring music from a selection of well-known operas, including some with animal themes in the Zoo's Event Garden. Tables will be set up in the garden so you can enjoy lunch or a beverage from the Flamingo Grill as you listen.

**Included with Zoo admission**

### SENIOR CELEBRATION

**Friday, March 8**

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

The Zoo will offer \$5 admission for guests ages 62 and older during this special day to honor seniors. Learn about the Zoo's whole life care for our animals during keeper chats, engage in special activities, and enjoy the concert from Arizona Opera.

### I LOVE ZOO

**Sunday, February 11**

**9 a.m. - Noon**

Animals will enjoy valentine-themed enrichment. Read animals' special Valentine messages and join in making your own valentine for a furry, feather, or scaly Zoo friend. Activities included with Zoo admission.



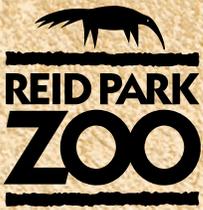
### SAVE THE DATE:

#### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for summer camp will be open on March 1

#### ZOO SPRING BREAK EXTENDED HOURS

Please note that the Zoo will be open until 6p.m. March 8-17 for regional Spring Break



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tickets and information