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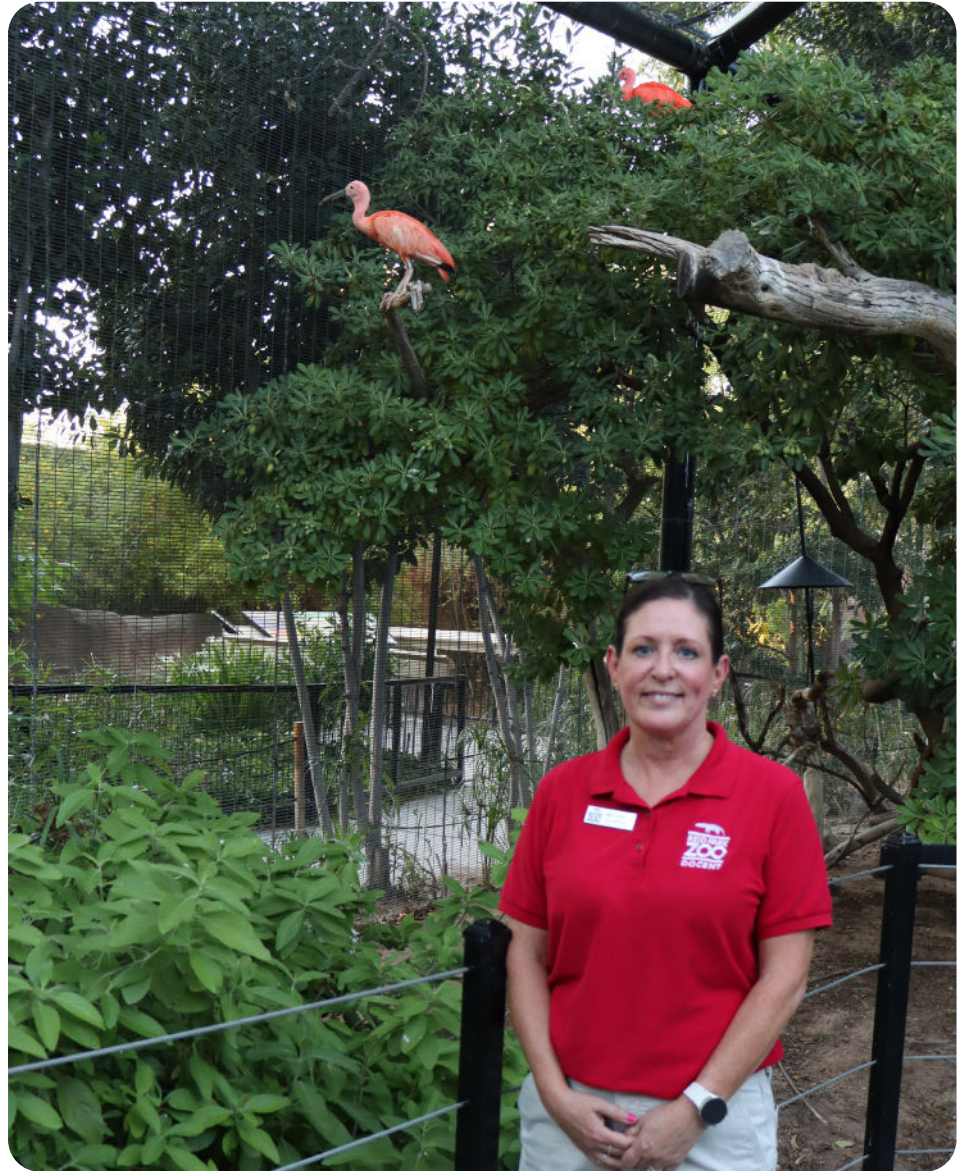
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Become an Aviary Monitor

Calling all bird lovers! If it's your dream to spend time in the aviaries while having a direct impact on the well-being of the birds, consider joining Reid Park Zoo's dynamic volunteer team in the role of Aviary Monitor.

These volunteers play a critical role in protecting our feathered residents, maintaining habitat integrity, and providing basic education to the public. This role serves as a crucial extension of our professional animal care team, and protects the flock by helping guests and children connect safely with nature by ensuring everyone stays on designated pathways, keeping nesting sites and rare plants safe.

Details about volunteering as an Aviary Monitor (and all of our other volunteer positions) can be found on our website at ReidParkZoo.org/about/volunteer/.



Zoo Hours:
June - September
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

October - May
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Jasiri's New Shoes

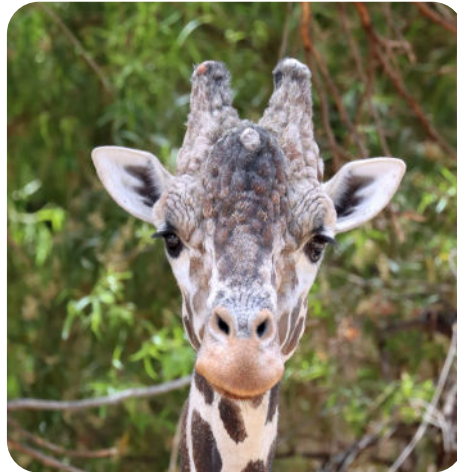
As part of its dedication to whole life care, Reid Park Zoo recently fitted geriatric giraffe Jasiri with a pair of shoes to make him more comfortable while he walks.

"As Jasiri has aged, we became concerned with how he moved. In order for us to better evaluate what his feet look like on the inside, it required an anesthetic procedure," said Dr. Alexis Roth, Chief Veterinarian at Reid Park Zoo.

During the procedure, the veterinary team identified advanced degenerative changes in his lower legs. These changes are not unexpected in an elderly giraffe, but they create discomfort when he walks.

During the procedure, the Zoo's animal care team was able to work with Steve Foxworth, head of the nation-wide Zoo Hoofstock Trim Program, to create shoes specifically designed for Jasiri that will help him get around more comfortably.

The shoes are already having a big impact. "Jasiri is adapting well to his new footwear. For the first time in months, he has been running around



his habitat, which is such a joy to see," Zoo Director of Animal Care Adam Ramsey said.

"Just like any other geriatric animal, Jasiri's care requires constant attention. These shoes are not permanent, and we don't expect them to be a permanent solution. In a couple of months, we will need to do another procedure to see how the shoes have helped and how we can continue to help him moving forward," said Dr. Roth.

Jasiri has lived at Reid Park Zoo since 2012. The median life expectancy for male giraffes is 16.5 years.



Thank You to Our Business Partners

Support from businesses and organizations large and small helps further the Zoo's growth and shows commitment to the community and conservation education.

Elephant Herd:



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Rhino's Crash Community Partners Integrated Healthcare



Opening November 13

Pathway to Asia

The Breathtaking Adventure is About to Begin

After two and a half years of construction, Reid Park Zoo's new Pathway to Asia will officially open November 13, 2026 with a special weekend celebration November 13 - 15.

The 4.5 acre addition was made possible by the voter-approved one-tenth of a cent sales tax passed in 2017 and additional support by private donors and foundation grants. The project will complete Phase I of the Zoo's 10-year Master Plan to refurbish infrastructure and enhance the Zoo, bringing it into the future.

"We are grateful to our community for making this transformational project possible," said Nancy

Kluge, Reid Park Zoological Society President & CEO. "Pathway to Asia is bringing iconic species to Reid Park Zoo while highlighting the work being done to protect these animals in the wild."

Pathway to Asia's architecture is inspired by aspects of the ancient Khmer architecture in Angkor, Cambodia with intricate stone facades and pillars that are painstakingly crafted to look centuries old on the exterior, while housing modern, state-of-the-art environments carefully fitted for each animal's unique needs on the interior. As you step through the exhibit's towering stone archway, you will feel as if you have entered another realm

where the animals have taken over ancient ruins. Winding your way through the pathways, you'll meet over 30 species of animals including a Komodo dragon, red pandas, straw-colored fruit bats, Lar gibbons, Asian small clawed otters, sand cats...and the majestic Malayan tigers.

Malayan tigers will return to Reid Park Zoo with two tiger habitats that are over 20,000 square feet with beautiful pools and waterfalls where you can see the tigers swim from multiple views. The Zoo will have a breeding pair, highlighting the conservation efforts that Reid Park Zoo supports to save the species. These efforts are crucial as the population has decreased to an



estimated 150 Malayan tigers due to poaching and habitat loss. Reid Park Zoo is proud to partner with other AZA Zoos to support the Tiger Conservation Campaign and the work being done in Malaysia to secure a future for these magnificent cats.

And there's more! Wings of Wonder is an aviary filled with brilliantly-plumed birds in the Robert H. Hamilton Tropical Discovery Center. In the Center, you will also find the Komodo dragon and straw-colored fruit bats, Indian star tortoise and a beautiful 15-foot reticulated python.

Animals will soon begin to arrive from other AZA zoos as part of the Species Survival Plans, and will begin to acclimate to their new habitats. "This time of acclimation is essential as it enables the zoo

keepers to closely monitor the animals, form those special bonds, and make sure the animals are healthy and comfortable before opening to the public," said Adam Ramsey, the Zoo's Director of Animal Care.

"All Zoo projects are designed from the very beginning with animal well-being at the forefront with input from our animal care team every step of the way. We can't wait for people to see and get to know these amazing animals and to learn how, together, we can protect them in the wild and protect our planet at the same time," said Ramsey.

Timed Tickets and Member Mornings

Zoo members will have special member-only viewing hours of 8 – 9 a.m. November 14 through November 30.

We expect the exhibit to be very popular, so we will be limiting capacity by requiring timed ticketing, including no-cost reservations for members, through November 30th. Tickets and reservations will be available starting October 26 on the Zoo's website at ReidParkZoo.org.

Opening Weekend Festivities:

November 13

Private Ribbon Cutting and Remarks with City Officials– 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit Opens at 10 a.m.

November 14 -15

Cultural music, dance, and activities by local Asian groups – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day

Check the Zoo website for schedules.



Pathway to Asia Animal Word Search

Can you spot all the new animals coming to Reid Park Zoo?

KOMODO DRAGON
RED PANDA
SAND CAT

PYTHON
OTTER
MUNTJAC DEER

MALAYAN TIGER
FRUIT BAT
JAVA SPARROW



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Protecting Malayan Tigers in the Wild

Reid Park Zoo has proudly supported Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Malaysia since 2021. WCS Malaysia plays a vital role in protecting the highly-endangered Malayan tiger, including through its long-running conservation program in the Endau Rompin Landscape—one of the species' last strongholds in southern Peninsular Malaysia.

Spanning nearly 4,000 square kilometers, Endau Rompin is the largest remaining forest landscape in southern Peninsular Malaysia and provides habitat for tigers, elephants and other wildlife. But poaching, habitat fragmentation and human-wildlife conflict continue to threaten the landscape and its wildlife.

Since 2007, WCS Malaysia has worked to protect tigers and their habitat through monthly anti-poaching patrols, wildlife monitoring, support for enforcement agencies, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and community outreach. Working closely with Indigenous communities and government partners, these efforts have strengthened protection strategies

and helped fill critical gaps in our understanding of the tiger population. Encouragingly, Endau Rompin is now one of the few sites in Malaysia showing signs of tiger stabilization and recovery.

Reid Park Zoo is proud to support this work because protecting wildlife means protecting both animals and the wild places they call home. At the same time, zoos play an important role in supporting the populations of severely threatened species through collaborative programs such as the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan® (SSP). Together, these efforts address conservation from both sides: safeguarding species in the wild while building healthy, sustainable populations in human care.

And soon, two Malayan tigers will call Reid Park Zoo's new Pathway to Asia expansion home—giving our community another opportunity to connect with this remarkable species and learn why protecting tigers, and the forests they depend on, matters.

TRIBUTES

*List of tributes received
July- June 30, 2026*

In Celebration of Yebonga's 53rd Birthday

Ms. Dianne Maki-Sethi and
Dr. Ravi Sethi

In Honor of Bear Awareness Day

Ms. Dianne Maki-Sethi and
Dr. Ravi Sethi

In Honor of James turning Two Years Old

Helen Ho

In Honor of Norma Palmer For Her Birthday

Frances Pakenham

In Honor of the Staff That Cared For Zuri

Mr. Gail H. Skinner and
Mrs. Marlene C. Skinner

In Honor Of James Miller Dickey

Robert Flores

In Honor of David H. Andrews, Jr.

Sara & Paul Russell

In Honor of Michelle Sogge

Emily Widner

In Memory of Adrianne Adele Alfone

Maeghan Murdock

In Memory of Bob and Ellie

Sara Heitshu

In Memory of Charlie and Norma Niblett

Adrienne Wilson

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Each contribution helps enhance the Zoo's education programs, build new exhibits, and contributes to the Zoo's conservation efforts. Visit ReidParkZoo.org/give/donatenow/ to make a tribute.



Get to Know the Schmidt's Red-Tailed Monkeys

Pathway to Asia isn't the only area of the Zoo featuring new faces! Reid Park Zoo recently welcomed Alan, Charlie, and Ziggy, a troop of three playful Schmidt's red-tailed monkeys.

Their habitat is located near the back of the Zoo, in the habitat neighboring the Conservation Learning Center.

Alan, the only male, is the largest of the three monkeys and has the longest tail. Charlie is Alan's sister. She looks similar to Alan, but is smaller with a skinnier face and less prominent cheeks.

Ziggy has a rounder face, a short tail, and hunched back. She's the oldest member of the troop, and the most subordinate.

All About the Schmidt's Red-Tailed Monkey Troop

There's lots to love about the new monkey troop! From their social dynamics to excitement for new enrichment, these monkeys are tons of fun.

- Ziggy and Charlie are best friends and love spending time together.
- Alan should be the leader of the group, but so far he has been letting his big sister Charlie be the boss.
- Ziggy likes to "loaf" like a cat when she is resting in the grass.
- Charlie is very vocal within the group. She can be heard trilling to her keepers and companions throughout the day.
- They have cheek pouches and they like to save some of their nuts and seeds in their pouches. When keepers offer them new food items, the monkeys will spit out what they have been saving into little piles.
- They really enjoy the tall trees in the habitat for both climbing and foraging.

TRIBUTES

Remembering Karen McReynolds

For 13 years, Karen McReynolds was a beloved part of ZOOcson and the Reid Park Zoo volunteer community. She brought her kindness, humor, creativity and, above all, her love of animals to our annual gala.

Karen's connection to the Zoo began through her friendship with Chief Development Officer Gail Brown, whom she had come to know through Gail's previous work with an animal charity. It was a fitting next chapter for someone who cared so deeply about animals. Before long, Karen became much more than a volunteer — she became a part of the ZOOcson family.

Karen could always be counted on to make the gala more special. She generously donated an amazing variety of themed baskets for the



auction and helped create mystery pulls. She loved setting up the auction area. Karen took great pride in making everything look just right before our guests arrived. ZOOcson, and the community effort to set it up, won't be the same without her.

Above all, Karen will be remembered for her joyful spirit. She was kind, funny and compassionate, and she brought a wonderful energy to everything she did. She was the kind of person who made volunteering more fun simply by being there. She will be missed.

We are incredibly grateful for the 13 years Karen shared with the Zoo. Her love of animals and her generous spirit will remain a treasured part of our ZOOcson story.



Karen's legacy reminds us that there are many ways to make a lasting difference at the Zoo. Some give their time, some share their talents, and others make plans to ensure their love for the Zoo continues into the future.

The Zoo's Legacy Circle honors those special friends who have included Reid Park Zoo in their estate plans, creating a lasting connection to the animals and mission they care about.

To learn more about becoming part of the Legacy Circle, please contact Chief Development Officer, Gail Brown at 520-837-8221 or gail@reidparkzoo.org

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In Memory of David Brown
Beryl Brown

In Memory of Donna Bigelow
Anonymous

In Memory of Greg Marsh
William Barkan

In Memory of Gregory Marsh
Kathi Brown
Carol & Raymond Patrone

In Memory of Hank
Tucson Veterinary Dental
Specialists

In Memory of Kathleen Schilling
Francis Schilling

In Memory of Marsha Kay Lakes
Susan and Benjamin Morales

In Memory of Mary Bonham
Green Valley Duplicate
Bridge Club

In Memory of Zuri the Zebra
Ms. Dianne Maki-Sethi and
Dr. Ravi Sethi
Mr. Gail H. Skinner and
Mrs. Marlene C. Skinner

In Memory of Marsha Lakes
Linda and Joe Barker
Randall Pogorelski
Mary Rasmussen

Dedicated to Miss Mirai Rose
Diane Cowman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOO AT THE ZOO

Sensory-Friendly Evening:
Wednesday, October 21

6-8:30 p.m.

General Event: Thursday-Sunday,
October 22-25

6-9 p.m.

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a night of fun! Dress in your favorite costume and travel through the Zoo after dark to collect treats and enjoy 'eerie-sistible Halloween activities for the whole family at Boo at the Zoo, presented by **OneAZ Credit Union**.

Advanced timed tickets are required at ReidParkZoo.org

SMASH BASH

Saturday, November 7

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join us for a gourd-eous day as many of the animals enjoy pumpkin treats – a seasonal favorite and source of enrichment providing both nutrition and challenge to use abilities and behaviors. Plenty of dunking, crushing, rolling and exploring will be happening

DIAMOND CHILDREN'S TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

Saturday, November 7 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Bring your plush patient for a check-up by doctors and nurses from Diamond Children's Hospital. Interactive stations will be set up to receive medical histories, diagnose maladies, and suggest stuffed animal treatments to help kids care for their cuddly friends while developing healthy habits of their own. Plush bears will be distributed to the first 1,000 kids courtesy of Diamond Children's Hospital while supplies last.

Free with Zoo admission

VETERAN'S DAY

Wednesday, November 11

As a thank you for your service, Reid Park Zoo is offering free admission to all active and retired veterans on Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day. In addition, up to 5 family members will receive \$5 admission each. A valid military ID must be presented at the gate and discount is not available online. The veteran does not need to be present as long as military ID is shown.

ZOOLIGHTS: HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH ASIAN LANTERNS

December 3-23;

Encore Nights: December 26-30,
January 1-3, 8-10, 15-17

Celebrate the holidays at ZooLights, presented by **Tucson Electric Power!** Sip hot cocoa and journey through a glittering forest of dazzling lights and festive cheer as this beloved winter tradition returns to the Zoo. Whisper your wishes to Santa, snap a photo in front of a towering 36-foot decorated tree, visit with the Grinch, and enjoy nightly entertainment. New this year, discover a world of mesmerizing, illuminated Asian lanterns, presented by **Bank of America**, glowing throughout the new Pathway to Asia.

See the website for tickets and details, including Member's Nights!

Please note that most Zoo animals will be behind-the-scenes for this evening event.

Make Unforgettable Memories with a Behind-the Scenes Tour



Scan to see availability



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Advance registration required
Check ReidParkZoo.org/education/programs-classes/ to view upcoming dates.

LITTLE CRITTERS

Ages 3-5

These interactive programs encourage families to learn about the animal world together. Each program features a different animal theme and includes animal ambassador encounters, movement-based activities, and a simple craft. The activities are based on Arizona's Early Learning Standards to develop motor, social, and cognitive skills.

\$20 Members, \$28 General Public

JR ZOO KEEPER

Ages 6-12

During this interactive, hands-on program, your child will experience a snapshot of a day in the life of a zoo keeper. Through adventures around the Zoo and in the classroom, participants will learn firsthand what it takes to care for animals at the Zoo.

\$20 Members, \$25 General Public

DR ZOO

Ages 8-12

Step into the role of a Reid Park Zoo veterinarian during this immersive exploration. Through activities, behind-the-scenes experiences, and animal encounters, your child will learn how Zoo vets use math and science to care for animals at the Zoo.

\$20 Members, \$25 General Public

DR ZOO 2

Ages 10-14

If your child has already attended our original Dr. Zoo program and wants to expand their Vet in Training knowledge, this program is for them! Participants will have some behind-the-scenes time with Zoo animal residents to learn how to collect vitals such as heartbeats and temperatures. They will also get to practice diagnostic and "surgery" skills with stuffed animal patients, and report their findings to their fellow participants.

\$20 Members, \$25 General Public

CONSERVATION CONNECTION

ON THE BRINK: THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE MALAYAN TIGER

2 p.m., Sunday, November 15

Kasser Family Lotus Pavilion

With four of nine tiger subspecies having already disappeared from the wild, could Malayan tigers be next? Fewer than 150 are thought to remain in the wild, making every conservation action critical. Dr. Harris will share the conservation efforts the Reid Park Zoo is supporting in one of the Malayan tiger's last strongholds, Peninsular Malaysia's Endau-Rompin Landscape. Discover the challenges, successes, and hope behind efforts to save one of the world's most endangered big cats.



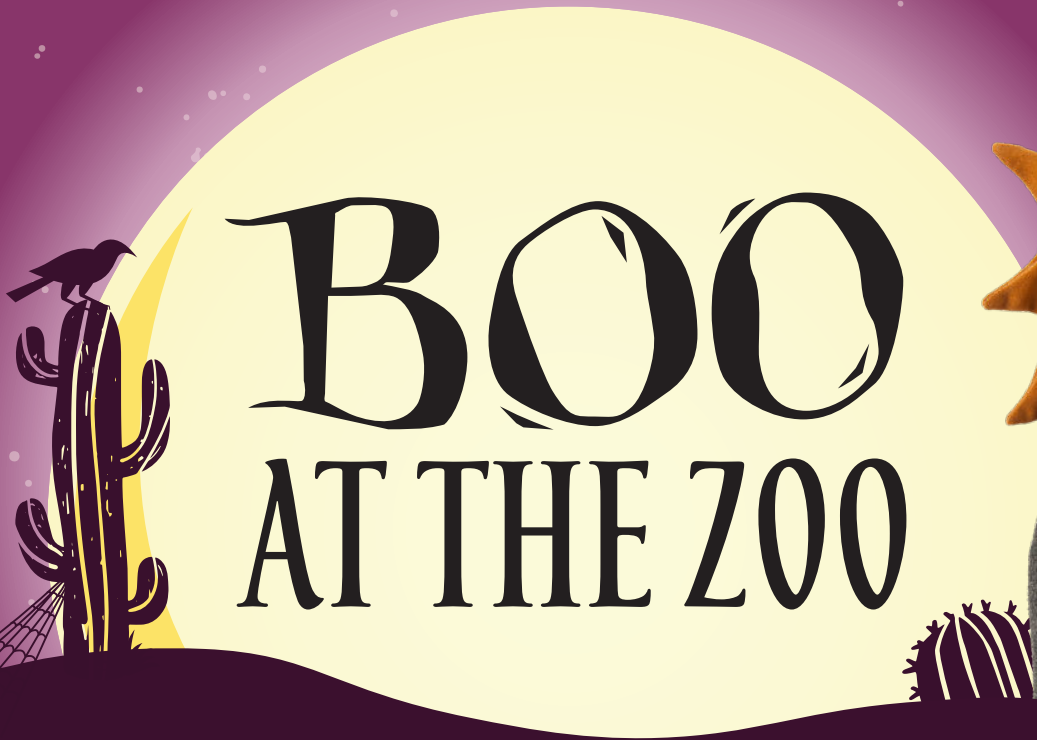
Dr. Tara Harris is the Conservation Initiatives Manager at the Phoenix Zoo, where she works with local and global collaborators to advance wildlife conservation, support species recovery efforts, and facilitate scientific research at the Zoo and beyond. Tara founded and continues to coordinate the Tiger Conservation Campaign, a collaborative initiative that engages zoos across North America in supporting on-the-ground efforts to save wild tigers from extinction. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from George Mason University and a Ph.D. from Yale University and has authored or co-authored more than 20 peer-reviewed publications spanning wildlife conservation, behavior, ecology, genetics, and reproductive biology.





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Details at ReidParkZoo.org

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