



OUT OF AFRICA WILDLIFE PARK ANNOUNCES

GRAND OPENING OF NEW AVIARY

Out of Africa Wildlife Park announced today that its new aviary is now open to the public. This beautiful new habitat with its stone foundation and boma columns encompasses nearly 20,000 cubic feet, allowing its residents the freedom of flight.

Residents of the aviary include two dozen birds of exotic origin, including Yokie, a sixteen year old lesser sulfur-crested cockatoo. The aviary is located next to the Wildlife Preserve Tram Station where visitors will have plenty of opportunities to converse with these gorgeous birds, including Mango, an Australian bare-eyed cockatoo, Pari, a red-lored amazon, Olive, a severe macaw.

While chatting with Tango, Rio, Pancho, and other residents of the avian habitat, visitors will notice four huge boma columns. Boma is an African Swahili word for a barrier made of branches and sticks designed to keep lions and other predators from killing domestic livestock. In the aviary, the boma columns are designed to be both housing and chew toys combined.

The housing component of the boma is cylindrical in shape with openings facing the east that are just the right size for the various species of birds that live here. The eastern exposure prevents prevailing winds from tunneling through and also allows the warmth of the winter's morning sun to reach the occupants.

Parrots are excellent at associating with humans and can become very attached to them. Since, in captivity, these birds live for decades, some of them reaching 60 years old and more, they are a lifelong responsibility.

The Park serves as a rescue facility for many species of animals, from lions to pythons. Many of the birds living in the new habitat are rescues, creatures that needed new homes where they would be well-tended.

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