

Division 45: Zoological Gardens Board -

Question: Mrs Edwardes asked whether the minister could provide details of which species will be removed from the Zoo under the animal collection plan.

Answer: In 2000/01 a number of bird species were removed from the Zoo as a result of the closure of Wings of the Wild and ongoing trimming of the bird collection. During this period there has also been a concerted effort by ARAZPA zoos to eliminate species held in small numbers from the joint collection due to demographic instability. As part of this exercise some species have been reorganised into different management units which has affected the recognition of subspecies in some cases. The impact of this has been to reduce the apparent number of species in the collection (for example Sugar Gliders). Whilst every effort is made to transact surplus animals as quickly as possible, adequate homes cannot always be found. A case in point are the Syrian bears which have been on the Zoo's surplus list for a number of years. We plan to delete this species from the collection however no suitable recipients have been found. The Zoo also holds as a matter of course a number of aged animals that are the last of their species in the Zoo. It is impossible to predict with accuracy when these animals will die. Therefore, the estimated figures for the planned reduction is based on a combination of planned surplus animals and estimates of aged animals dying.

The following species have been planned for deletion from the Perth Zoo collection from 1999/2000 to 2001/02:

1. Australian Bustard
2. Great Cormorant
3. Black-faced Cormorant
4. Little Bittern
5. Siamang
6. Lar Gibbon
7. Asian Stink Snake
8. Green and Gold Bell Frog
9. Tasmanian Pademelon
10. Tasmanian Devil
11. Papuan Sugar Glider
12. Pacific Baza
13. Wedge-tailed Eagle
14. Black Kite
15. Australian Magpie
16. Black Breasted Buzzard Kite
17. Peregrine Falcon
18. Australian Sugar Glider
19. Chinese 3 Striped Box Turtle
20. Pygmy Python
21. King Snake
22. Ostrich
23. Australian Raven
24. Sugar Glider (subspecies no longer considered separate)
25. Pygmy Marmoset
26. Stick Nest Rat
27. Malayan elephant (subspecies no longer considered separate - Tricia continues to have age related health concerns but is well considering her years)
28. Australian Wandering Whistling Duck
29. Indonesian Black Kite -
30. Queensland Crested Hawk -
31. Golden Pheasant
32. Green Peafowl.
33. Yellow-bellied Sunbird
34. Banded Stilt
35. Fairy Terns
36. Gang Gang Cockatoo
37. Blue-faced Honeyeater
38. Ringneck Parrots
39. Magpie Lark
40. Corn Snake
41. Green Iguana

- 42. Japanese Macaque
- 43. Syrian Bear