

ZOO-ODDITIES

Highlights in zoo-exhibitions; — that was the aim of a special questionnaire, sent out to a great number of zoos. From several highly interesting items Mr. Brouard compiled this article, which surely will attract your attention.

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New York - U.S.A.

Among the rare zoo-exhibits of the Bronx are: 1-1 Okapis, 0-1 Mountain Gorilla and 1-1 Duck-billed Platypus.

Since 1948 the Bronx Zoo exhibits the very rare Congo Peacocks (*Afropavo congolensis*), which were discovered in 1913 by James Chapin. In 1948 the Bronx sent Mr. Charles Cordier out to Africa in order to collect some of these unique birds; he brought back 6-1 Congo Peacocks, of which 3 males are still alive.

Auckland - New Zealand

Not rare in this country — but extremely rare in zoo-collections are the 3 Kiwis (*Apteryx mantelli*), which live in this zoo. Another interesting inhabitant is the Tuatara (*Sphenodon punctatus*), of which 3 specimens are in stock.

Bristol - England

Pride exhibitions in this park are: 1-1 young Gorilla, 1-0 Orang Utan, 1-1 Japanese monkeys (*Macaca fuscata*), a Jumping Hare (*Pedetes cafer*) and a male Gerenuk.

Pretoria - South Africa

The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa at present has on exhibition: 1-1 Okapis, 1-2 White Rhinos, 1-2 Père Davids Deer, 0-1 Black rhino and 3 Giant Tortoises (*Testudo gigantea*).

Jerusalem - Israel

In this zoo are living three Syrian bears, which are found in scattered mountainous districts from Asia Minor and Syria to Persia. These animals have bred already in this Israelian "Biblical-Zoo".

San Diego - U.S.A.

Rare in their collection are: 3-3 Tasmanian Devils, 2-1 New South Wales Koalas, 2-1 Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats, 1-0 Golden-headed Saki, 1-0 Proboscis Monkey, 1-1 Celebes Crested Apes, 1-2 Lowland Gorillas, 1-1 South American Bush-dogs, 0-2 Spectacled bears, 2-1 Lesser panda, 0-1 Snow Leopard, 2-1 Northern Elephant seal, 0-2 Northern Fur seal, 0-1 Gerenuk and 2-1 Anoa.

Wassenaar - Holland

In the monkey-collection of this Zoo are at present o.a.: 1-1 Black Celebes Apes, 1-0 Liontailed Monkey (*C. albigena*), 0-2 Barbary

Apes, 1-2 White-handed Gibbons and 2 Spider Monkeys. Other uncommon zoo-inhabitants are a Moose (*Alces americanus*), 1-2 White-tailed Gnus and 0-1 Giant Anteater.

Turin - Italy

This Italian Zoo is very proud of the following animals: 1-4 Grant's zebras, 1-2 Dybowski deer, 1-1 Beisa Oryx, 1-0 Sloth bear, 1-4 Pigtail Monkeys, 1-3 Wanderoo Monkeys and 1-2 Humboldt's Saki Monkeys. In the bird-section 1-3 Blue-necked Ostriches ask special attention.

Frankfurt am Main - Germany

Rare zoo-guests are: an Okapi, a Snow leopard, Guereza monkeys, Gerenuks (which just have bred!), Pottos, Ocellated Turkeys and Chinese waterdeer.

Leopoldville - Belgium Congo

In the monkey-section we notice o.a.: Diana Monkeys (*C. diana*), Pogonia monkeys (*C. pogonia*), Mona monkeys and a very rare Mayumbe silvered Chimpanzee. Another interesting mammal is the Striped Weasel (*Ichonyx striatus*).

Rotterdam - Holland

In the Blij-Dorp Zoo live the following rare animals: 1-2 Przewalski horses, 1-1 Onagers, 3-2 Java Bantengs, 1-1 Parmi Argali (*Avis ammon poli*), 1-0 Celebes wild pig (*Sus celebensis*), 2-2 Wisents, 1-1 Siberian tigers, 0-1 Snow leopard, 1-1 Pere Davids deer, 1-1 White-tailed gnu and an imposing family of Gelada Baboons.

Tel Aviv - Israel

Zoo-oddities in this zoo are: 1-1 Wisents or European Bisons and 1-0 Tasmanian Devil (*Sarcophilus harrisii*).

Copenhagen - Denmark

This zoo houses the following exceptional animals: 1-4 Père Davids deer, 1-1 White-tailed gnu, 1-1 Musk Ox, 2-2 Kodiak Bears (one of them was born and raised in the zoo!), 3 Snow leopards (of which one was born and bred in the zoo), 1-0 Okapi, 1-0 Tuatara and 1-3 Wisents plus 2 calves born last summer.

Perth - Australia

Highly interesting are the 6 Garden Island Wallabies (*Thylogale derbianus*) — which are the only ones in any zoo of the world; 17 Rottneest Island Quokkas (*Setonix brachyurus*) and one female Black rhino.

Milano - Italy

Since the re-organization of this zoo in 1952 the Milano Zoo collected a nice number of animals, among which the most-noteworthy are: 1-1 Gibbons (*Hylobates lar*), 1-1 Red-faced macaques, 1-3 Wanderoo monkeys and 1-1 Black panthers.

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BIRTH OF OKAPI



The Vincennes Zoo is to be highly congratulated on the birth of an Okapi! The news of this very important event was only released when the baby (born 6th June) was a month old.

It is the first to be born and to thrive in captivity outside of the Belgian Congo.

The parents of this youngster (the female Ebola) are "Irmu" — the mother who entered the Zoo in 1955 and "Dolo" the father, who came in the Vincennes Zoo at 1948. We are proud to show you herewith this little Okapi — this is the first photograph and taken by the well-known Swiss animal-photographer and co-worker of this magazine Marcel Langer.



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