



# 2016 CALENDAR

FONZ | FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOO



From black-and-white giant pandas to bright-pink flamingos, the world is filled with an immeasurable wealth of beautifully diverse animals.

# the BEAUTY of the BEASTS

With your 2016 Friends of the National Zoo wall calendar—a benefit of FONZ membership—we bring you 12 of the biggest, fastest, and most colorful animals to be found at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo. Each animal is a wonder in itself, and combined they offer just the briefest of introductions to the incredible diversity of our wild world.



## Thank You for Being a Friend

Membership with Friends of the National Zoo brings you and your family many benefits, the greatest of which is the knowledge that your membership is helping save species here at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and around the world.

Thanks to the support and contributions of members like you, Friends of the National Zoo is able to provide the Zoo with essential support annually to care for the animals at the Zoo, further research at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, and save species around the world. Over the years, your support has helped fund exhibits, enhance the Zoo, and expand educational opportunities.

FONZ exists to support the Zoo. We couldn't possibly do what we do without your support.

Thank you.

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*Throughout this calendar, you'll find dates marked for special FONZ events, including early registration offers for camps, classes, and other FONZ programs. View the back cover of this calendar and visit [fonz.org/benefits](http://fonz.org/benefits) for more information about your member benefits.*

All told, the best guesses place our total tally of wild species—both discovered and yet to be discovered—somewhere between 3 and 100 million. Of the 12 species within this calendar, eight are vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered. That number climbs far higher when we consider all the species found at the Zoo, throughout the United States, and around the world.

Species are born, evolve, and then disappear over the course of eons in a natural process that has brought us giant pandas, Asian elephants, and human beings. But sometimes species disappear too soon, and too often this is due to problems caused by people. Habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, and many other human-caused threats push species over the edge of extinction every year.

This is where you—the members of Friends of the National Zoo—can help. When you join Friends of the National Zoo, you join forces with more than 35,000 other families and individuals who differ in any number of ways except one—a shared commitment to help save the many species with whom we share our planet.

Your support helps further the species-saving work of the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute. Together, we save species.



# Thank You

for being a friend to the Smithsonian's National Zoo and all the world's wildlife.



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## RED-RUFFED LEMUR

*Varecia rubra*

SMALL MAMMAL  
HOUSE

Like all lemurs, the red-ruffed lemur is native to the African island nation of Madagascar. It is the only primate in the world to give birth to litters of two to six young—all other primates bear one or two babies at a time. The babies are born fully furred and with their eyes open, but because they are not strong enough to cling to their mother at birth, they typically stay hidden in a nest until they are seven weeks old.

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**ZooLights**  
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**ZooLights**  
fonz.org/zoolights

JANUARY 2016

**Wild Child!**

From toddlers to teenagers, children learn about, explore, and discover the natural world at the Zoo and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute with Safari Day Camps and Nature Camps. Register starting January 26 to guarantee an unforgettable experience for your wild child. [fonz.org/camps](http://fonz.org/camps)

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**Safari Day Camps and Nature Camp** registration opens for Premier+ members. [fonz.org/camps](http://fonz.org/camps)  
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A close-up photograph of an American Flamingo's head, showing its vibrant pink feathers and a sharp, yellowish eye with a black pupil. The bird's head is resting on its neck, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

## AMERICAN FLAMINGO

*Phoenicopterus  
ruber*

### BIRD HOUSE

There's no mistaking flamingos, with their long legs, distinctive bills, and bright pink feathers. But, unlike most animals, their coloration isn't guaranteed by genetics. Instead, they gain their flamboyant shade of pink from their diet—shrimp, algae, and other small aquatic plants and animals—which is rich in red-hued pigments called carotenoids. Flamingos capture their tiny prey by filtering water through filaments—called lamellae—in their beaks. Flamingos are the most specialized of filter-feeding birds, but some ducks and seabirds also collect their meals this way.

# FEBRUARY 2016

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28	29	<p>The calendar for members of <b>FONZ</b> FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOO</p> <p><b>Maximize Your Membership</b>            From birthday parties at the Zoo to special animal previews, your FONZ membership is your exclusive ticket to members-only clubs, events, programs, and more! Learn more about your benefits, sign up for email newsletters, join a club, and more—all online! <a href="http://fonz.org/benefits">fonz.org/benefits</a></p>				

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## SUMATRAN TIGER

*Panthera tigris  
sumatrae*

GREAT CATS

Of all the great cats—a group that includes lions, leopards, and jaguars—tigers are the rarest. Scientists estimate that fewer than 4,000 tigers remain alive in the wild today. Of these, about 400 are the critically endangered Sumatran tiger, the island-dwelling subspecies that can be seen at the Zoo.

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# MARCH 2016

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<small>EASTER</small>	<small>EASTER MONDAY <a href="http://fonz.org/easter">fonz.org/easter</a></small>	<small><b>Snore &amp; Roar</b> and <b>Scout Snooze</b> registration opens for Premier+ members. <a href="http://fonz.org/overnights">fonz.org/overnights</a> Upgrade your membership at <a href="http://fonz.org/join">fonz.org/join</a> to be eligible</small>			<p><b>Sleep With the Tigers</b>            Sign up for a wild night of camping and exploring the Smithsonian's National Zoo with Snore &amp; Roar and Scout Snooze. Overnights may include keeper-led tours of the Zoo, evening activities, breakfast, and more. <a href="http://fonz.org/overnights">fonz.org/overnights</a></p>	
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**EYELASH  
PALM  
PITVIPER**

*Bothriechis schlegelii*

REPTILE DISCOVERY  
CENTER

Named for the spiny projections above their eyes, eyelash palm pitvipers are among the smallest of Central and South America's venomous snakes at just 2.5 feet in length.

Like all pitvipers, these arboreal—tree dwelling—snakes have small heat-sensing organs near their eyes. The organs look like small pits in the snake's face, and help the predator find its next meal by homing in on the body heat of its prey.



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### On the Farm

Join us for a month-long celebration of Kids' Farm, sponsored by State Farm®, and our generous members who helped save the exhibit in 2011. Celebrate another year of Kids' Farm fun with events for the whole family, including music, story time, animal demonstrations, and more. [fonz.org/kidsfarm](http://fonz.org/kidsfarm)

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# APRIL 2016



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**NORTH  
AMERICAN  
PORCUPINE**

*Erethizon dorsatum*

PORCUPINE EXHIBIT  
NEAR THE PRAIRIE  
DOG EXHIBIT

From head to tail, a single adult North American porcupine may have more than 30,000 quills on its body. The quills—modified hairs with sharpened, barbed tips—provide ample reason for most predators to avoid this prickly prey. Even baby porcupines are protected. Their quills are soft at birth, but harden to a predator-detering sharpness within hours.



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# MAY 2016

**May is Members' Month!**  
 Join us for a month-long celebration of you, our wonderful members!  
[fonz.org/membersmonth](http://fonz.org/membersmonth)

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## GIANT PANDA

*Ailuropoda  
melanoleuca*

DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN  
FAMILY GIANT PANDA  
HABITAT

Black and white and adored the world over, giant pandas are perhaps the most beloved and befuddling of bears. Unlike the majority of bear species—most of which have adapted to eat a widely varied diet of plants and animals—giant pandas subsist almost entirely on the leaves and stalks of bamboo. Even their appearance has been modified to suit their unusual diet—their charmingly rounded faces are due to the massive jaw muscles required to chew bamboo.

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### Give Dad a Wild Father's Day

Skip the tie. Instead, give Dad a lion or tiger or giant panda bear for Father's Day with the FONZ Adopt a Species program. Various packages are available, and may include frameable paw prints, a full-color photograph, a plush of the adopted species, or all three. Proceeds support the Zoo's species-saving science around the world. [fonz.org/adopt](http://fonz.org/adopt)

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## FISHING CAT

*Prionailurus viverrinus*

ASIA TRAIL

Tigers are well known for their willingness to swim and play in the water, but fishing cats do them one better:

These water-loving felines actually fish for their supper. The cats use their short, flat tails and webbed feet to guide their bodies through the water, and will even dive beneath the surface to capture fishes and other aquatic creatures.

Despite their name, fishing cats also prey on snakes, birds, small mammals, and other animals.

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### Drink Beer. Save Wildlife.

Fill your glass and toast the Zoo's species-saving science and education programs with Brew at the Zoo, our annual celebration of beer, food, and conservation. This popular event often sells out—reserve your tickets today! [fonz.org/brew](http://fonz.org/brew)

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## WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA

*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*

GREAT APE HOUSE

Gorillas and their great ape relatives—chimpanzees, bonobos, and orangutans—are among the most intelligent of animals.

The apes create and use tools, can learn to communicate with sign language, and readily display emotion—laughing, grieving, and showing evidence of strong family ties. At the Zoo, the gorillas are regularly challenged with enrichment activities featuring puzzles, food, and even iPads.

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# AUGUST 2016

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28	29	30	31	<p><b>Grapes With the Apes</b> The event is September 1, but August is the time to reserve your tickets for Grapes With the Apes! Join the Zoo's apes and their keepers for an evening of wine tasting and exclusive after-hours access to the Great Ape House. Event includes tastings from a variety of local vineyards, a commemorative glass, live music, and more! <a href="http://fonz.org/grapesapes">fonz.org/grapesapes</a></p>		

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## SCARLET MACAW

*Ara macao*

BIRD HOUSE\*

Grant wings to a rainbow, and a scarlet macaw may be the result. These colorful birds are one of 17 species of macaw—large parrot—found from Mexico through South America. The large and vocal birds are intelligent and sociable, often living in flocks of 10 to 30 or more birds. They use their powerful beaks to crack open fruits, nuts, and seeds.

*\* The Zoo no longer houses scarlet macaws, but visitors can see green-winged macaws at the Bird House.*



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Grapes With the Apes  
fonz.org/grapesapes

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**¡Fiesta!**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Zoo's Andean bears, giant anteaters, and other creatures from South and Central America. You and your family will meet the animals' keepers, try your hands at arts and crafts, and enjoy an abundance of music, food, and more. [fonz.org/fiesta](http://fonz.org/fiesta)

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## RÜPPEL'S GRIFFON VULTURE

*Gyps rueppellii*

CHEETAH  
CONSERVATION  
STATION

Like most vultures, Rüppell's griffon vultures dine primarily on carrion. They soar high above the grasslands and arid plains of western and central Africa to find their meals, relying on their 7.5–8.5-foot wingspan to hold their 15–20-pound bodies aloft for up to six hours. Although their diet sounds unsavory, vultures are essential to a healthy ecosystem. By feeding on carrion, they clean the environment of carcasses that might otherwise spread disease to other animals.

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ZOO WINTER HOURS BEGIN  
fonz.org/hours

Autumn Conservation Festival  
fonz.org/acf

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### Mountain Views and Endangered Species

Venture into Virginia's countryside for the once-a-year opportunity to see endangered species, interact with SCBI's scientists, and explore the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's species-saving science up close and face-to-face. [fonz.org/acf](http://fonz.org/acf)

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Upgrade your membership at [fonz.org/join](http://fonz.org/join) to be eligible

Night of the Living Zoo  
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## ASIAN ELEPHANT

*Elephas maximus*

### ELEPHANT TRAILS

Like their larger African relatives, Asian elephants use their trunks as an all-purpose tool. Their supersize nose is unique among all animals, and can be used for breathing and blowing, lifting, rolling, and manipulating.

Elephants' trunks are strong enough to uproot trees, but gentle enough to pick a single flower. And, when the urge for a bath strikes, elephants can use their trunks to suck up water or sand and then blow it over their bodies.

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# NOVEMBER 2016

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				THANKSGIVING DAY	<p><b>ZooLights</b> begins and continues through the holiday season. Check online for exact dates. <a href="http://fonz.org/zoolights">fonz.org/zoolights</a></p>	
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27	28	29	30	<p><b>The Gift of FONZ</b>            Wrap up a year of Zoo fun with this one-of-a-kind gift for the animal lovers in your life. Your recipients receive a full year of members-only benefits and fun, including special access to members-only events, discounts on classes and camps, the <i>Smithsonian Zoogoer</i> magazine and wall calendar, and free or discounted parking at some membership levels. <a href="http://fonz.org/gift">fonz.org/gift</a></p>		

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## CHEETAH

*Acinonyx jubatus*

CHEETAH  
CONSERVATION  
STATION

No land animal is better built for speed than the cheetah.

The sleek cat can accelerate from 0 to 45 miles per hour in less than three seconds, has an estimated maximum speed of 64 miles per hour, and can cover more than 20 feet in a single stride. Its long legs provide speed while its tail serves as a rudder, helping the cat steer through dramatic turns as it chases down its prey.

VULNERABLE



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

### Bright Nights

Make your holidays bright with a visit to ZooLights, powered by Pepco, at the Zoo. Enjoy light displays lit by more than 500,000 LED bulbs, visit with the animals, sample tasty treats, take a ride in a snow tube, and more! Special nights include BrewLights—a night of beer tasting and light gazing—two date nights, and a full week of FONZ member nights. [fonz.org/zoolights](http://fonz.org/zoolights)

The calendar for members of **FONZ** FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOO

ZooLights continues through the holiday season. Check online for exact dates. [fonz.org/zoolights](http://fonz.org/zoolights)

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BrewLights  
[fonz.org/brewlights](http://fonz.org/brewlights)

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ZooLights Date Night  
[fonz.org/zoolights](http://fonz.org/zoolights)

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ZooLights closed

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CHRISTMAS  
Zoo and ZooLights closed

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ENDANGERED SPECIES  
ACT PASSED IN 1973

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NEW YEAR'S EVE  
ZooLights closed

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# DECEMBER 2016

November 2016

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January 2017

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Together,  
we save  
species.

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### CAMPS

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[fonz.org/camps](http://fonz.org/camps)

### CLASSES

Leap into learning with FONZ's award-winning education programs, featuring hands-on classes for children and adults of all ages. [fonz.org/classes](http://fonz.org/classes)

### OVERNIGHTS

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