

West Berlin Zoo  
Germany

## "Operation Indian Rhino"

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## "Earth Week" Activities

During "Earth Week" (held from April 18 through April 24) the Bronx Zoo erected an "animal graveyard", with more than 200 white tombstones, each one representing a land animal that has become extinct.

To highlight the plight of animals that are endangered but not yet extinct, guided tours in the Bronx Zoo's Tiger Trains were given by animal curators. There were film showings in the Heads and Horns Building auditorium, and a sight and sound exhibition of vanishing animals was presented in the art gallery.

(Edward R. Ricciuti)

## Falcated Duck

An adult male Falcated Duck was purchased alive recently in a bazaar at Dacca, Pakistan, but died shortly afterwards. This is the second report of this species in East Pakistan. In West Pakistan this extremely rare bird has also been reported twice only.

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## Hemipode chick hatched

At the Bronx Zoo a Hemipode chick hatched on 13th April 1971. The very small chick weighed only 2.4 grams, and it is still tiny enough to fit in a teaspoon. Hemipodes are Old World birds; this species is known as Turrichane hemipode and is native to East Africa.

Chester Zoo  
England

## Two Years' Imprisonment for Bird Thief

At Chester Assizes on 29th March, 1971, a former member of the Chester Zoo's bird staff, Alan Michael Hunt, aged 23, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for the theft of nine rare birds from Chester Zoo in February (we reported this in the previous number of IZN.)

He pleaded guilty to stealing the birds, which were valued at £ 2,125, and others from a private aviary in Bedfordshire. In addition he asked that six more cases be taken into account.

During the proceedings it was said that Hunt broke into the aviaries and carried the birds away from the Zoo in a rucksack. On his journey home, the rucksack was struck by a passing car and a pair of the Birds of Paradise died.

(C.Z.N.)