

# SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS IN CONSERVATION

## Palila Chick Hatches in Hawaii

A newly hatched palila chick nestles in a researcher's hand at the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center in Hawaii. Hatched on June 7, this chick is the first of this species to be reproduced in captivity and represents a significant addition to a severely endangered population. The palila is one of several endangered bird species that are the focus of a cooperative research and conservation program in which the Zoological Society of San Diego participates.



## Significant Births in Columbus

On 25 February a female bonobo was born at the Columbus Zoo. The 10-year-old dam is on loan from the San Diego Zoo and the 20-year-old sire is a previously unrepresented founder owned by Columbus. This mother-reared infant represents the fifth viable offspring born within the group which now totals 11 individuals.

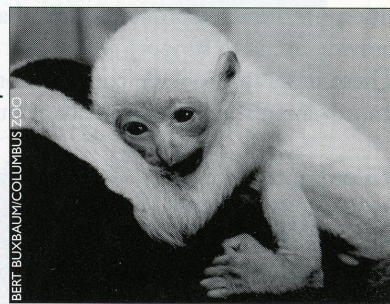


Also in February, Zoo Australasia Keepers noted a bulge in the pouch of a five year-old Victorian koala. By 22 March, the joey's head and a forelimb were observed and on 30 March the joey completely emerged and traversed the dam's chest and head before returning to the security of the pouch. This youngster is the first Victorian koala born in the U.S. in a dozen years. Both the dam and the five-year-old sire arrived in Columbus on 22 July 1997 as a result of a cooperative agreement with Melbourne Zoo, Albuquerque, Environment Australia and the Saint Louis Zoo.



A white-cheeked gibbon was born on 14 May. The animal was

rejected by its mother at 10 days. The Zoo is currently patterning training and hand-raising protocol on its gorilla surrogacy program in the hopes of reintroducing the infant to its parents.



## Significant Births in Jacksonville

A female giant anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*) was born at the Jacksonville Zoological Gardens on 26 January. This was the second birth for this new young pair. Pico, the sire, was born at the Zoo in August 1996 and Stella-Abril was born April 1997 at Reid Park Zoo in Tucson and is owned by the San Diego Zoo. The baby is being mother-raised.



A 136-pound-baby Southern White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) was born at the Zoo on 12 March. This was a first birth for Gabriella born in July 1994 at the White Oak Conservation Center. Its sire was Archie, a wild caught proven breeder. This was the Zoo's twelfth white rhino birth. The youngster is being mother-raised.



## Rare Hatching in Baltimore

On 25 April, two gray lesser flamingo chicks were born at the Baltimore Zoo. For perhaps the first time in U.S. history, this rare tropical species was successfully raised indoors. Now, weighing in at 600 - 800 grams each, the chicks are out on exhibit with their parents.