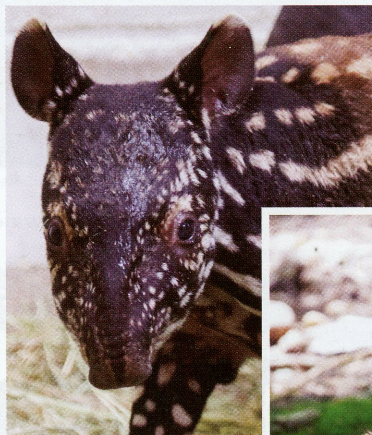


Births & Hatchings

DENVER ZOO

Denver, Colorado

Denver Zoo announced the birth of a Malayan tapir. Malayan tapirs are the only tapir native to Asia. Once found throughout Southeast Asia, they now inhabit only the rainforests of the Indochinese peninsula and Sumatra. With a wild population of less than 2,000 individuals, they are classified as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), due to habitat loss and hunting.



CENTRAL PARK ZOO

New York, New York

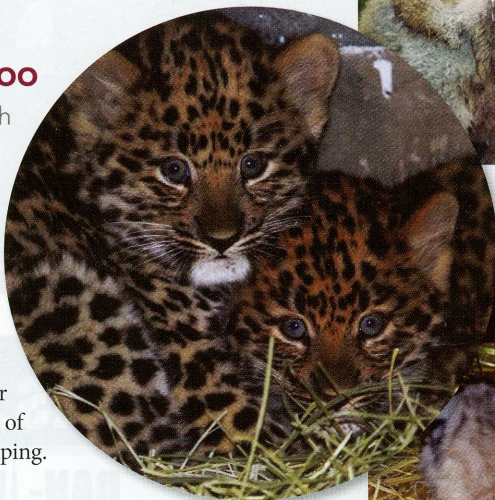
A white-naped crane chick hatched at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Central Park Zoo on 29 April. WCS breeds white-naped cranes as part of the Species Survival Plan®. White-naped cranes are a migratory species native to East Asia including China, Russia, Japan, North and South Korea, and Mongolia. They are classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN.



UTAH'S HOGLE ZOO

Salt Lake City, Utah

Hogle Zoo announced the birth of two critically endangered Amur leopards. Experts estimate only 60 leopards remain in the wild. Rafferty and Roman were born 17 February. They've been bonding with their mother and learning the basics of climbing and jumping.



CONNECTICUT'S BEARDSLEY ZOO

Bridgeport, Connecticut

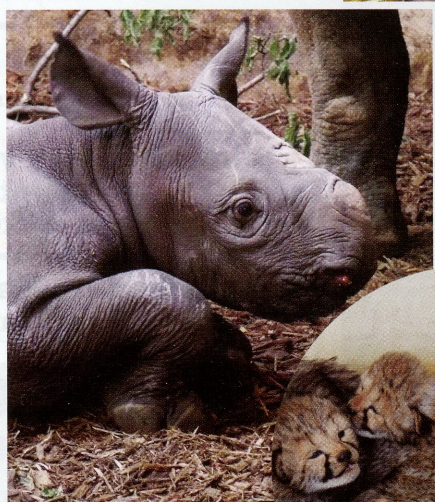
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo welcomed two Canada lynx kittens, born on 26 April. Lynx are light brown to gray in color, similar in appearance to a bobcat but larger, with longer legs. Lynx kittens learn to actively hunt snowshoe hares, red squirrels, and grouse by the time they are eight months old.



SAINT LOUIS ZOO

Saint Louis, Missouri

A male black rhinoceros calf was born at the Saint Louis Zoo on 17 May. This is the second black rhino to be born at the Zoo in 26 years and only the tenth in Saint Louis Zoo history. Black rhinos are being pushed to the brink of extinction by illegal poaching for their horns, and to a lesser extent by loss of habitat.



SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

Front Royal, Virginia

The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) welcomed two litters of cheetah cubs in March. The first litter was born to female Hope, who was born at SCBI in 2013. The second litter was born to Hope's mother, Miti. Together, they are raising 10 cubs.

