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El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens Welcomes Spring Babies

New Arrivals Include a Penguin Chick and Pronghorn Fawn

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens is excited to welcome a new group of spring babies born this spring. The new additions include an Inca Tern chick, a Magellanic Penguin chick, two Pronghorn fawns, two Marbled Teal ducklings, and three White-Nosed Coati kits.

Several of the new additions belong to species with declining populations in the wild. The Marbled Teal and Inca Tern are classified as *near threatened* by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

“Each birth is an important step in our conservation mission,” said Zoo Director Joe Montisano. “These new arrivals help raise awareness about species facing challenges in the wild and reflect the high level of care and commitment our team brings to animal welfare every day. We’re proud to contribute to global conservation efforts while offering our community meaningful opportunities to connect with wildlife.”

MEET THE NEW ARRIVALS

- **Inca Tern**
Hatched in April, this chick can be seen in the Aviary. Inca terns are known for their white “mustaches” and are facing declines due to reduced fish availability in their native South America.
- **Magellanic Penguin**
Born May 9 to Dee and Admiral Fancy Pants, this chick will soon be learning to swim and exploring its habitat. A blood test will determine its gender.
- **Peninsular Pronghorn**
Two fawns were born May 15. Pronghorns are among the fastest land mammals, reaching speeds up to 60 mph.
- **Marbled Teal Duck**
Two ducklings hatched May 22. This species continues to decline due to habitat loss and pressures from hunting and egg collection.
- **White-Nosed Coati**
Three kits were born May 17. Coatis are raccoon relatives with long snouts, masked faces, and upright tails. They live in social groups called bands and are most common in Central and South America.

Guests can see most of animal babies while visiting. The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens stretch across 35-acres and house animals representing over 220 species, including critically endangered species.

To learn more about the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens, visit www.ElPasoZoo.org.

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