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Learn all about the Birds of Texas at this month's Exploration Day

ABILENE, TEXAS –Saturday, Jan. 17, will celebrate Birds of Texas at the Abilene Zoo, a special monthly Exploration Day offering extra activities and learning adventures in Elm Creek Backyard area of the zoo.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Abilene Zoo's staff will offer animal information and a special craft guests can take home. The event is free with zoo admission.



“This would be an awesome time to get out and learn about our cool native species of birds,” says Abilene Zoo Education Curator Joy Harsh. “The weather forecast looks promising, and we hope folks are ready to enjoy to a little time outdoors.”

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.

Mission Statement: *The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.*

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