



**SYLVAN HEIGHTS
BIRD PARK**



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2,500 birds on exhibit

**More than 230 species from
around the world**

**Largest waterfowl collection
in the United States**



MISSION:

Educate visitors about
waterfowl & wetlands
conservation.





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**Provides waterfowl for
zoos and aviculturists
throughout U.S.**

**Breeding programs for
rare & endangered
waterfowl**



Visitor Center & Multinational Aviary



South America



North America

Eurasia





Africa

Australia





The Landing Zone



Interaction enhances
education

Fear decreases
Empathy increases

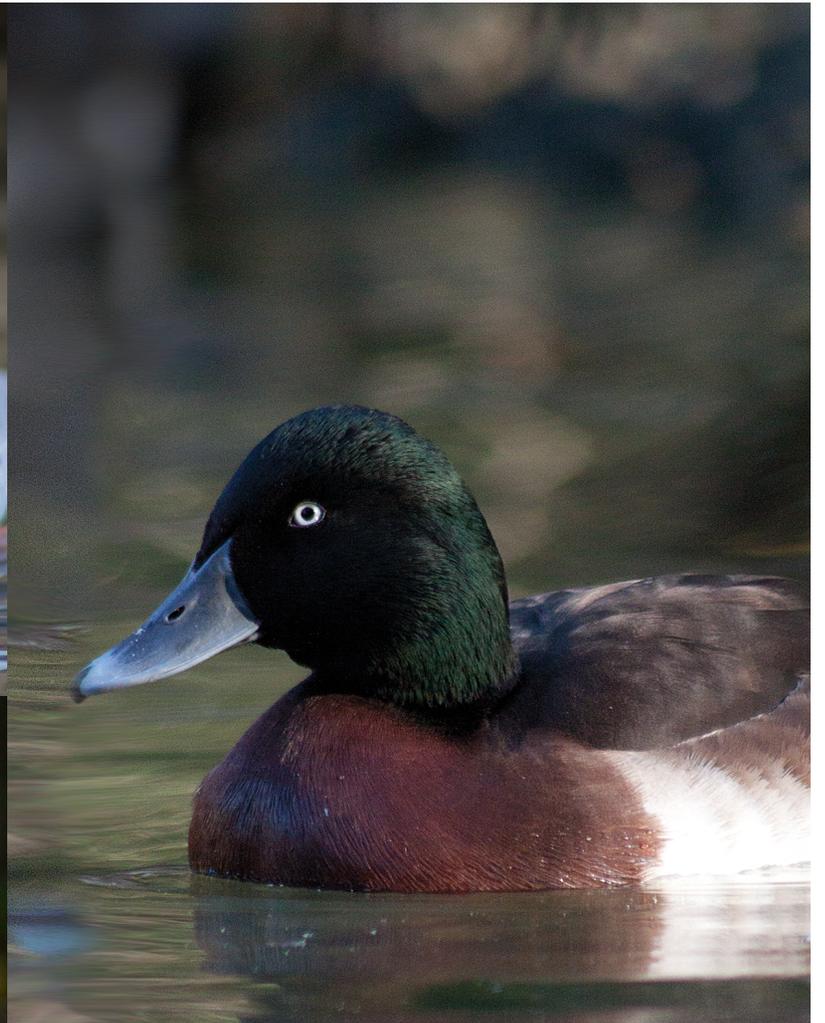
This is the connection that
inspires conservation.

Flamingo Aviary

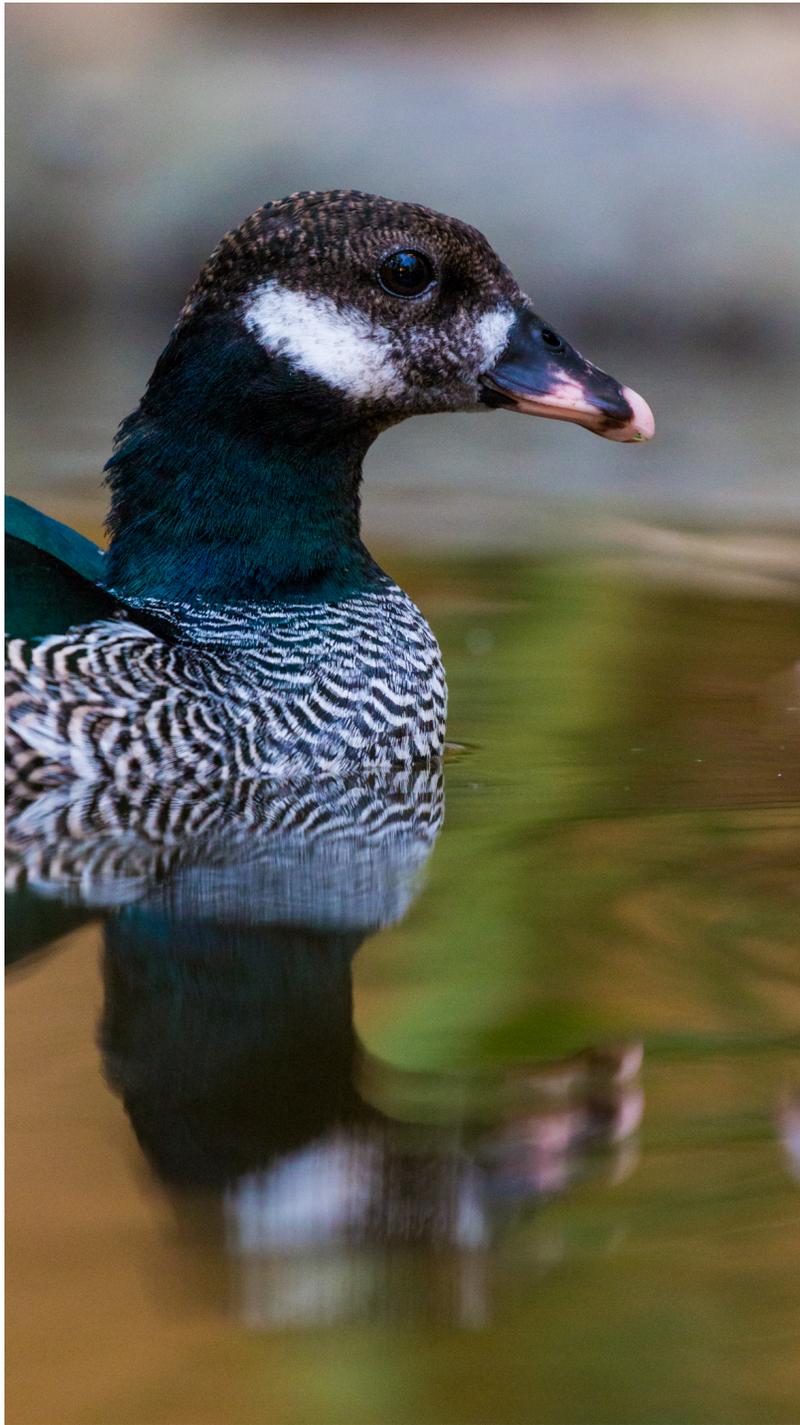




Wetland Viewing Areas



**Irreplaceable
collection of rare and
endangered species.**



K-12 Education Programs



Avian Husbandry & Management Program

Hands-on training for
current and aspiring zoo
professionals





Vet Student Training

**Avian Influenza
Preparation & Prevention
at Sylvan Heights**

Advantage: Mostly waterfowl





Advantage: Overhead netting



Advantage: Non-domestic birds

Challenge: No funding



Challenge: Public hands-on access



Challenge: Mixed-species exhibits

Challenge: Proximity to poultry operations



Mitigation Efforts: Suspend Wildlife Rehab





Mitigation Efforts: No Free-Roaming Birds



Mitigation Efforts: Relocate birds

Mitigation Efforts: New Indoor Shelters



Housing



Mitigation Efforts: Staff Education

Additional Precautions Taken:

- Dry foot baths
- Staff flu shots
- Stockpiling safety equipment
- Plans in place to isolate staff & exhibits
- Plans in place to manage deliveries

Questions?





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