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Jackson Zoo News

White-naped Crane Chicks do not survive Zoo assisting in rehabilitation of injured Golden Eagle

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Sadly, the first hatchlings of the rare white-naped cranes did not survive.

Zoo staff was delighted when the first- time breeding of these birds produced chicks that hatched on June 9th and 12th of this month. A necropsy on both chicks is pending to determine cause of death. However, the loss of young chicks is not uncommon in first case hatchlings of these birds. The zoo is optimistic that their next attempt will be more successful.

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In other news, the Jackson Zoo is assisting the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service in the rehabilitation of a Golden Eagle which was shot between March 15th and April 7th of this year. Currently, the bird is being cared for by the zoo's veterinary and animal care team in partnership with Mississippi State University and Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. It may not be able to fly again.

The two-year-old eagle was discovered in the Burnsville community near County Road 306. The eagle was shot in its left wing and due to its injuries, could not have flown far from where the shooting occurred.



Golden Eagle recovering at Jackson Zoo Hospital

The investigation into this shooting which occurred in the luka area of Tishomingo County of MS is ongoing. Golden Eagles are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, both federal and state wildlife statutes.

Violations of these statutes carry maximum criminal penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or one year in federal prison.

Anyone with information concerning this eagle is asked to contact the USFWS's Grenada Office of Law Enforcement at 662.227.0990 or call the MDWFP at 1.800.BE.SMART.

A \$2,500 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction on the person responsible for the shooting.

Due to the stress it may present to the eagle while in rehabilitation, we regret that visits by press agents for video or photographs is not permitted.

Zoo admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$8.10 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.jacksonzoo.org to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.

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