

Bird-Reptile Department—Bird Workgroup

Interns in this area will work closely with keepers to understand husbandry and management of a variety of bird species. An intern with the bird workgroup will benefit from hands-on training in husbandry, observations, reproduction, and incubation.

Through their close work with keepers and their understanding of suggested reading materials, interns receive practical experience in keeper duties and learn many aspects of captive animal management.

Interns are exposed to diet preparation, exhibit maintenance, record-keeping, animal training, and animal observations.

As part of their experience, interns are required to do a short research project relating to any aspect of animal husbandry they choose. Suggestions will be given to the intern such as: mate choice study, an exhibit use study, and others.