

Auckland Zoo Casual Birds Keeper

- Rare opportunity to work at one of the world's leading zoos
- Contribute to the conservation of New Zealand wildlife

Auckland Zoo is proud of its commitment to the World Zoo and Aquarium Strategy. Sign up to our team and help "build a future for wildlife".

We are currently seeking an experienced Keeper to join the bird team at the Zoo. As a member of the Zoo's bird team the primary focus of the role is to care for the Zoo's bird collection, providing best practice husbandry, contributing to our understanding of the biology of these species and delivering attractive animal exhibits and meaningful encounters to our 700,000+ annual visitors.

Auckland Zoo is recognised as one of the most progressive zoos in the world. A winner of national and international environmental-related awards, it is home to 126 different species and over 1,000 animals. Auckland Zoo's New Zealand precinct - Te Wao Nui - is a journey through six geographic zones and the flora and fauna of each. The focus on native species provided by Te Wao Nui catalyses many opportunities for the zoo to contribute to the conservation of New Zealand wildlife, both directly and indirectly. Around 25 New Zealand bird species are managed by the bird team, at least four of which are actively involved in breed-to-release programmes. The bird team is also responsible for the care of a growing collection of exotic birds, in line with the Zoo's masterplan.

This is a unique opportunity to play a role in the care of the Zoo's bird collection, to actively contribute to conservation in the zoo and in the wild, and to work with some of the world's most threatened bird species, including brown teal and blue duck, orange-fronted parakeet, saddleback, kaka and takahe.

The successful candidate will:

- Hold a recognised qualification in captive animal management and/or tertiary qualification in zoology/biology-related field
- Have at least 1 year recent experience working with a variety of bird species in captivity
- Be self-motivated, and be able to work independently or as part of a large team
- Have excellent customer service skills
- Express a commitment to, and understanding of, the World Zoo Conservation Strategy 2005
- Show effective communication skills and ability to perform keeper encounters
- Possess a valid full driver's licence.

If you have proven relevant bird husbandry experience, a high level of energy and physical fitness and a desire to achieve conservation outcomes through your zoo-based career, then this is the opportunity you have been waiting for.

This is a Casual role and rosters are generated on a weekly basis and include weekends and public holidays.

To meet the Zoo's operational needs, the successful candidate may occasionally be required to care for other animal taxa or undertake additional tasks at the Team Leader's and/or Curator's discretion.

For more information or to apply online, go to;

<https://careers.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/jobdetails?ajid=WKnbq>

Applications close: 22nd March 2018.