

Australian Reptile Park Senior Keeper Mammals and Birds

- Full Time

Position Purpose: The successful applicant will provide support to the Head of Section – Mammals and Birds including duties such as providing a high standard of husbandry and care of the mammal and bird collection, exhibit maintenance and design, behavioural enrichment programs, customer service, and public presentations. The successful applicant will be a strong team player, with the ability to follow instruction easily and without supervision. Major roles of the successful applicant will also be to develop the section and continue to develop the Reptile Park's policies, safe work procedures, animal care and husbandry techniques, collection management, industry representation and presentations, staff and volunteer development.

This is a senior Keeper role and as such the successful candidate will be required at times to run the section in the absence of the Head Keeper. Additionally, a major part of this role will involve the supervision and development of junior staff and the large volunteer team.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work with some Australia's most unique animals and cutting-edge conservation projects including a variety of Bird species, Platypus, Wombats, Koalas, and be part of one of Australia's largest Tasmanian Devil breeding facilities.

Essential Criteria

1. Leadership skills with an emphasis on motivation
2. Public relations skills
3. Good customer service skills
4. Must speak fluent English
5. Good written communication skills
6. Good time management skills
7. Driver's License class A
8. Awareness of Occupational Health and Safety principles
9. A minimum equivalent of 3-5 years relevant experience and training in the care and husbandry of Australian Mammals and Birds
10. Ability to work as a team
11. Good animal observational skills
12. Good problem-solving skills
13. Ability to carry out interactive activities when required. This could include but not limited to assisting in public demonstrations and or events, externals, media, birthday parties, tour groups, and visitor photo sessions.

Desirable Criteria

1. A sound knowledge of Koala dietary needs and skills in leaf cutting.

2. TAFE Certificate III in Captive animals equivalent to or above
3. Experience with recordkeeping
4. Experience or strong motivation in section development

How To Apply

Please send a current CV along with a cover letter outlining your ability to meet the above selection criteria to Liz Vella – Curator by email to lvella@reptilepark.com.au

Applications close: 11th July 2018.