

Names, Sex, Birth Dates, Status, Anecdotes

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Australian Walkabout

Bennett Wallaby: IUCN - Least Concern

Alif M 01 July 10 -- Alif and Bently have a "bro-mance", Bently gives Alif back rubs

Bentley -- not as food motivated, not as interactive with people, lower droopy lip

Matilda F 01 Mar 13 -- motivated by food, big ears, fantastic lashes! , assertive, most likely the one on paths, follows keepers looking for food, roundest physique

Bugsy M 01 Oct 14 --

Gidgee F 26 Feb 19 -- Matilda's offspring - named by visiting zookeepers from Australia Zoo: specifically, 2 name suggestions from the Australian keepers were on bags filled with treats... she picked to bag that said Gidgee!!

Clifford M 01 Mar 20 -- vivacious and independant from birth

Tim Tam - Gidgee's newest joey.

Wallaby anecdotes:

- most like almonds, will give them blueberries as treats but don't want them to get too much sugar
- solitary in the wild unless an abundant food source is around - our wallabies do fine together. They, of course, have plenty of food in a zoo environment
- more teeth problems here than in the wild because they don't get as much variety of browse compared with the wild
- our wallabies don't have the "typical" heart problems of other wallabies in human care, so their genetics are desired
- live to early teens in the wild as well as in captivity

Matschie's Tree Kangaroo: IUCN - Endangered

Tristan M 13 Apr 15

Matschie's Tree Kangaroo anecdotes:

- favorite treat is sweet potatoes and carrots, not kale!
- very interactive with enrichment, interacts positively with all the keepers

Emu: not listed

Damian M 01 Jan 03, Dora F 01 Mar 15

Emu anecdotes:

- Dora interacted positively with keepers until she began to lay eggs
- Damian has been here since 2003, Dora came here in 2015
- Dora was very small when she got here - but she's always been the one in charge!
- they love kale
- they run very fast due to an extra muscle in their calf - only bird with calf muscles, 3 big toes/"dinosaur feet", kick at predators, very balanced, big ears without flaps - possibly causes predators to think they are looking backwards, good swimmers, love to wallow, very curious, feathers fluff out when agitated

American Alligator: IUCN - Least Concern

Tommy M 16 Oct 10, Sally - sex not determined, 16 Oct 10, Tori M 01 Jan 08

Alligator anecdotes:

- Tori captured a raccoon during the night in September, 2019. Keepers were "proud" of him - it showed his instincts were in tact. He ate about half of it during the day on exhibit - they get fed regularly and wasn't all that hungry!

- Alligators go through 1000's of teeth in their lifetime