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What is a Lorikeet?

Native to Australia, New Guinea and other islands in the South Pacific, **lorikeets are parrot-type birds** that bear strikingly vivid coloration and their behavior can be entertaining.

Gregarious in nature, **lorikeets have a special brush-like tongue which allows them to eat flower pollen and nectar.** Several different subspecies of lorikeet will occupy the free-flight enclosure at Micke Grove Zoo.

“Lorikeets are inquisitive and these particular birds have been habituated to people, enabling visitors to see them up close,” according to San Joaquin County’s Zoo and Interpretive Services Manager Ken Nieland. “This interaction can be an engaging and memorable experience, providing a unique opportunity for our guests to learn more about an interesting group within the parrot family.”

“Lorikeets!” will run May - Sept. at Micke Grove Zoo.

Entry into “Lorikeets!” is included in the price of Zoo admission, which has been increased to help cover cost of the new exhibit. **Adult admission is \$3, admission for youth ages three to 17 years is \$2. Children two years and under are free. Cups of lorikeet nectar will be available for \$1.**



“Lorikeets!” will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Starting May 23, the zoo will remain open until 5 p.m. weekends and holidays.** The Zoo regularly closes at 5:00 p.m., and on summer weekends and holidays the Zoo remains open until 6:00 p.m. For more information, call 331-2010.