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**White stork makes a special delivery at the zoo – stork babies!
Rare vulture also hatches this week**



Chicago, IL (May 27, 2010) – For the first time in Lincoln Park Zoo’s 142-year history, European white storks have delivered their very own storks. The monogamous pair is tenderly caring for their three new hatchlings which hatched from their shells earlier this week. Not to be out done, the pair of rare Cinereous vultures that share the white storks habitat have also welcomed a newly hatched chick this week. They haven’t raised a chick since 2002.

In the wild, white storks often live and nest near humans, favoring tall trees, chimneys or rooftops for nesting sites. At the zoo, they have built a huge nest perfectly within view for zoo visitors to catch a glimpse of the adorable hatchlings.



“The Bird Department and Lincoln Park Zoo are very excited about this unprecedented event. Both of these species are hatched and reared in accredited zoos infrequently. Having both is quite an accomplishment,” said Colleen Lynch, Hope B. McCormick Curator of Birds. “The stork and vulture parents are all doing great jobs of tending their chicks and we expect that they will continue to do so as the chicks grow up over the summer.



The storks and vultures can be seen in the Regenstein Birds of Prey habitat near the McCormick Bird House.

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ABOUT LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.