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Australian parrots hatch at Brevard Zoo

MELBOURNE, Fla., April 2, 2021 — Brevard Zoo animal care staff are doting over two tiny galahs. The older chick hatched on March 21, and the younger sibling emerged from their egg six days later. The latter has yet to open their eyes. They are the first galahs to ever hatch at the Zoo.

The eggs were placed in a climate-controlled incubator several weeks ago because the chicks' parents had not successfully hatched out young in the past. The chicks—who have not yet been named or sexed—are syringe-fed a specialized parrot formula nine times throughout the day.

These youngsters will stay behind the scenes for at least a few weeks, then move to a public-facing habitat with the rest of the Zoo's galah flock.

Galahs are members of the cockatoo family native to Australia. As adults, they are famed for their vibrant pink plumage.

Photos and video: www.dropbox.com/sh/er8ulu4ti6hdw78/AAA40a036F_fA9n_mW56ArYLa

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org.

Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com.

The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at www.theaquariumproject.org.