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**Endangered bird emerges at Brevard Zoo**

MELBOURNE, Fla., June 9, 2021 — After a 10-week stay in a nest box, a young wrinkled hornbill finally emerged yesterday at Brevard Zoo. The chick, which has yet to be named or sexed, hatched on March 28 to parents Morticia and Gomez.

Prior to laying her eggs, the female wrinkled hornbill uses a mixture of fruit, feathers and feces to seal herself in a nesting cavity. Her mate delivers food through a tiny slit during the one-month incubation period and five-week-to-three-month nestling period.

Morticia and Gomez have lived with one another since 1993. They have raised six chicks together at the Zoo—an invaluable contribution to the Wrinkled Hornbill Species Survival Plan, which consists of roughly 45 individuals in the United States and Canada.

Native to Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, the wrinkled hornbill is considered endangered due to habitat loss.

Photos and video: [www.dropbox.com/sh/9r15lus5soeduw1/AACgXv1mwU7a115f19Fzx2o5a](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9r15lus5soeduw1/AACgXv1mwU7a115f19Fzx2o5a)

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*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](http://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](http://www.theaquariumproject.org).*