

Struthioniformes TAG

Enrichment Feature

April-June 2021

ZOO ATLANTA

Ostriches "Orange" and "Purple" celebrated their 15th birthday in June!

Animal care team celebrated them with plenty of fuss and feathers in their African Savanna habitat

Ice "cake" is a delicious creation of apples, carrots, and alfalfa hay. Happy hatchday!

Enrichment credit: Michelle E.
Photo credit: Bridget S



JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS



Summertime calls for cooling off with a dip in the pool!

Brisbee's pool was upgraded so that he can now fully submerge... I think he likes it!

For additional fun, small gambusia fish are added to the pool. Some cassowaries are known for trapping fish in their feathers to dump on dry ground and eat.

Gambusia are also known as a 'mosquitofish' and help keep those pesky mosquitos at bay

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GLADYS PORTER ZOO

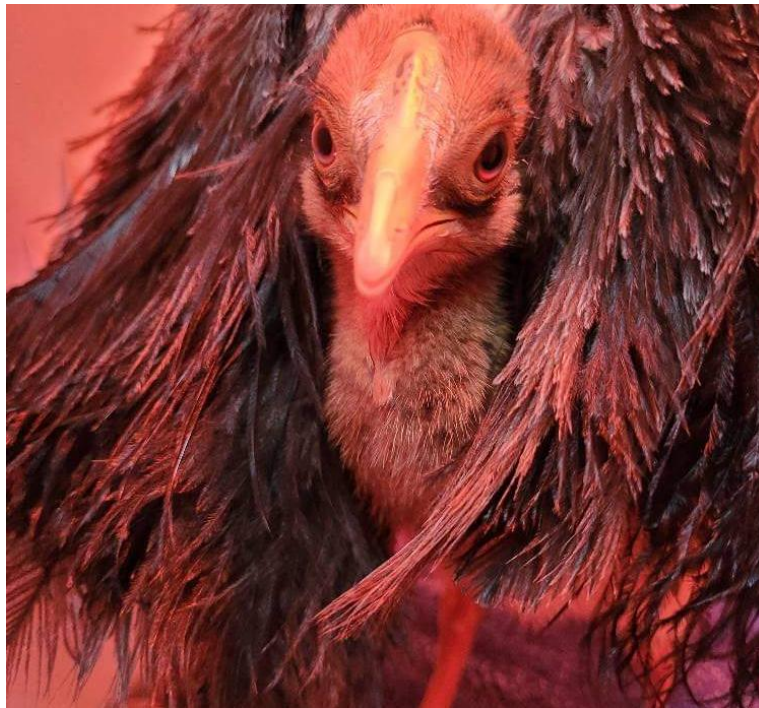
Three cassowary chicks hatched to
o.1 Clementine and 1.o Junior



It has been 24 years since
Clementine's last successful brood
and this is Junior's first!

Happy Father's Day to Junior and a
big congratulations to the bird team
at Gladys Porter Zoo!

Picture credit: Toni T.



OKLAHOMA CITY ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Left, OKC's cassowary investigates a puzzle feeder for enrichment. This requires rolling and manipulating the ball to pull out the fruit goodies inside

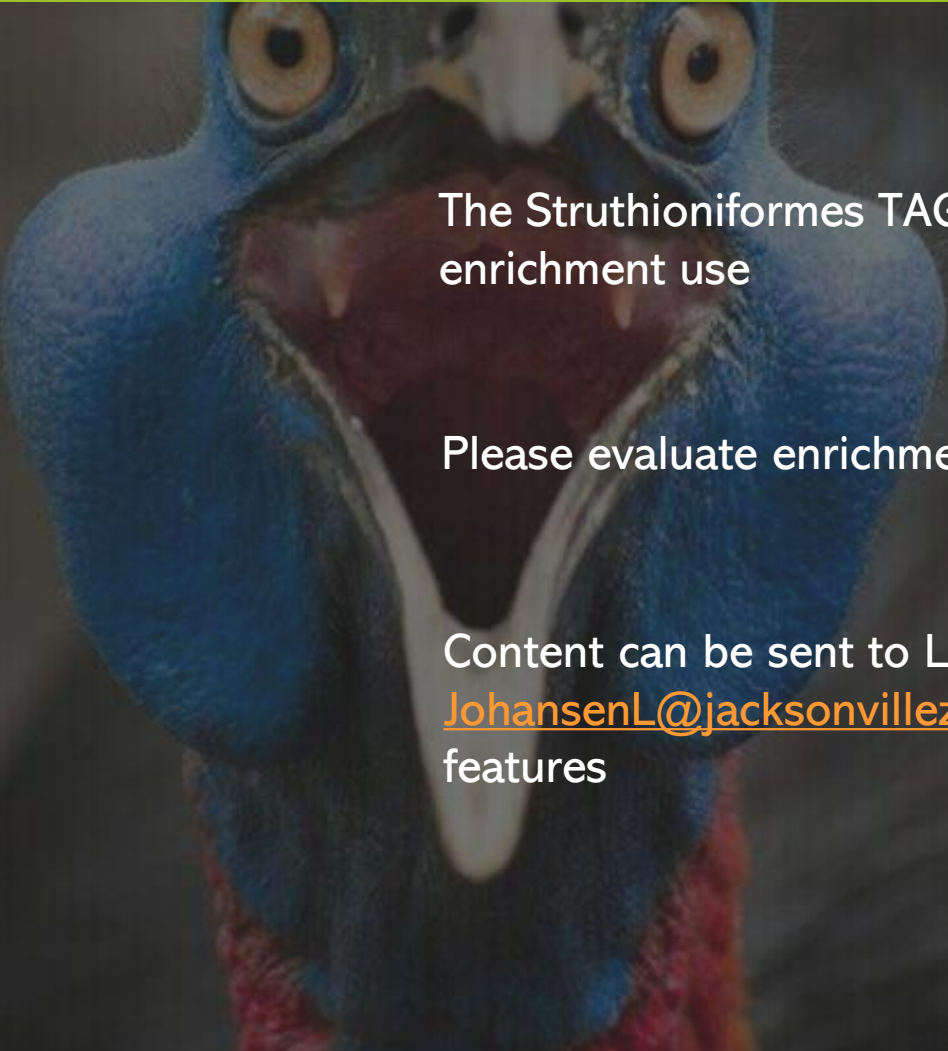
Below, OKC's ostrich pair dunk for submerged treats



Photo and enrichment credit: OKC's bird department
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