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## The Toledo Zoo Dedicates a Weekend to Moms and Migratory Birds

Toledo, Ohio—This weekend marks two very special days. One is quite well known, and the other one really should be. Of course, Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day; the day before (Saturday, May 9) is International Migratory Bird Day—The Toledo Zoo is celebrating both days with a weekend to remember.

On **Saturday, May 9**, bird lovers from all around the region will flock to the Zoo to celebrate **International Migratory Bird Day**. Through puppet shows, penguin feeding demos, raptor talks and more, the Zoo will help people learn about the winged wonders that make Toledo their temporary home. In addition, kids will get to experience their own migratory journey through the Zoo and even have a chance to win cool prizes!

Started in 1993 at the National Zoo, International Migratory Bird Day was created to highlight the migration of nearly 350 species of birds that nest in the U.S. and Canada and spend the winter in South and Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Then **Sunday, May 10** is **Mother's Day**, a day when we all honor the super lady who made it all possible. The Toledo Zoo once again offers *free* admission for all moms who come the Zoo with their kids. Children will also be able to make their own presents, including decorated flower pots and Mother's Day cards (while supplies last). A Mother's Day brunch will also take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; call (419) 385-5721, ext. 3092 to get prices or reserve a table.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

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