

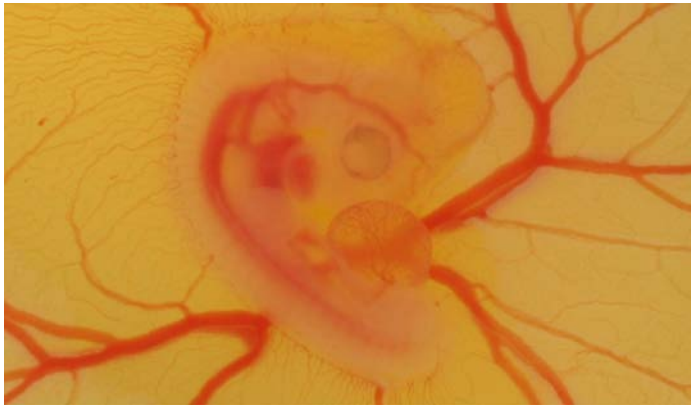
Avian egg incubation workshop

10th - 13th October 2012

This is a four day intensive workshop designed to equip you with the necessary skills to artificially incubate a wide range of avian species.

Who is the workshop for?

The workshop is aimed at curators, keepers, vets and serious private breeders involved in captive breeding of birds. It is perfectly suited to those wishing to learn about artificial incubation, and more experienced people wishing to improve their specialist knowledge.



What is the course content?

This is an intensive practical workshop which will cover the following topics:

- Embryo and membrane development
- Factors affecting hatchability before and during incubation
- Hatchery management techniques (including equipment selection and operation, egg weight loss management, and hatchability analysis)
- Artificial incubation and its role in field conservation programmes

Participants will break out embryos at all stages of development (older embryos are euthanized first) and gain first-hand experience of candling techniques, egg repair, hatching assistance and egg necropsy.



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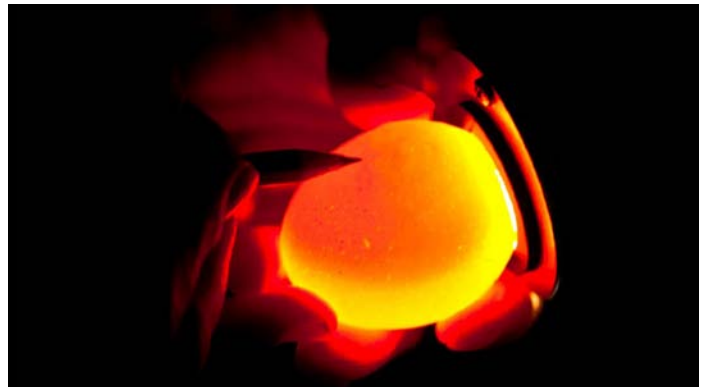
Who is running the workshop?

Internationally renowned incubation experts Susie Kasielke (Los Angeles Zoo) and Pat Witman (San Diego Zoo) will be leading the workshop, supported by Durrell's Bird Department, International Training Centre, and (to be confirmed) Professor Carl Jones (Scientific Director, Mauritian Wildlife Foundation).

Susie has been Curator of Birds at Los Angeles Zoo since 2001, and has worked there for over 30 years. Through her involvement with the California Condor Recovery Program, she has developed and refined propagation, incubation and rearing methods for condors and other species. She has been teaching on avian egg incubation workshops for 20 years.

Pat has been working for San Diego Zoo for around 30 years, with 20 of those years being involved with artificial incubation and hand rearing at the Zoo's Avian Propagation Center (APC). The APC has hatched almost 300 species, including the first California Condor.

Pat and Susie joined forces 4 years ago to combine their knowledge and run this workshop worldwide.



What is the cost?

The workshop fee for EAZA members is £400 (€480). Non-members please enquire. Optional full board on-site accommodation is available for £175.

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