

# An Insider's Guide

December Edition

Think you know everything about Jurong Bird Park? Discover something new and visit the park's **best kept secret spots** in this special trail curated by the people who know them best – **the staff!**



**Jia Hao**  
Keeper

## 1 Flamingo Pool

When you enter the park, Flamingo Pool is one of the first exhibits that you will see. They are one of the most charismatic species amongst our diversity of birds. This spot holds significance for me as I have a distinct early childhood memory of visiting Jurong Bird Park with my parents and seeing the pink flamingos. It was also the first exhibit I took care of when I began my career at the park, making it my favourite spot. With their bright-pink feathers and tall stature, the Caribbean Flamingos at the pool make a picturesque backdrop for your photos that is not to be missed.



**Justin Huang**  
Keeper

## 2 African Treetops

My favourite spot in the park is African Treetops as it's one of the four walk-in aviaries where you can immerse yourself in the company of some of the most stunning bird species in the world. As soon as you walk through the aviary, you are surrounded by the glossy, vibrant colours of the starlings and turacos. Your best chances to interact closely with these birds and learn more about them are during the feeding sessions held at 9:30am, 1:00pm, and 4:30pm. These sessions are most memorable for us keepers too, as we can share our knowledge and little-known anecdotes of the birds with you. While here, take the chance to snap some Instagram-worthy photos at the well-loved drawbridge which offers the perfect overview of the entire aviary.



**Keiko Watanabe**  
Veterinary Nurse

## 3 Philippine Eagle

The perfect time to see the Philippine Eagles is early in the morning when the air is crisp, and you are accompanied by the animated chatter and whistles of the starlings and lorries from the aviaries across the exhibit. The eagles can often be seen on a lower perch staring right at you, allowing you a moment to stop and admire these powerful and beautiful birds. Personally, I can't say for sure why, but I find that they remind me of Nicolas Cage. As you observe them, see if you can see the resemblance!





**Arlyanti Jasni**  
Keeper, Penguins

## 4 Waterfall Aviary

Waterfall Aviary is my favourite place at the park as I love large, walk-through aviaries. You get the opportunity to observe a myriad of birds up close and experience being amongst them with no barriers. It is a truly memorable experience! An added bonus of this aviary is the waterfall itself, which makes for a gorgeous backdrop for your photos.

While you're there, keep a lookout for one of the interesting bird species, the Black Crowned Crane, which never fails to capture my attention with its charming look!

Visit the aviary at 10.30am to catch the Keeper Talk where the Scarlet Macaws gather as the keepers feed them their favourite treats and share fun facts about the species.



**Chandra Mohan**  
Manager, Animal Behaviour and Programmes

## 5 Hawk Arena

Jurong Bird Park has always held a special place in my life having visited it since a young age. The areas where the presentations take place, like Hawk Arena and Pools Amphitheatre, left a lasting impression on me as I could experience the birds up close and be inspired by the presenters. Hawk Arena, in particular, is my favourite location as I have had the opportunity to be a presenter myself for the presentation – Kings of the Skies – held there.

A little-known fact, my uncle Mr Raja Segran was one of the pioneer staff involved in setting up the team, now known as Animal Behaviour and Programmes. Watching him and the other admirable presenters growing up, I never imagined I would work with some of them one day!

When visiting the park don't miss Kings of the Skies at 10:00am and 4:00pm to see some of our most majestic birds of prey.



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