

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT

Animal Enrichment provides the birds in our care with ways to enhance their natural behaviors and increase their physical and mental well-being. These items can take many forms including stimulating activities, toys, and changes to their environments.

MATERIALS

For the safety of the animals, it is important that only materials on the approved materials list be used.

The most commonly used items include, but are not limited to:

- Newspaper
- Construction paper
- Tissue paper
- Cardboard boxes
 - Must have all tape and adhesive stickers and labels removed
- Toilet paper or paper towel tubes
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Tissue boxes
- Paper plates
 - Plain paper, with no waxy coating
- Brown paper lunch or grocery bags
- Non-toxic glue
- Non-toxic finger paint

Items that are unsafe for the animals and should never be used:

- String, yarn, or rope
- Any kind of tape
- Stickers or labels
- Markers or crayons
- Any type of paper or cardboard that has a waxy coating

- Plastic
- Styrofoam

APPROVAL PROCESS

Any enrichment you make must be approved by staff before giving it to the birds. You should place the item in the designated “Needs Approval” section in the enrichment shed. The item will be looked over in the following week so when you return for your next shift you may hand out the enrichment you made. If you are unsure what to make, we have a list of items that our birds seem to enjoy with instructions in a binder in the shed.