

Simple Predator Protection For Nesting Flamingos

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Back ground Information

- Primary predators to our flamingos are raccoons and red fox.



- 2006/2007- Building constructed and flamingos were brought in each night.
- This helped with predation but prevented reproduction.



Reproduction History

2009- 3 infertile eggs.

2011- flamingos were producing crop milk in August-October .

2013-2 eggs (infertile?)







Breeding Aviary



Aviary Dimensions and Cost

- 14' octagon aviary
- 8' high sides
- ½" x 3" 12.5 gauge wire mesh, black finish
- Total= \$2,990.84
- (Spent \$1,500 in additional supplies to make the panels,etc.)



- 2014 Breeding Flock

4.5 Adult
flamingos:

1.1 pair (nested)

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2.0 pair (nested)

0.2 pair

0.1 unpaired
(built nest)



2014 Breeding Season

May: New dirt was added.

June: Birds began building nests.

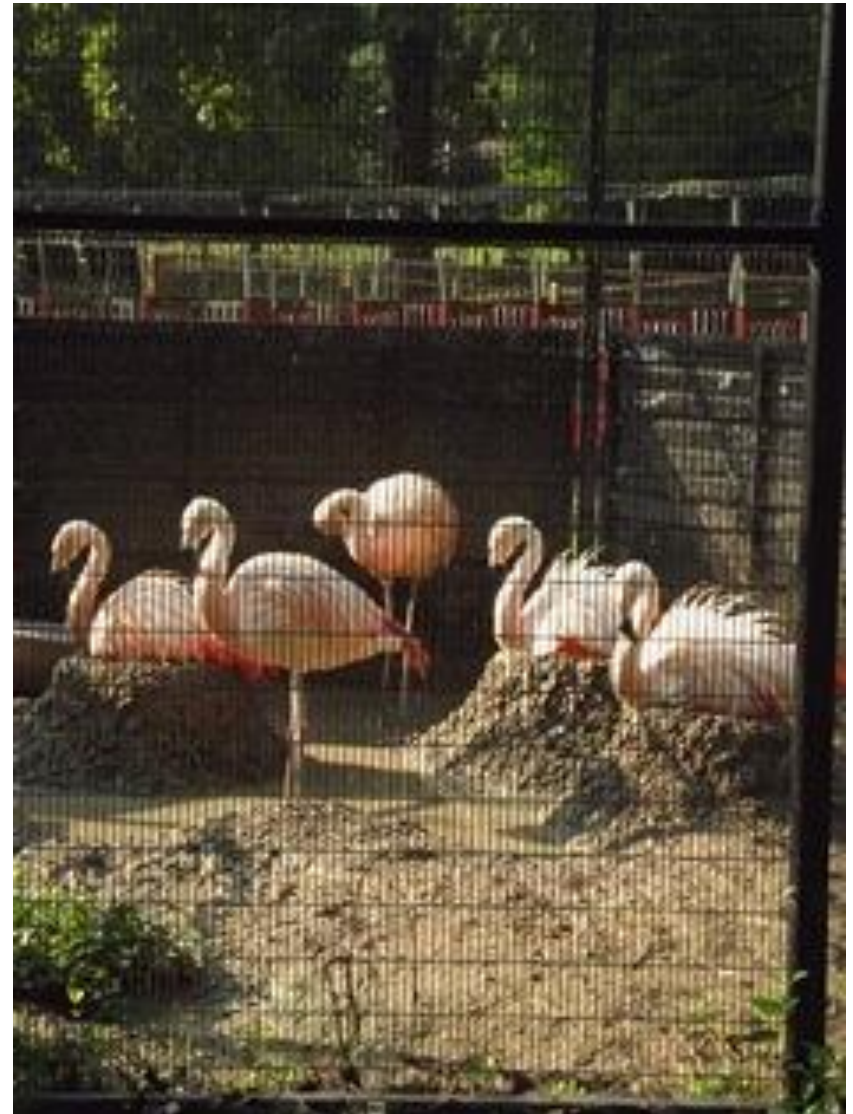
Mid-June: Birds in aviary overnight.

June 20-Spending a lot of time in the aviary protecting the nests.



July 8 – Egg found in aviary, but not on a nest.
Egg was broken.

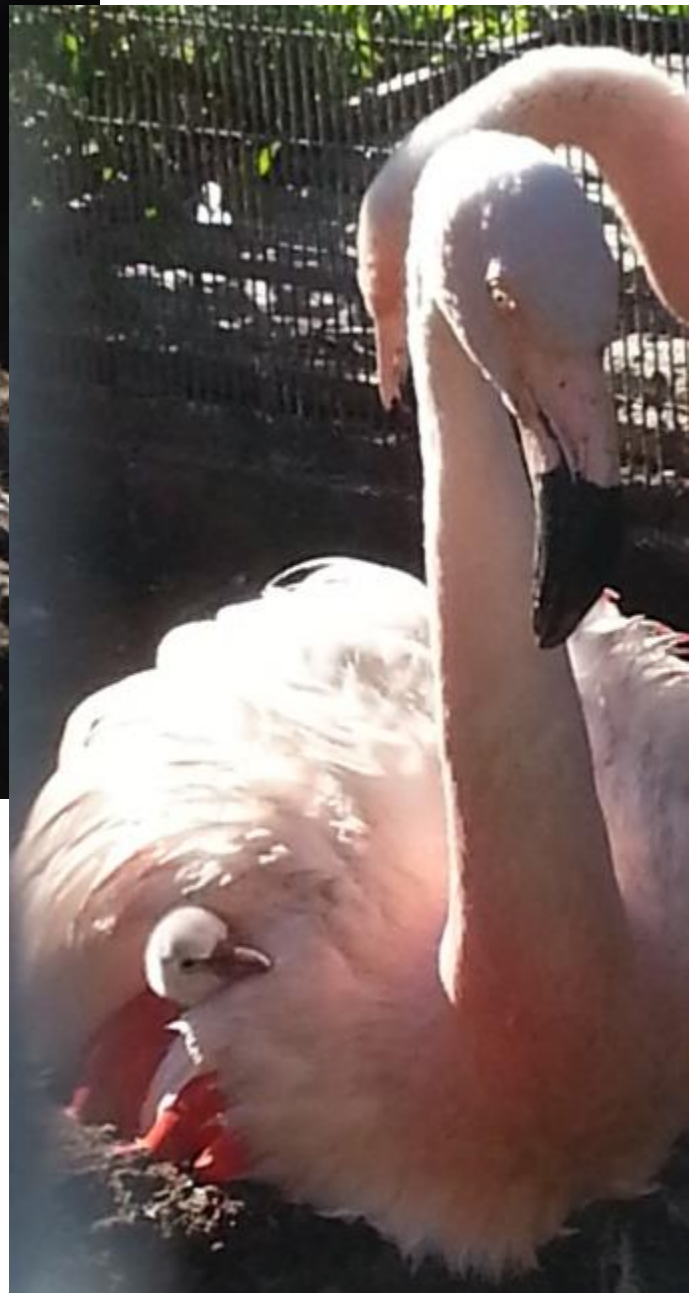
July 15- Egg found out on exhibit. Keepers put
it under a sitting pair. Three pairs had
established nests and were sitting.



Our flock laid and incubated 3 infertile eggs.

The infertile eggs were replaced with fertile eggs donated by the Oklahoma City Zoo.





All three eggs
hatched under our 3
pairs. Our birds were
excellent foster
parents!!

















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