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A royal hatching at the zoo: a princess parrot

WHAT: As the world eagerly awaits the royal wedding for Britain's Prince Harry and his bride-to-be Meghan Markle, Woodland Park Zoo announces its own royal event: the hatching of a princess parrot. The press is invited to meet the royal chick behind the scenes on Friday, May 18.

The princess parrot hatched May 14 to mom Jolene and dad Ollie and is the first offspring for the parents. The parents live in the zoo's Willawong Station but are currently rearing their chick off public view.

A medium-sized bird native to Australia's arid interior, the princess parrot is also known as Princess of Wales parakeet and by other names. The species was named in honor of Princess Alexandra of Denmark who later married Britain's future King Edward VII, the great-great-great-grandfather of Prince Harry. The princess parrot is known for its loving, gentle disposition; its plumage is a striking green with a pink throat, green shoulders and blue rump.



WHEN: Friday, May 18, 1:30–2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Meet PR staff at Woodland Park Zoo's West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin or Otter Lots.

INFO: Woodland Park Zoo's [Willawong Station](#) is a popular walk-through bird feeding experience that transports guests to the world of the Australian parrot and grasslands habitat. The aviary includes approximately 100 free-flying birds, primarily small, colorful Australian parrots. Guests have a fun opportunity to get up close and feed birds in a controlled, safe environment while learning about responsible care for birds both in the wild and at home.

The princess parrot is listed as near threatened under the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List of Threatened Species. Threats may include a wide range of habitat changes and the introduction of predators such as cats and red foxes.

Spring/summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 35 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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