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## ZOO SEEKS VOLUNTEER ARTISTS TO HELP SAVE BIRDS

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo is looking for a few volunteer artists to help reduce the risk birds flying into animal exhibit windows.

“Birds can’t see glass, so they can fly into windows and sometimes they are seriously injured or die,” said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo’s executive director. “Our mission is to help animals, so we want to put up bird tape to help prevent bird strikes, but we also want something our visitors will find interesting, so they will want to learn more about protecting birds at home.”

The Zoo plans to use bird tape spaced 2 inches apart vertically and 4 inches apart horizontally. Volunteer artists can showcase their talent by creating engaging designs using this medium and help protect local birds at the same time. Potential volunteer artists should send their contact information and a brief resume or bio to [thevirginiazoo@gmail.com](mailto:thevirginiazoo@gmail.com) by Monday, Sept. 30, 2013 to apply.

Candidates’ information will be reviewed and finalists will be contacted for an interview.

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*As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 62 and over) and \$9 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 admitted free! Visit [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*