

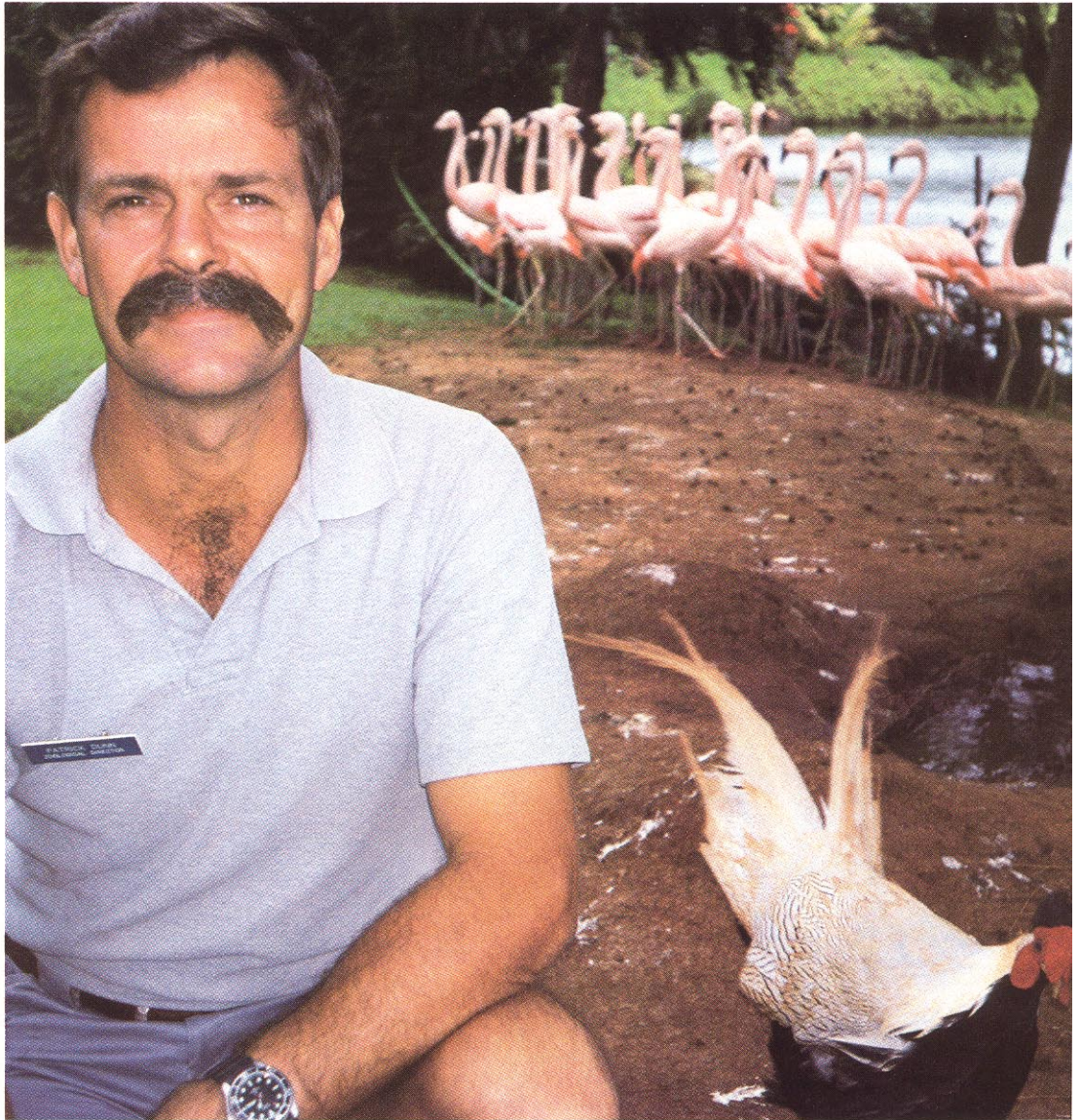
# Zoo Lagoon

**M**aybe Patrick Dunn can't save the world, but he's doing his best to save the animals. As zoological director at the Kaua'i Lagoons Zoological Gardens on the grounds of the Westin Kaua'i, Dunn heads a one-of-a-kind wildlife program dedicated to protecting rare and endangered animals.

The animal roster reads like a United Nations role call. There's Prince, an Australian red kangaroo; Betty, a ceriopsis goose from Tasmania, who grunts like a pig in greeting; and Malamallama, the baby Chilean llama. The warm Hawaiian weather has caused Bebe and Baba, two of the colobus monkeys, to shed some of their luxurious black and white coats, so useful for keeping off the rains of Mount Kilimanjaro. All told, 57 species are represented on the lagoon's seven islands.

Dunn runs the nearly 50-acre lagoon with two assistants, Lynn Sheldon and Karen Abbriano, who have been with him since the 1987 opening, and his wife Mary. It was Mary Dunn who first pitched the wildlife program to Westin developer Chris Hemmeter and son Mark. "Initially, the community was a little leery of the project," says Patrick Dunn. The worries that the animals would escape and pose a danger to the area turned out to be unfounded. Dunn estimates that some 13,000 kids have toured the lagoon in the last four years. While admission is charged for boat tours, people can sit and view the lagoon from its banks for free. "It's here for everybody."

For Dunn, perhaps the lagoon's most meaningful achievement has been the return of the nēnē goose, the koloa duck and the Hawaiian coot and stilt—all endangered native species. The nēnē population on the lagoons has grown from five to 78. Says Dunn, "When those 78 birds come flying in early in the morning, it's like no other sight you've ever seen."



## Wildlife At Kauai Lagoons

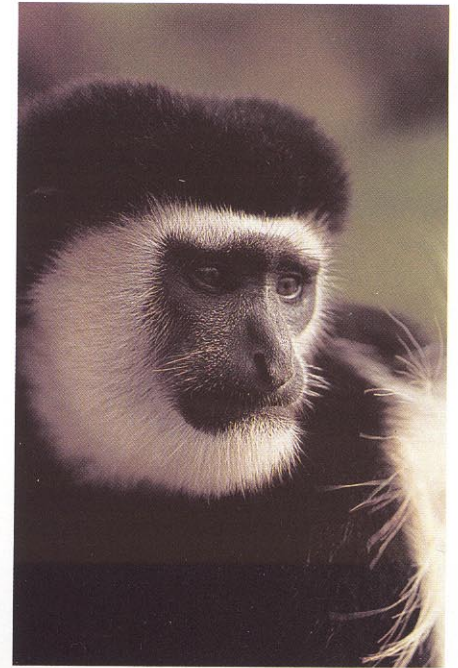
How much does a baby dama gazelle weigh? Or how about a baby llama . . . or baby wallaby? Our Zoological Manager Patrick Dunn can tell you. The captive breeding program offers a wild experience, but it does even more. Over 8,000 children from the schools on Kauai have visited the wild animals that live on the islands.

We join zoos from the U.S. in their quest to preserve endangered species from around the world. Our animals, born in captivity in the U.S., have lived

on their island homes since just a few months after birth. Because moated zoos like ours are so safe for the animals, many of our young friends are now giving birth (or hatching eggs).

"It can take years for an animal or bird to become comfortable enough to breed in zoos, if ever," says Patrick. "Our wildlife are breeding much sooner than we ever expected."

Come see the baby swans of all kinds, African crown cranes, tiny wallabies, the gazelle offspring and . . . if we're lucky . . . the baby colobus monkeys expected soon.



### Special Rate & Fun For The Whole Family

The Westin Kauai is offering a special, new rate of \$159 per room, single or double occupancy. From March 1 through December 26, 1991, this special discounted rate is available AND includes daily spa admission for two to our famous European Spa and Wellness Center!

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Make your reservations early for the special \$159 rate because rooms are on a space available basis . . . and you don't want to miss out on all the fun in the sun.

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1990 Top 20 Tropical Resorts

**Golf Magazine:**

1990 Gold Medal Resort

**Tennis Industry Magazine:**

1990 Top 10 Court of the Year

**Life Insurance Marketing Research Association:**

1990 Most Popular Facility

**Meetings & Conventions Magazine:**

1990 Gold Key Award

**Successful Meetings Magazine:**

1990 Pinnacle Award

**Wine Spectator:**

1990 Award of Excellence, Inn on the Cliffs Restaurant

