

## An Update on the Front Entrance Renovations

By Dr. Ian Walker  
Principal Curator, BAMZ

Construction of our new front entrance and gift store is well underway and due to be completed in June. This is the last phase of our major construction for the foreseeable future which will complete the renovation of the aquarium hall and provide members and visitors with a much more friendly and open reception area.

Guests will enter into an open lobby with hanging art work from the vaulted ceiling. On either side, our gift store will be easily accessible without having to enter the facility and will have an expanded line of merchandise, including our much sought after book collection and science toys.

Overall this will create a better visitor experience and first impression than the dated corridor that existed before. It will introduce the visitor to our mission and strong conservation and education programmes right at the entrance and then guide them into the aquarium properly.

I want to take this opportunity to truly thank our membership for supporting us while we have made these much needed updates to the facility. I know the construction timeframe has been long, but the end result will be a much better facility that will provide an excellent window into our natural world.

## Unusual encounter in the Sargasso Sea

By Dr. Robbie Smith,  
Curator, Natural History Museum, BAMZ

I was out looking for Sargassum in mid-February, on our one calm day that month, as I am trying to describe the patterns of abundance of animals living in or on Sargassum and how they vary by season and between years. I was accompanied by a visiting graduate student, Jennifer Choyce from the University College-London. We were about 5 miles SSE off St David's when we saw a whale at 10 AM. We got close enough to it, about 30m away, for about 5 minutes and determined it was a sperm whale! We knew this from observing the forward direction of the blow, a long head with a slight bulb at the front, and the shape and position of the dorsal fin. It flipped its tail and dove down and I noted the location. Sperm whales will dive very deep in search of prey, hunting large squids and fishes at depths of up to 1000m (3300 ft) for over an hour. The depth of the bottom where the whale was spotted was about 1500m.

We continued looking for Sargassum but circled back toward this site about an hour later, hoping the whale would re-surface in the general area. Well, we spotted two sperm whales on the surface about 1 mile closer to Bermuda from the first sighting! We estimate they were about 10m long. The whales were on the surface for about 15 minutes and then dove down together. I think it was quite likely we had seen one of these whales at our first sighting.

When we returned to BAMZ I consulted with Andrew Stevenson of Whales Bermuda and he confirmed that sperm whale sightings are quite rare around Bermuda, only 3-4 over the past decade. In fact, Andrew and BZS educator Camilla Stringer had only been 2-3 miles away from us earlier in the day, searching along the South Shore looking for humpback whales,



(Above) Sperm whale swimming toward the island. The small dorsal fin is closest and a faint puff of exhaled spray is seen at the head • Photo by J. Choyce  
(Below) Two sperm whales off St David's.  
• Photo Credit: R. Smith



which tend to stay closer to the reef edge.

I shared this recent sighting with my colleagues and Dr. Mark Outerbridge of the Department of Conservation Services says that these sightings are valuable and will be included in Bermuda's next report to the Convention on Migratory Species, which is the U.N. treaty that focuses on the conservation of migratory wildlife. I was very lucky to have seen sperm whales once before in 2012, about 50 miles SW of Bermuda, on a *Spirit of Bermuda* cruise to collect Sargassum and observe seabirds with Dr. David Wingate. It was David who taught me how to identify a sperm whale. On that occasion we observed a pod of about 15 whales.

Ms. Choyce is in Bermuda to study Sargassum with me and is supported in part by the Bermuda Zoological Society. She said that "...although it was disappointing to not be able to collect fresh Sargassum, seeing sperm whales for the first time fulfilled an experience high on my bucket list!"

## Membership Corner

As a BZS Member you give, you help, you preserve, you sustain, you receive, and ultimately you MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE and we thank you.

**YOU GIVE...** and your Membership support makes it possible for us to provide critical environmental educational opportunities for thousands of Bermuda's young people every year.

**YOU HELP...** to preserve our beautiful island home and the wonderful creatures and wildlife within it.

**YOU PRESERVE...** the legacy of our island, our youth, and our future.

**YOU SUSTAIN...** our excellent education programmes and our many critical conservation projects.

**YOU RECEIVE...** wonderful benefits such as free admission to BAMZ and great discounts on many fabulous activities and events.

**THANK YOU** for all that you do! Be proud of all that you accomplish through your Membership support!

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# Trunk Island: Progress report

*"With the decision by the Bermuda Zoological Society to purchase the land holding on Trunk island and its pre-existing one third ownership of the rest of the island together with the in-principle support of the Gardner family which owns the other two thirds interest, the Society is now in a position to take advantage of Trunk Island's convenient proximity to BAMZ and to realize its potential as an Educational Outreach and Conservation training centre.*

*I was alerted to the extraordinary potential of Trunk Island for this purpose when I was invited by BZS to carry out a comprehensive biological survey. Trunk Island has great potential for restoration as another living museum nature reserve along the lines of Nonsuch Island by virtue of its exceptional isolation from mainland Bermuda and its manageable size." – Dr. David Wingate, OBE, Ornithologist, Naturalist, Conservationist, Bermuda Government Conservation Officer (retired).*

Since the Bermuda Zoological Society acquired 2.2 acres of Trunk Island, in April 2015, we have been making steady progress towards the long term sustainability of the island creating a "Living Classroom" for educational and research programmes.


To date we have raised \$3.3 million, thanks to generous contributions from our leadership donors: Stempel Foundation and Family, Axis, Butterfield Family, Bank of Bermuda Foundation, XL Foundation, Steinhoff Family, Smith Family, OIL Management Services, and of course many more corporate and individual supporters.

• TRUNK ISLAND (PURCHASE AND FACILITY RENOVATIONS OF THE PROPERTY, ACQUISITION OF A PASSENGER VESSEL, AND OPERATION COSTS FOR THE FIRST 5 YEARS)	2 MILLION
• 5-YEAR SUPPORT TO MEET EXISTING ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS FOR EDUCATION	1 MILLION
<b>Endowments</b>	
• TO SECURE OUR FUTURE TRUNK ISLAND COSTS INCLUDING THE BUILDING, VESSEL AND RESTORATION	1 MILLION
• ENHANCE THE EXISTING EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TO ENSURE PERPETUAL ACCESS TO OUR FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	1 MILLION

Thus far the BZS has been able to offer educational experiences on Trunk Island, including Aqua Camps to explore and learn about habitats and invasive species, Junior Volunteer camps, field trips, and corporate volunteer days to cull invasive plants.

The opportunities for Bermuda's youth to be immersed in marine and terrestrial habitats are endless. We have plans to develop a year-round field station for classes on habitats and restorative work. And the island can be used for weekend WILD Encounters, snorkeling, kayaking and paddleboarding, summer camps and as a hub for conservation and environmental education.





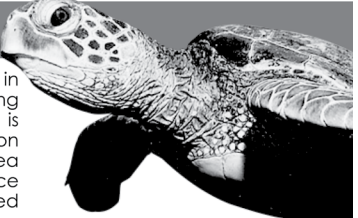
## BERMUDA'S SEA TURTLES:

### THE ISLAND'S ROLE IN GLOBAL SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION

Presented by Jennifer Gray, The Bermuda Turtle Project Coordinator

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD, 2016 AT 7PM**

Sea turtles and the Bermuda Turtle Project play an important role in global sea turtle conservation. Join us to learn about the fascinating life history of these endangered species and how Bermuda is contributing to their conservation through research, rehabilitation and education. Hear about the most recent discoveries, from sea turtle nesting in Bermuda and thriving in our ocean, to long distance migrations that track our animals to distant shores. This illustrated presentation is sure to inspire you.



Open to the public. Space is limited. Please visit our website to register online to attend.

ENTRY TO LECTURES IS FREE A DONATION OF \$5 IS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LISA GREENE AT ELGREENE@BL.BM OR CALL (441) 293-2727 EXT. 2138
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# 2016 Youth Conference: “Managing the Environmental Impact of AC-35”

“Managing the Environmental Impact of AC-35” – that’s the theme of the eighth biennial Bermuda Zoological Society (BZS) Environmental Youth Conference held at the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo.

Sixty M3-S4 student delegates and their teachers have been selected from the island’s public and private schools to attend the two-day conference on March 14 and 15. The Ernest E. Stempel Foundation has dedicated funds since 2000 to ensure this important educational conference is available to Bermuda’s students. The Foundation’s support allows BZS to inspire, equip and connect young people to our environment and challenges them to think bigger and differently about what is possible in our community.

Strategic partnerships within the America’s Cup community, in particular 11th Hour Racing, a programme of The Schmidt Family Foundation, use the conference platform to promote environmental sustainability throughout AC-35 racing by spreading awareness to Bermuda’s students and providing solutions to keep our fragile marine environment healthy. The students have the unique opportunity to meet

and interact with members of the America’s Cup teams locally and use Skype for online student conferencing with Land Rover BAR’s Sustainability Manager Dr Susie Tomson based in the U.K. Additionally, the ACEA Endeavor group is helping to coordinate the conference and will guide the students when they draft their own version of an event village.

Students learn about the enormity of hosting an event like the America’s Cup, the challenges that must be addressed in order to prevent it from having a detrimental effect on Bermuda’s fragile environment, and the solutions that are being proposed. During the opening session, local and overseas experts speak about Bermuda’s rich history of sailing and racing, the history of the America’s Cup, and why such enormous events need to be sustainable. They then rotate through a number of break-out sessions covering such topics as the event’s environmental impact assessment, trash and transportation management for the event, the critical species and habitats of the Great Sound that must be protected, and the guidelines for sustainable regattas that all participants must follow.

Students participate in a variety of workshops including conducting ecological monitoring of the Great Sound from the BZS floating classroom Endurance, tour relevant sailing and boat building exhibits at the National Museum, tour Team Oracle’s base and participate in STEAM hands-on activities, and visit the reverse osmosis and sewage treatment plants in Dockyard to understand how these facilities are able to handle the influx of thousands of visitors as well as up to 100 mega yachts. Returning to BAMZ the students work in groups to produce and present their own design for the layout of an event village and the amenities needed. This activity gives students an opportunity to provide their input for making AC-35 a green and sustainable event for Bermuda.

The Conference will be officially opened by Dr. Ian Walker, Principal Curator of BAMZ and Mike Winfield, Chairman & CEO of ACBDA will provide the closing remarks. Keynote speakers are Ms. Jane Downing, Registrar at the National Museum in Dockyard, Mr. Tom Herbert-Evans, Community Sailing Manager for ACEA, and Dr. Susie Tomson, Sustainability Manager for the Land Rover BAR racing team.

## Critter Corner: Tawny Frogmouths

The Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*) is a species of frogmouth native to Australia that is found throughout the Australian mainland and Tasmania. Tawny frogmouths are big-headed stocky birds often mistaken for owls due to their nocturnal habits and similar colouring. They are members of the nightjar family, and are more closely related to kookaburras and kingfishers than to owls.

For 14 years Kermit was the only Tawny Frogmouth at the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo. He had never had an opportunity to breed, and as such his genetics were considered to be very rare. In 2011 BAMZ received a second Frogmouth, a female named Duane and she was sent to BAMZ as part of a breeding recommendation.

Tawny frogmouths form partnerships for life and once established, pairs will usually stay in the same territory for a decade or more. Establishing and maintaining physical contact is an integral part of the lifelong bond.

Last year, over a period of 3 months a handful of eggs were laid and from those clutches 3 chicks were successfully hand-reared. In December of last year, during their regular health check, the gender of the chicks was determined and

we now know that we have two females and one male.

As a member of the Associations of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), the information on the new chicks was communicated to the species studbook keeper. “An AZA Studbook dynamically documents the pedigree and entire demographic history of each individual in a population of species. These collective histories are known as the population’s genetic and demographic identity and are invaluable tools that track and manage each individual cared



Tawny Frogmouth chick (above) and Kermit and Dwayne (right) in Australasia Exhibit •  
Photos by M. Smith

for in AZA-Accredited Zoos and Aquariums, Certified Related Facilities and by Sustainability Partners as part of a single ex situ population.”<sup>1</sup>

We are happy to report that through the recommendation of the AZA studbook keeper, all 3 of our chicks will be finding new homes in recommended institutions throughout North America. Additionally, it has also been recommended that Kermit and Dwayne breed again.



<sup>1</sup> “Studbooks”, Association of Zoos & Aquariums.



BERMUDA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2016 ZOOM



AROUND THE SOUND

Annual 7.2 mile Fun Run/Walk/Ride  
around Harrington Sound  
Start & Finish at the  
Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 9TH, 2016

Entry Fee: \$30  
Register by: Noon, Friday, April 8th

Late Entry Fee: \$35  
Late registration opens at 7:30am on Saturday, April 9th.

Entry Forms available at:  
Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo, online at  
[www.RaceDayWorld.com](http://www.RaceDayWorld.com) or Sportseller, Hamilton

SCHEDULE	Late registration.....	7:30am
	Warm-Up.....	7:45am
	Cyclists' Start.....	8:10am
	Runners' Start.....	8:15am
	Walkers' Start.....	8:30am

For more information call  
(441) 293-2727 ext. 2130  
or email [volunteers.bzs@gov.bm](mailto:volunteers.bzs@gov.bm)  
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Letter from the Gift Shop

I would like to express my thanks to our membership for your ongoing support of the Gift Shop during the last 2 years with all the location changes we have had to accommodate due to the Aquarium Hall and now the Front Entrance/Gift Shop renovations.

*their mind and makes you think "that was money well spent"? As Bermuda's economy is still recovering, is there a price limit that you have when you visit our store?*

*If you have anything you would like to suggest, please send me an email at [Concessions.BZS@gov.bm](mailto:Concessions.BZS@gov.bm).*

*Please include brand names of the products you like as that would make them easier to source.*

Many thanks,  
Lauren Simons  
Concessions Manager

The Shop has developed over the last 11 years, from a general souvenir store to a location for members to purchase gifts and books for their children, family & friends. The new store layout will be in a larger space and will give us the ability to create a "Discovery" style store for hands on learning and exploring, in addition to providing a space to highlight Bermuda made Crafts and Souvenirs for the Bermuda visitor.

*Now I would like to ask for your thoughts. We currently provide books, Science kits, Craft & Activity kits, general Toys and Stuffed Animals.*

*Is there anything that you might have seen in other Discovery Stores, Aquarium Stores, Zoo Gift Stores or online that you think might fit in with our new direction? Is there an item you purchased that your child simply cannot put down (not electronic) that engages*



Example of products we hope to have in the new Gift Shop • Photo from Discovery Store online

RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to return your ticket stubs by  
Wednesday, 30th March, 2016

RAFFLE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2016 AT 7:00PM

If you would like to purchase more tickets, they are available at  
the BZS Gift Shop.

Proceeds to benefit BZS education and  
conservation programmes at BAMZ

STEINHOFF/BZS SCHOLARSHIP  
for Environmental Sciences

The Steinhoff Scholarship is for applicants in the final two years of study for a Bachelor, Master Degree or Doctorate in the Environmental Sciences with an accredited institution. The scholarship will be awarded primarily on candidate interest and commitment in protecting the environment together with financial need and secondarily on academic achievement.

To download an application form, visit  
[www.bermudascholarships.com](http://www.bermudascholarships.com)

Deadline April 30

Email completed applications to [development.bzs@gov.bm](mailto:development.bzs@gov.bm)  
**DO NOT MAIL OR HAND DELIVER**



# A new drift-seed for Bermuda's natural history record

By Lisa Greene, Collections Officer,  
Natural History Museum, BAMZ

This past December, BAMZ staff member Roger "Grassy" Simmons found (and donated to the Natural History Museum!) an unusual drift seed on a South Shore beach. It wasn't one that we'd seen before, so after some careful looking in a book on drift seeds\* and then some internet searching, I identified the seed as *Pangium edule*. This tree is native to the mangrove swamps in Indonesia and is known there as keluak.

I surveyed a few veteran collectors of drift seeds in Bermuda - Bob Patterson, Jennifer

Gray and Judie Clee - none of whom had ever seen this species in Bermuda before. Judie had seen it in Cayman. Subsequent to my inquiries, the identification has been confirmed by Ed Perry, park ranger, and author of "Sea-Beans From The Tropics". Apparently this species is rare as a drift seed. Thank you to Grassy for his keen eye and for donating the seed to the Museum.

\* *World guide to tropical drift seeds and fruits*, author Charles R. Gunn and John V. Dennis - available at the BAMZ Library. Another resource available in the library and online is the *Drift-Seed Newsletter*.



Side view and top view of *Pangium edule* •  
Photo by L. Greene

## Thank you!

We are so pleased that as a BZS Member you are able to enjoy so much! Whether you are a valued Corporate Member, able to enjoy complimentary use of our wonderful Aquarium Hall for an event of your choice, experience a fantastic team building opportunity on Trunk Island with your colleagues, or perhaps pay forwards some of your benefits to deserving local charities. Or a treasured Personal Member, who can enjoy FREE entry to BAMZ 364 days a year, KIDS LOVE BAMZ and as a Member you never have to tell them 'no' when they wish to visit.

DON'T MISS OUT! If you haven't renewed your Membership yet we invite you to do so soon!



## Cedar Forest on Trunk Island

One of the main aims for Trunk Island campaign is to ensure that the island's native flora and fauna is restored and preserved.

The first phase was the eradication of invasive species, such as the Casuarina tree and Chinese fan palm. With many of our corporate sponsors dedicating "Corporate Days of Giving" out on the island to manage this task, we are well on the way to reaching our goal.

The staff of the ACE Group (now CHUBB), went a step further by having the donated time matched by their company so that the funds could be put towards purchasing Bermuda Cedar trees for Trunk Island.

In total, 53 Bermuda Cedars were donated and under the direction of Dr. David Wingate, these staff members and other corporate groups have planted the trees on Trunk Island, which now make up the start to the island's cedar forest.

We would like to thank all of the companies who have donated their time and efforts on Trunk Island. A special thanks to Ariel Re, Argo Re, Amlin, Aon Bermuda, Barcardi International, Commonwealth Re, Merke Sharpe & Dohme, Orbis, XL Catlin and Zurich.

If your company is a corporate member of BZS or ACP and would like to donate a corporate day of giving, please email [volunteers.bzs@gov.bm](mailto:volunteers.bzs@gov.bm) or call (441) 293-2727 ext. 2130.

*Top right: Dr. Ian Walker and ACE staff member placing saplings on the boat to transport out to Trunk Island*  
*Middle right: The staff of ACE planting the sapling Bermuda Cedars • Photos provided by ACE staff member*



**Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo**  
**WINTER 2015-16 --- SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL FEEDINGS OR TALKS**

Animal Feedings or Talks may begin a few minutes late – please be patient with us! Thank you.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekends
9:30am	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool
9:30am	Fossa feeding time in Madagascar		Fossa feeding time in Madagascar	Feeding time for the Binturong Bros!	Feeding time for the Binturong Bros!	
10:00am	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool	Turtle feeding & Talk at the Sea Turtle Pool
10:00am	Feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	
10:45am	Gentle Giants Galapagos Tortoise feeding time	Gentle Giants Galapagos Tortoise feeding time	Gentle Giants Galapagos Tortoise feeding time	Gentle Giants Galapagos Tortoise feeding time	Gentle Giants Galapagos Tortoise feeding time	
11:45am	Feeding time for the Otters in Australasia	Feeding time for the Otters in Australasia	Feeding time for the Otters in Australasia	Feeding time for the Otters in Australasia	Feeding time for the Otters in Australasia	
1:00pm	Meet Karau the Tree Kangaroo in Australasia	Parrot feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Meet Karau the Tree Kangaroo in Australasia	Parrot feeding time at the Small Mammal Building	Meet Karau the Tree Kangaroo in Australasia	
1:30pm	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool
3:00pm				Flamingo Feeding Time!		
4:00pm	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool	Meet the Seals! Seal Talk at the Seal Pool

# Visit the BAMZ Library!

*Curious about Bermuda's natural history?  
 Doing research for a school project?  
 Don't forget the BAMZ/BZS Library!*

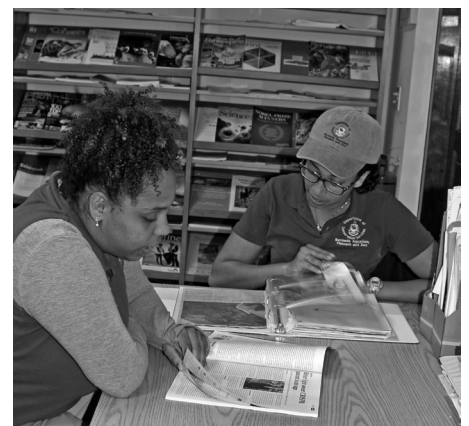
The BAMZ/BZS library is a reference source that is open to the public – teachers and students are especially welcome. If you want to know about native/endemic species, how to encourage bluebirds, make a terrarium, or what plants to grow to attract monarch butterflies, we can help.

As well as our large book collection, there are our ever useful Bermuda binders which are constantly growing and contain information specific to Bermuda's natural history. Much of this information is not available on the internet. Magazines, journals and newsletters explore many areas of natural history, marine biology and science education.

These are just a few examples of what is here. Come in and browse for yourself and encourage your pupils/children to make use of the resources available. Let the librarian show you how to get the most from our on-line tools including our OPAC (On-line Public Access Database) and our Bermuda Bibliography. Subscribe to our Weekly Library Update via e-mail to keep abreast of developments in the field of Conservation/Environment both locally and internationally.

Use of the library is by appointment, so give us a call at 293-2329, Ext. 2125. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Alison Green  
 Librarian  
 Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo  
 email: [agreen@gov.bm](mailto:agreen@gov.bm)  
 Opening hours:  
 Mon-Thurs – 8am-4pm  
 Friday – By appointment*



## BUNNY HOP between Trunk Island and BAMZ

SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH  
 SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH

PRICE: \$20 PER PERSON

The adventure begins at BAMZ!

Upon registration you will be given a shuttle time for your boat trip out to Trunk Island. While you wait for your turn to search for eggs on the island, roam the BAMZ facility and participate in the different crafts and activities and even hear interesting facts about eggs!

Registration form and further information to follow  
 via eAlerts and on our website, [www.bzs.bm](http://www.bzs.bm)

For more information, please contact Dr. Alex Amat at  
[activities.bzs@gov.bm](mailto:activities.bzs@gov.bm) or call (441) 293-2727 ext. 2133

### KID'S CORNER

#### Animals at BAMZ

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 BARRACUDA  
 LEMUR  
 BOA CONSTRICTOR  
 OTTER  
 WALLABY  
 ALLIGATOR  
 TORTOISE  
 CHAMELEON



# Colin Brown – The Volunteer Extraordinaire

Saturday, 5th December, 2015 was National Volunteer Day in Bermuda, which coincided with the UN's International Volunteer Day.

International Volunteer Day was established by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly through Resolution 40/212 on 17 December 1985. Since then, governments, the UN system and civil society organizations have successfully joined volunteers around the world to celebrate the Day on 5 December.

The Centre on Philanthropy marks this occasion annually by hosting its Volunteer Recognition Reception. This special event allows non-profit members of The Centre on Philanthropy to each nominate one adult and one youth "outstanding volunteer for the year" and honour their contributions through an awards ceremony and cocktail reception.

At the 10th Annual Volunteer Recognition reception, which was held at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess on January 29th, 2016, Colin Brown was recognised as 2015 Bermuda Zoological Society Volunteer of the Year.

Colin is our volunteer project manager for Trunk Island the Bermuda Zoological



Acting Governor Mr. David Arkley, Colin Brown and The Hon. Premier Michael Dunkley • Photo from Centre on Philanthropy Facebook page

Society's "Living Classroom". He has been the driving force behind the rehabilitation working alongside David Wingate and many other members of the community he can muster up. Over the past year, Colin has volunteered well over 350 hours directing our corporate volunteers as well as planning and participating in our Weekend Warrior work parties. Colin lives and breathes Trunk Island and can be found most weekends planning the next steps to bringing the island back to its original natural state. We are honoured to have such a devoted volunteer driving this project.

# WHALE WATCHING TOURS

**Whale Watching with The  
Bermuda Zoological Society and  
The Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo is  
a must!**

BZS and BAMZ are the founders of Whale Watching in Bermuda and we invite you to join us on board the *Endurance* for an unforgettable experience on the open ocean. We offer an up close experience with the migrating Humpback whales in the crystal clear waters of Bermuda. With our Captain and Guides' many years of experience, you will learn about the history of whales in Bermuda and be amazed with the information on the migration of these majestic ocean dwellers. By choosing to join one of our tours you are directly assisting our Education Department in its mission to "inspire appreciation and care of our island environments".

BZS members receive discounted pricing!

**MARCH DATES:** 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th,  
14th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 26th,  
27th, 28th, 31st

**APRIL DATES:** 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th,  
11th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th, 25th,  
28th, 30th

**MAY DATE:** 1st

**COST:** BZS Members: \$70 Per Adult, \$50 Per Child Under 12 Years + \$5 Non-Refundable Admin Fee

**COST:** Non-Members: \$85 Per Adult, \$70 Per Child Under 12 Years + \$5 Non-Refundable Admin Fee

**DURATION:** 6 Hours \*\*Tour length may vary depending on the location and activity level of the whales

**OPERATES:** March 7th - May 1st

**CHECK IN:** Flatt's Village, Dock across the street from the Aquarium; 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time

**INCLUDES:** Experienced and professional crew

**EXCLUDES:** Food; Beverages; Gratuities for the crew

**RESTRICTIONS:** Those prone to seasickness are advised to take preventative measures

For more information, contact Captain Nigel Pollard at [endurance.bzs@gov.bm](mailto:endurance.bzs@gov.bm) or call (441) 293-2727 ext. 2151




**BERMUDA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
SUPPORT CHARITY FOR BERMUDA AQUARIUM, MUSEUM & ZOO

# BERMUDA IN SPRINGTIME

SPRING CAMP  
28th MARCH - 1st APRIL  
Ages: P1-P4

Our Spring Camp is a five-day camp - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(early drop-off 8:30 a.m., pick-up by 3:15 p.m.)

After camp care is available until 5:00 p.m., pick-up by 5:20 p.m.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, 11th March 2016**

Applications are processed on a first come first served basis.

**Camp fee until 3:00 \$205 per child**  
**After Camp fee \$70 for the week**  
**total until 5:00 = \$275**

*Holiday Camps are available only to members of the Bermuda Zoological Society (BZS) or the Atlantic Conservation Partnership (ACP). Memberships may be purchased at time of application*