JURONG BIRD PARK

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**urong Bird Park** ([Chinese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_language): 裕廊飞禽公园; [Malay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_language): *Taman Burung Jurong*; [Tamil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_language): ஜுரோங் பறவை பூங்கா), is a [tourist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourist) attraction in [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore) managed by [Wildlife Reserves Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wildlife_Reserves_Singapore). It is a [landscaped](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landscape_architecture) park, built on the western slope of[Jurong Hill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurong_Hill). It is located within the [Boon Lay Planning Area](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boon_Lay) of the [Jurong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurong) district and has an area of 202,000 square metres (50 acres).

The idea of a permanent bird exhibit was first conceived by late Dr [Goh Keng Swee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goh_Keng_Swee), then Minister for Finance, in 1968. During a [World Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Bank) Meeting in [Rio de Janeiro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rio_de_Janeiro), Dr Goh visited its [zoological garden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zoological_garden) and was impressed with its free-flight[aviary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aviary). He sought to see that Jurong would be more than an industrial zone that Singaporeans would have a place where they could escape from urban life, where people could relax with nature. On 3 January 1971, Jurong Bird Park, built at a cost of [S$](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_dollar)3.5 million, was opened to the public.

Jurong Bird Park is now a world-famous bird zoo where there are specimens of magnificent bird life from around the world, including a large flock of [flamingos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flamingo). It is currently the world's largest bird park in terms of number of birds, and second largest both in number of bird [species](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Species) and land area (after Germany's [Weltvogelpark Walsrode](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weltvogelpark_Walsrode)). There are 5,000 birds of 380 species in Jurong Bird Park. Of these, 29 are of [threatened species](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Threatened_species).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurong_Bird_Park#cite_note-Park_Experience-1)

In 2006, Jurong Bird Park completed its S$10-million makeover. With the upgrading, the park now boasts a new entrance [plaza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plaza), a park-owned and managed *Bongo Burgers* restaurant, a [Ben & Jerry's](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_%26_Jerry%27s) [ice cream](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_cream) [parlour](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parlour), a [gift shop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gift_shop) and a bird hospital.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurong_Bird_Park#cite_note-2)

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