



MEDIA ALERT

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GIRAFFE CALF SIGHTINGS

Look for a glimpse as the Zoo's tallest baby explores her exhibit

WHO: Rumors of a 6-foot-tall baby might not be so far-fetched, provided they're associated with Zoo Atlanta. The Zoo's newest giraffe calf has begun entering her African Plains exhibit, and lucky guests may be treated to sightings as she explores her surroundings.

WHAT: Born to first-time mother Mona on July 22, 2011, the calf was recently introduced to her aunt, Glenda, and her half sister, 1-year-old Zuri. She will have opportunities to bond with her family as a herd before meeting her habitat's other animal residents, among them zebras, crowned cranes and ostrich.

Shoppers still have five days left to enter to win the right to name the calf through an extraordinary offer now running on Groupon.com. The \$10 purchase includes one entry and one general admission to the Zoo. The deal ends August 10; visit zooatlanta.org for details.

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ABOUT: **About Zoo Atlanta**
An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong, opened on April 1. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home: Lun Lun's newest cub, Po, born November 3, 2010, made his public debut

in spring 2011. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zooatlanta.org.

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