

BRODIECLUB
ANNUAL FIELD DAY

The annual field day was held June 11, 2000 at the Toronto Zoo at the invitation of member Bill Rapley, executive director of biology and conservation.

GUESTS:

14 members and 18 guests

Ed and Barbara Welch, guests of Fred Bodsworth;

Jill Cameron-Huff, Addy, Carter and Sally, guests of Don Huff;

Isabel Boardman and Jeff and Yolanda Stewart, guests of Claire Muller;

Julia Riley, guests of John Riley;

Eleonora Bertin, Heather Anne Campbell, Peter Auckenthaler, Alice, Janet and Barry Blackwell,
guests of Oliver Bertin;

Jeff Stewart and Yolanda Van Grootel

Rapley and his staff offered a fascinating, 6.5-hour tour of the behind-the-scenes workings of the zoo. Members were escorted through the workshops, graphics and machine shops, the nutrition and horticultural centres and the animal hospital.

The members were offered a tour of the zoo on a zoomobile, and a chilly picnic lunch in the Simba Safari Lodge overlooking the rhinoceros habitat. That was followed by a walk in the pouring rain through the Africa, Indo-Malaya and Malayan Woods Pavilions, and the Conservation Connection Centre. The highlights of the afternoon included a peek inside the elephant house, the staff preparation areas underneath the Africa Pavilion, the construction project that will soon become the Gorilla Rainforest Exhibit and a behind-the-scenes look at the tropical fish exhibit before returning to the administration building for a warming coffee.

Following the tour, Bill Carrick offered Rapley \$300 to help with the zoo's work. The funds included \$200 in member donations collected that day and \$100 from club funds.