

PATRICK JONES MEMORIAL-CHATTANOOGA ZOO CONSERVATION AWARD



2019 Award Winner: Guillermo Cubillos, Zoológico Nacional de Chile

[Zoo Conservation Outreach Group \(ZCOG\)](#) and the [Chattanooga Zoo](#) are pleased to announce **Guillermo Cubillos**, Director of Conservation and Science at the Zoológico Nacional de Chile and Principal Investigator of the [Chilean Flamingo Conservation Monitoring Program](#), as the 2019 recipient of the **Patrick Jones Memorial-Chattanooga Zoo Conservation Award**. Guillermo holds a Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from the Universidad Católica del Norte in Coquimbo, Chile, a Master's degree in Forestry and Conservation from the Universidad de Chile, and advanced training in population management and GIS-remote sensing applications from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and Smithsonian Institution, respectively. In 2018, he received ZCOG's Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award for his ongoing conservation research work with flamingo populations in Chile's northern Andean highlands.



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In 2017, Guillermo, his Conservation Department staff from the Zoológico Nacional, and partners from Chile's Corporación Nacional Forestal (CONAF), began capturing and applying satellite transmitters to Chilean, Andean, and James's flamingos in northern Chile—and data obtained from the monitoring is already yielding important findings on flamingo movement and habitat use patterns in the region.

On Saturday, September 7, 2019, Guillermo will give a presentation on the Chilean Flamingo Conservation Monitoring Program, and discuss features of the Zoológico Nacional's new Andean condor and Short-tailed chinchilla conservation efforts in Chile. The talk will take place during the Open Session of the ZCOG Board of Directors meeting, which takes place between 9:00AM-10:30AM in room #345 of the Ernest Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.

ABOUT THE AWARD:

ZCOG and the Friends of the Chattanooga Zoo established the [Patrick Jones Memorial-Chattanooga Zoo Conservation Award](#) in 1999. The award recognizes excellence in wildlife conservation efforts in the Americas, while honoring the memory of Patrick Jones, a longtime friend and volunteer of the Chattanooga Zoo. Award recipients receive round trip airfare, hotel, and registration to attend the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Annual Conference, where they present the results of their research and conservation efforts, and network with members of the global zoo and aquarium community.

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