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The Progression of a Forest

In conjunction with the opening of the Slawson Family Tiger Trek, the existing Asian Forest received a well-deserved renovation. The Horticulture department spent countless hours on rockwork, planting, and landscaping to give the exhibit a fresh new look.

As you enter the forest you will hear the chatter of several different species of birds. You will be able to see demoiselle cranes, white storks, bar-headed geese, ruddy shelducks, and many other species of waterfowl scurrying about.

The Asian Forest is also home to the Indian muntjac. Sedgwick County Zoo currently has two of this small Asian deer species roaming within the confines of the exhibit. Ed and Annie can be quite stealthy at times and hard to find. Occasionally though, you will find them exploring and bounding around their newly updated home.

Lastly, it's a pig...it's an anteater...no, it's a tapir! The Malayan tapir is one of the species at the Zoo that gets several confused looks from admiring guests. We currently have two tapirs, Ally and Binny, in the Asian Forest. Since tapirs are very fond of water, you will probably see them spending quite a bit of time cooling off and swimming around in their exhibit's water feature. Usually if they're not in the water, they are enjoying a good nap in the shade.

So on your next trip out, be sure to stop by and enjoy the new look of the Asian Forest. Whether you take a leisurely stroll or want to sit and relax awhile, just enjoy immersing yourself in a little part of Asia.

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