

Utica Zoo Exhibit Named One of the 'Most Interesting' to Watch Live

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The zoo uses EarthCam's service to provide the live feed of the exhibit on its website. Each year, EarthCam awards the Top 25 Most Interesting Web Cameras.

Photo courtesy of Utica Zoo

"Our Cotton Top Tamarin and Rhinoceros Iguana camera has been a huge hit since the day we turned it on and winning this award in our first year is simply outstanding," said Utica Zoo Marketing Coordinator Mark Simon. "We were fortunate enough to win this camera system and hosting for five years, and now we are able to tell our story to people all over the world and share our animals with people who may never get the opportunity to see these magnificent species."

Simon says people seem interested in tuning in to the livestream because this species of tamarin is endangered.

"Cotton Top Tamarins are critically endangered and to have people contact us from countries all over the world and ask questions about them is really quite surreal. To be voted as one of the Top 25 out of thousands of cameras all over the world is truly a great honor and we are just thrilled to receive this award," he said.

The zoo has dedicated this award to Brutus, a cotton-top tamarin who passed away earlier this week. Brutus' mate, Dharma, and their two offspring, Tom and Sawyer remain in the exhibit. Two rhinoceros iguanas, Stubby and Blackfoot, are also featured in the exhibit shown on the livestream.

According to EarthCam, a panel of judges selected the top 25 winners from thousands of cameras across the world.