

Arabian Oryx at Phoenix

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The group of Arabian oryx above, at the Phoenix Zoo in Arizona, is part of the herd established by Operation Oryx, which now numbers 32. Because this herd has a preponderance of males and the Los Angeles Zoo's smaller herd an even greater preponderance of females, the two zoos have made an exchange; a Phoenix male (belonging to the FPS) has gone to Los Angeles in exchange for one of their females. It is hoped that this will improve the breeding in both herds as well as being a useful precaution. The photograph below shows Lord Willingdon, FPS President, and Lady Willingdon (centre) on their visit to the Los Angeles Zoo, with Mrs Max Jamison, President of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, when the exchange was discussed. The Arizona Zoological Society has recently published a well illustrated Bulletin (No.2) by Frank J. Turkowski and Gene C. Mahoney, on the history, management and behaviour of the herd (PO Box 5155, Phoenix, Arizona 85010,\$1.14 including postage.

