The strong relationship between the Australian Army and the Territory Wildlife Park was on display today with the unveiling of the new bird release box racking system.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price, said the racks will assist keepers with the bird shows.

“The bird show is extremely popular with visitors to the park, and this new rack will free up the keepers to allow for a more fluid show with more relaxed birds,” Mrs Price said.

“The 1st Aviation Regiment did a great job building the new bird rack that can accommodate all the birds used during the shows, including sea eagles, ospreys and kites.

“More than 60,000 people visit Territory Wildlife Park annually with the twice daily Top End Birds of Prey demonstration at the Flight Deck one of the more popular activities.”

The local Member for Daly, Gary Higgins, said the racks are a demonstration of the longstanding partnership between the Territory Wildlife Park and the Army.

“The Wildlife Park and the Defence Force formed a partnership in the early 90s, and it’s great to see that relationship on display today,” Mr Higgins said.

“The talented keepers at the park assist with training the Army’s animal mascots, including the Wedge-tail eagle, Courage, and their Peregrine Falcon, Penny.

“It’s great to see the Giles Government working hard to ensure our parks offer a wonderful experience for everyone, and the enhancement of popular displays such as the bird show will help attract more visitors to the great electorate of Daly and the Territory.”

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