



Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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At our next meeting....

Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Bill Grossi—Birding in Peru

Bill Grossi is a wildlife biologist with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the Arizona State Office. He will show photos and discuss his birding trip to Northern Peru in September of 2005.



Bill Grossi

Bill has worked for BLM for almost 29 years, spending time at Las Cruces, NM, Carson City, NV, Hanksville, UT, Milwaukee, WI, and Yuma, AZ. He graduated from New Mexico State University in 1975, and began birding earnestly in 1978.

This is a program that you don't want to miss. Peru is a land of surprises when it comes to different types of terrain that includes the Andes, the Amazon, Cactus-Prosopis desert, all types of forests and the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

The Sonoran Audubon Society board meeting convened at 7 p.m. on March 7, 2007. The attendees were board members Bob McCormick, Karen LaFrance, Anne Durning, Chuck and Loretta Richards, Dick Fogle, Suzanne Cash, and George Wall and Daniela Yellan. Chuck Kangas, Tice Supplee and Rich Schooler were also present.

1. After approving the minutes, the first order of business were the committee reports.

A. **Membership:** It was reported that we have 670 current members, 170 Web viewers, 38 receive newsletters by mail, 117 Friends but 76 of these have expired. An e-mail or letter was sent to the ones whose memberships have expired.

B. **Conservation:** Tice Supplee was in Washington, D.C., meeting with congressional representatives on Teaming for Wildlife funding. Tice is also going to make a presentation to Game and Fish Commission on the Bald Eagle.

C. **Education and Outreach:** A committee has been formed consisting of Barbara Barnes, Eleanor Campbell, Tim Cullison, Dick Fogle, Olin and Sharon James, Andrea Nesbitt, Rich Schooler and George Wall. They will work with Desert Rivers Audubon to get ideas and for ordering items to sell.

D. **Field Trips:** Nothing new in way of trips; however, a discussion was held on how to allocate space on certain overnight trips. Possibilities include adding another trip and/or giving priority to those who didn't go before.

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EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Project

There are bird walks, nature programs and other items of interest. Their location is 2439 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. Check the website at www.phoenix.gov/riosalado.

Frank Insana leads bird walks on Sunday, April 15, 2007, (program # 21492) and Sunday, April 22, 2007, (program # 21496). All walks start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10 a.m. Meet at the visitors' plaza on the north bank at Central Ave. It is necessary to make reservations in advance by visiting <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS> and click on "classes and programs". Enter the program number listed above. You can also call 602-262-6863 and leave a voice mail.

Desert Botanical Garden

Each Monday morning from now through April, 2007, there will be bird walks from 8 a.m. to approximately 10 a.m. There will be additional walks on the second Saturday of each month at the same time. They see as many as 40 birds during these walks.

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$10.00 (\$9.00 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member. Membership is \$55 a year. See their website at www.desertbotanicalgardens.com for further information.

Hassayampa River Preserve

Here are some of the events scheduled at this lush birding habitat.

March 29-April 1, 2007, is Hassayampa's 20th anniversary celebration. To see the schedule of all events go to http://gosw.about.com/od/bestsightstosee/a/hassayampa_3.htm

There are two more sessions of bird banding led by Anne Leight Watzek on Sunday, April 15, 2007, starting at 7 a.m. and Saturday, April 21, 2007, starting at 6:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. there will be an interpretive nature walk.

Reservations and fees may be required for some of the above events.

Entrance fees are \$5, TNC members \$3 and children 12 and under are free. For information or reservations call 928 684-2772 or e-mail: bmccollum@tnc.org

Normal visiting hours are Wednesday—Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Boyce Thompson Arboretum is now in their Winter schedule. Their hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The price of admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12.

Bird walks for March start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2007, with Pete Moulton and Cynthia Donald; Sunday, April 8, 2007, with Cindy Marple; Saturday, April 21, 2007, with Marceline Vandewater and Sunday, April 22, 2007, with Tice Supplee.

For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their internet website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous, a group of birdwatchers, has their monthly meeting from 10—11:30 a.m. They meet on the third Friday of each month all year around at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City in King Hall. Their next meeting will be on April 20, 2007, and George and Maria Wall will present a program on their Windjammer cruise trip to Costa Rica & Nicaragua. For further information contact George Wall at gwall5@cox.net

Desert Rivers Audubon Society

As of March 8, 2007, Desert Rivers Audubon Society is officially a Pending Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Their chapter code is B08. Find out what is happening with their organization by checking out their website at www.desertriversaudubon.org.

Celebration 2007

Those of you who were able to attend the Arizona Audubon Council's and Arizona Audubon's joint effort "Celebration 2005" in Sierra Vista can recall what a wonderful event this was.

Part of the pizzazz was having a great selection of Silent Auction and Raffle items. It's not too early to start collecting donations and gifts for this year's Celebration that will take place September 14-16, 2007, at the Fiesta Inn Resort in Tempe.

If you have any items for donating to this fundraising endeavor, please contact Doreen Lah at the Audubon Arizona office at (602) 468-6470 or dlah@audubon.org.

Join the National Audubon Society

New adult or family membership: \$20.00

Seniors and students: \$15.00

Renewal fee for seniors and students: \$15.00

These fees cover membership in the National Audubon Society and a subscription to Audubon magazine. An application form for National membership may be obtained from the chapter at the regular meeting or by contacting <chuckkan@mindspring.com>.

Each year all National members in the Sonoran Audubon chapter area receive the September *Gambel's Tales* that describes major chapter activities for the year. All monthly issues of *Gambel's Tales* may be obtained free from the chapter website <www.sonoranaudubon.org> or by mail for \$10.00 per year. If you wish to get the newsletter by mail or to be notified when a new issue is placed on the website, please contact chuckkan@mindspring.com or by mail to: Sonoran Audubon Society, P O Box 8068, Glendale, AZ 85312-8068. For Information or questions call 623-939-6181.

SAS Web Site: www.sonoranaudubon.org

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Biographies of the Nominees for Officers and Directors of Sonoran Audubon Society:

- Bob McCormick (for President): This will be Bob's second term as President. He has been an active Audubon member for nine years. He is an Optical Mineralogist, and utilizes that training to evaluate (building) materials for asbestos and lead paint. Besides serving as President, Bob was the Vice-President and before that a Director at Large for the Sonoran Audubon Society. In the past few years, he has really been a mainstay in keeping the IBA bird counts going and also maintaining the database for it. He has prepared materials for and has led Beginning Birding Classes as well as leading regular bird trips. He maintains the Information/Issues table at the General Meetings. He was instrumental in getting the Agua Fria National Monument declared an IBA. He is also our representative to the Arizona Audubon Council.
- Eleanor Campbell (for Director at Large): This will be Eleanor's first term on the Board. She has been an Audubon member for at least 20 years starting with New Jersey Audubon. She joined Maricopa Audubon 13 years ago and has been with Sonoran Audubon since its organizational meetings. She's been Field Trip Committee chairperson and a member of the committee since day one. Her interest in birds began as a child on her farm in upstate New York and took her to Cornell University where she avidly studied ornithology and conservation education. She was a biology teacher then the Executive Director of a New Jersey Girl Scout Council. She's a proud contributor to the new building that is home to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She is a charter member of Birders' Anonymous, Sonoran's sister-birding-organization on the West side.
- Richard Schooler (for Director-at-Large): This will be Rich's first term as a Board Member. Rich recently retired from the engineering consulting business after a 35 year career. He has lived in Arizona for the past 25 years and has been an active birder for about 20 years. Rich had his first introduction to ornithology while an undergraduate some 35 years ago, but didn't get serious about birding until moving to Arizona. He joined the Maricopa Audubon Society in the mid-1980s and transferred his membership to Sonoran Audubon Society when the group was formed in the early-2000s. Rich is involved in the Rio Salado IBA and has an interest in becoming involved with the Education and Field Trip Committees.
- Daniela Yellan, currently Director at Large and Program Chair, is a founding member of Sonoran Audubon. Active in the birding community in Phoenix for about 14 years, she was instrumental in reviving and restructuring the Phoenix Christmas Bird Count, now the Phoenix Tres Rios CBC. She organized and compiled it for 6 years. She annually participates in several CBC's. She has also served as Field Trip Chair and Birdathon Co-chair. She has been very active in the IBA Program, surveying parts of the Agua Fria National Monument, as well as being Area Leader for the Tres Rios IBA. She also co-teaches and co-leads (With André Tarby) beginning birding classes and walks for the "Becoming an Outdoor Woman" program. When she is not birding or traveling, Daniela enjoys movies, music, and the theater. You'll also often find her putting in her little garden. Semi-retired, Daniela teaches Spanish classes at Paradise Valley Community College, tutors privately in Spanish and German, and substitute teaches on the high school level.

URGENTLY NEEDED: The Sonoran Audubon Society urgently needs a Secretary. Anne Durning's time has expired as secretary and no one has stepped forward to fill this position. Here is a quick gist of what the secretary does:

She/He is a voting member and officer of the SAS board of directors and is expected to attend meetings and give timely reports. The Secretary must: provide the president with an agenda for each meeting and, in the absence of both the president and the vice-president, call meetings to order and preside until a president pro tem is elected; send notice of meetings to appropriate members of the board; submit a Leader Report Form to the state office following chapter elections; keep them apprised of any changes; record minutes of all board meetings and send copies via e-mail or regular mail to the Board.

Sonoran Audubon Society Election Ballot

The Chapter by-laws require that an election ballot is to be included in the March newsletter; however, do to unforeseen circumstances, it is appearing in the April newsletter. If the member is unable to attend the April meeting send this completed ballot to:

Sonoran Audubon Society
P. O. Box 8068
Glendale AZ, 85312-8068

The following members are nominated to fill a two year term for the respective officer position:

_____ Bob McCormick—President

The following members are nominated to fill a two year term as a board member at large:

_____ Eleanor Campbell _____ Rich Schooler _____ Daniela Yellan

Sonoran Audubon Society Proposed amendment to Articles of Incorporation:

Add new Article VII: _____ YES _____ NO

ARTICLE VII: DIRECTOR LIABILITY

A Director of this corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director. This article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a Director for any conduct described in clauses (a) through (d) of Section 10-3202.B.1, Arizona Revised Statutes. If the Arizona Corporation Law is amended to authorize further elimination or limitation of the liability of a Director, then the liability of a Director of the corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Arizona Corporation Law as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this article shall not increase the liability of a Director of the corporation arising out of acts or omissions occurring before the repeal or modification becomes effective.

Renumber the subsequent articles:

ARTICLE VIII: STATUTORY AGENT

ARTICLE IX: DISCRIMINATION

ARTICLE X: INITIAL INCORPORATORS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, STATUTORY AGENT AND ADDRESSES

Put a check mark in front of each officer and board member to indicate your approval. Mark the “Yes” or “No” to approve or disapprove of the proposed Article.

Non Sonoran Audubon members who receive this newsletter, please ignore this ballot.

Your name and address _____

This ballot is in accordance with the Bylaws of the Sonoran Audubon Society and should be made available to as many members as possible.

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What's Happening in our Chapter?

E. **Finance:** The financial report was distributed. Suzanne Cash will find out who is taking care of the butterfly garden because we still have money in that fund. Karen LaFrance filled out the Form 990 for the Environmental Fund.

G. **Hospitality:** Chuck Kangas has contacted Fry's about treats for meetings. Dan Bohlmann is handling ice and drinks.

H. **Publicity and PR:** Karen LaFrance will be setting up a meeting on this subject.

I. **Election:** Eleanor Campbell and Rich Schooler will run for vacant board seats. Bob McCormick and Daniela Yellan will be re-running for their positions. The Board also agreed to some proposed changes to the articles of incorporation.

2. Here are a few of the other items discussed at the board meeting:

A. Liability insurance is needed for our Directors and Officers. Loretta Richards and Anne Durning will investigate this.

B. Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival was discussed because more volunteers were needed.

C. Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Nature Center needs a total of \$7.1 million in order for it to be built. They are getting close to that amount, but the large contributors are finished and now it's time for smaller contributors to come forward in order to meet the goal. Sonoran Audubon voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Nature Center.

D. The Audubon Celebration which will be held September 14-16, 2007, was discussed. The planners are in need of donations for raffles and auctions.

E. The Bird Check List needs updating, but this won't be done in time for the Festival. Chuck Kangas will make 100 copies for the Festival.

General Membership Meeting, March 14, 2007: It was a great program. Richard Ockenfels kept us enthralled with a program on the Pronghorn Antelope. Here are just a few things we learned: It is a unique animal with no close relatives and is not a true antelope; they walk on their tip-toes; their horns are made up of a hair-like substance that grows around a bony core and the outer sheath is shed annually; they are the fastest animal in North America and can attain speeds up to 60 miles per hour. Only one other animal is faster than the Pronghorn Antelope and that is the Cheetah. They don't eat grass but graze on other vegetation in the grassland.

The Pantanal—Brazil & Argentina

Are you interested in going on a **REAL** birding trip where you'll see hundreds of birds that you've probably never seen before? Then come with me and a couple of other members of the Sonoran Audubon Society and Audubon Arizona to the Pantanal of Brazil and Argentina. The trip is limited to 14 people. We'll leave on August 31, 2007, and we'll return on September 12, 2007. This trip is being sponsored by Audubon Arizona and managed by Field Guides. For more information, contact me immediately.—George Wall

Can I Stump You?



What bird is this?

The bird in the March newsletter was a Maui Parrotbill.

Taking Life Easy in Zihuatanejo

By Ken Larsen

My wife Rosita and I traveled to Zihuatanejo for some rest and relaxation and also to watch birds. This is a place I have been going to since 1977 during the month of December. Where in the world is Zihuatanejo you might ask?

Zihuatanejo is a quaint fishing pueblo but only four miles away from the tourist center of Ixtapa. You might say they are contrasting twin towns. One is bold, beautiful and full of action, and the other is a quiet wallflower. Between the two towns, that are set in the lush valley of the Southern Sierra Madre and run along 16 miles of coastline, there are 85,000 people living there.



Map of Mexico showing Zihuatanejo on the coast

While Ixtapa is a sparkling development of all-inclusive resorts, restaurants, club, and shopping centers, the rural seaside village of Zihuatanejo dates back to the pre-Columbian era, when it was the privileged home of the Mayan nobility. Its inns and cafés are family-run, and native markets share your attention with the seaside promenade. Tucked into one Mexico's most picturesque bays, these towns deliver the best of everything in one neat package.

What about birding? Well, there's the Las Salinas estuary that terminates a mile from the harbor in a mangrove swamp. At sunset, the egrets, herons, gulls, cormorants, terns, pelicans and waterfowl all fly along the narrow estuary to spend the night in the saline mangrove swamp.

We were able to view lots of birds from our balcony

of the Raul Tres Marias Hotel. The best viewing times were from dawn until 9 a.m. and then again just before sunset, but all day long the Magnificent Frigatebirds circled high in the sky and sometimes even disappeared to the naked eye and even from your binoculars.



Our hotel and balcony amid lots of trees

Birds like caciques, wrens, orioles, Kiskadees and other small birds frequented the Tamarind trees that lined some of the streets. The trees had small flowers and fruit that not only attracted the birds, but also squirrels. The squirrels were nearly naked of hair but had a 19" tail with long light gray hairs which they used for balancing as they crossed streets on thin electric wires to get where they wanted to go.

One of the better spots for birding though, was the Lagunas de Potosi that was full of mangroves. Rosita and I hired a boat to take us through the mangrove swamps for an hour to observe the many birds that frequented this area. It was here that we found a subspecies of the Brown Booby that had an all white head.

At the very good Puntarenas restaurant where we sometimes ate, there were three caged parrots (two Orange-fronted and a Yellow-headed) and at another nearby eating spot was a cage filled with several small all white doves and one White-winged Dove. There were so many beautiful birds in the trees around the area; one wonders why caged birds were so important to Mexicans.

We stayed a week in this tranquil town where we relaxed in the sun and ate marvelous food. Besides bird watching, I was also able to do some sketching and painting which is one of my other passions; however, you can only take so much of this life and I wanted to get back to Sun City to watch some of the playoffs and enjoy the Super Bowl!

BIRDING SPOTS

By George Wall

This is the seventh in a series about birding spots in and around our area. For those of you who go birding, you've probably been there; however, there may be a few that haven't or you may be a new birder. This month's spot is:

McCormick Ranch Lakes & Pavilion Ponds

This is a good site to go birding during the winter which is why all the trips so far have been in November. McCormick Ranch is a master planned community in North Scottsdale. It is a golf course that has several lakes/ponds with grassy areas and trees to explore. In this urban setting during the winter, there are always wintering ducks and Canada Geese and occasionally some rarities like the one shown in the picture. We should see large flocks of American Wigeon. There is also the Pavilion Ponds near a shopping center that has plenty of waterfowl.

45 - November 30, 2004 – Hooded Merganser

39 - November 10, 2005 – Fulvous Whistling Duck

45 - November 4, 2006 – Greater White-fronted Goose



Fulvous Whistling Duck—Photo by George Wall

To get to these areas, take Loop 101 around to Indian Bend Rd. and get off. There's a shopping center on the right hand side just before Pima. Pull into the shopping center and go all the way down to the left towards the Pavilions Ponds and park. Lots of birds here. After birding there, get back on Indian Bend Rd. and continue on to the right passing Pima and Hayden. On the right hand side there is a grassy area with a lake. Park on the side of the road and walk on to grass where you'll have a view of the lake. Bird there. On the other side of Indian Bend Rd. at the same spot is also a birding area. Continue on down the road and turn right on Scottsdale Rd. McCormick Ranch Lake is a short distance. Park in the first parking lot and bird.

Spring 2007 Field Trips

An * indicates a Birders' Anonymous planned trip

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Lower Oak Creek Important Bird Area

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623-977-7639

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Officially designated, Lower Oak Creek Important Bird Area includes Page Springs Fish Hatchery and a birding trail that traverses through marshland to Oak Creek southwest of Sedona.

This riparian corridor (cottonwood/willow/sycamore and mesquite/hackberry bosque) supports a broad diversity of bird species. Exploration of woods, ponds and grassland at this time of year should be ornithologically rewarding.

Lucy's Warbler and Bell's Vireo breed here. Migrants such as Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Virginia's Warbler pass through. Cavity nesting species seen here in abundance are: American Kestrel, Bridled Titmouse, Brown-crested Flycatcher and Violet-green Swallow. Notable rare species also occur such as Common Black-Hawk and Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Difficulty: 1 All Day Trip. Bring lunch, snacks and drinks.

Meet to LEAVE at 5:30 a.m. at Bell Recreation Center, corner of Hutton Dr. and Boswell Blvd., in Sun City OR at 6:00 a.m. at McDonald's just east of Rte. 17 on the north side of Carefree Highway (Exit 223).

Please call the leader to register and confirm meeting place.

***Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

Hassayampa River Preserve

Leader: Dick Fogle 623-584-3922

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Over 230 species have been recorded nesting or migrating along this riparian area where cottonwoods and willows surround running water and a pond. Trails traverse mesquite thickets and cottonwood stands. There are river overlooks where a variety of species are seen at The Nature Conservancy's preserve near Wickenburg. Anna's Hummingbirds are regulars. (Continued on Page 9)

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Spring 2007 Field Trips

An * indicates a Birders' Anonymous planned trip

Difficulty: 1 Morning only (A picnic area is available for lunching after the trip.)

Meet at the south east corner of the Bell Recreation Center Parking lot near corner of Boswell on Hutton in Sun City to leave at 7:00 a.m..

Also, you can meet at the Hassayampa River Preserve on Route 60 about 3 miles southeast of Wickenburg, about 45 miles west of Glendale at 8:00 a.m. Donation to The Nature Conservancy is \$5 per person unless you're a Conservancy member and then it is \$3.00.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Jackie Meck Lake

Leader: Chuck Kangas 623-931-6677

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Explore this rich habitat 'lake' at the confluence of the Agua Fria and Gila Rivers, near Estrella Mountain Park. This is part of the Buckeye Water District Conservation Area. This is an opportunity to hopefully see many species of waterfowl, as well as possible migrants along the canal. There is a Great Blue Heron rookery and a Great Horned Owl was spotted on the field trip there in the fall.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave. just south of Peoria Ave. in Sun City to LEAVE at 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Tres Rios

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057 gwall5@cox.net

The Tres Rios Constructed Wetlands Project located on the 91st Ave. is a haven for many bird species. The habitats include open water ponds, running stream, marsh, desert and woodland which provide a good environment at any time of year for ducks, shorebirds, and migrating passerines.

Difficulty: 1- Morning only.

Meet at Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave. just south of Peoria Ave. in Sun City to leave at 6:30 a.m. or meet us there at 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 19, 2007

Stoneman Lake

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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Stoneman Lake situated in the Coconino National Forest, is northeast of Camp Verde off Route 17. Stoneman Lake, is one of several spring-fed mountain lakes on the Mogollon Plateau and is located 36 miles south of Flagstaff and 125 miles north of Phoenix. Take Interstate 17 to the Stoneman Lake Exit #306, and follow the clearly marked signs. Here are some of the birds of the Ponderosa Pine forest: Red Crossbill, Pygmy Nuthatch, Mountain Chickadee and Northern Goshawk are residents. Gambel Oak woodland, wooded drainage and natural springs offer habitat for Pinyon Jay and Acorn Woodpeckers which are in abundance. The group will look for Lewis's and Three-toed Woodpecker in a burned-out area and for warblers nesting at this high elevation. Picnic area and toilets are available.

Difficulty: 2 Bring lunch and water.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center, Boswell and Hutton Dr., one block south of Bell Rd. in Sun City to leave at 6:30 a.m. OR at the McDonalds just off I-17 and Carefree Highway 7:00 a.m.

***Thursday, May 24, 2007**

Yarnell and Area

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623-977-7639

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Exploration of the side streets in tiny Yarnell situated between Phoenix and Prescott in the Weaver Mountains at 4,700 ft. should reveal a variety of resident and summer nesting birds. There is a community park with woods and stream where Phainopepla, Summer Tanager, Cooper's Hawk, Black-headed Grosbeak and Juniper Titmouse have been seen.

In the environs of the peaceful Shrine of St. Joseph of the Mountains and high desert Acorn Woodpecker, Spotted Towhee and Bridled Titmouse are common.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only, but plan to eat lunch in a local restaurant.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center, corner of Hutton Dr. and Boswell Blvd., in Sun City to LEAVE at 6 a.m. OR at Wickenburg Community Center at 7:00 a.m. (Take Rte. 60 northwest to Wickenburg. Cross the bridge over the Hassayampa River and immediately turn right onto the street that takes you to the large white building and parking lot.) Please call the leader to register and confirm meeting place.

Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**Location: Auditorium, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street
(one block south of Peoria Ave. & 59th Ave. intersection) Time: 6:30 p.m. for socializing and
7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program**

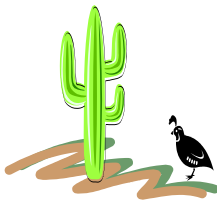
April 11, 2007

Bill Grossi—Birding in Peru

May 9, 2007

Andy Holycross—More Snakes

Other Dates of Interest April 4, 2007, 6:45 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library in the small meeting room. All SAS members welcome.



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