



Gambel's Tales

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BIRDERS' PARADISE

By George Wall

Back on 30 March, there was an article in the Daily News-Sun entitled "Graham County". The article was in response to the question "I'm interested in bird watching. Any ideas where I can go"? The article went on to describe birding in Graham County and it gave a web site at www.graham-chamber.com. The article also described some of the colorful birds there.

Since the only spot I've birded in this county was at Mule Shoe Ranch, I was intrigued. I went to the web site and was pleasantly surprised. At the home page, there was a link to a birding brochure in PDF format (you need Acrobat Reader in order to pull the brochure up). It turned out to be a 6 page brochure that was extremely well done. The main banner on page 2 said, "Graham County, Arizona, a hidden treasure for birders." Here are excerpts of the first two paragraphs.

"With elevations ranging from 2,400' at San Carlos Lake to 10,720' on Mt. Graham, habitats include everything from Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts to spruce-fir forests. Miles of rivers and streams plus numerous lakes and ponds provide excellent riparian habitat."

"More than 300 species have been recorded in Graham County; the region had the highest species count in the Arizona Breeding Bird Atlas studies....."

The rest of the page and the next page described 9 birding spots and how to get to them. The spots were Cluff Ranch, Discovery Park, Haekel Road & Ponds, Aravaipa Canyon & Turkey Creek, Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area, Bonita Creek, Gila River, Roper Lake State Park & Dankworth Pond and finally the Swift Trail.

The next page was a large map picturing and pin-pointing the 9 spots.

The last two pages was a bird check list for Graham County.

What more can you ask for?

At our next meeting.....

May 11, 2005

**Terry Stevens: "Second Chance:
Wildlife Rescue and Rehab"**



When Terry Stevens first moved to Phoenix in 1989 he used to feed the ducks behind his house. Occasionally he would find one that had a fishing hook or fishing line involvement. He learned how to remove them. One time he found a goose that had been attacked by a dog. He found he had to make numerous phone calls in order to find help. He was so impressed with the groups' efforts that after the goose was rescued, he called all the groups he had contacted to let them know he was available to transport wildlife for them. Since then he has volunteered for Liberty Wildlife, East Valley Wildlife, Southwest Wildlife, Wild at Heart, Arizona Game and Fish Adobe Mountain, Desert Cry, and other animal rescue organizations. He gets calls from local and state police, highway patrols, fire departments, control towers and animal control departments. These rescues have put on over 8000 miles on his truck annually. When he is not flying, he devotes much of his time to both animal rescue and educating the public.

Known at America West Airlines as the "Bird Man," Terry has rescued numerous birds such as owls, hawks,
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falcons, eagles, ducks, and geese and even hummingbirds. Thanks to the generous support of America West Airlines, he has flown over 200 birds to other locations. Not only do they fly free of charge, but also get to sit in the cockpit with the pilots in unique travel boxes he designed. Other animals he has rescued include javelinas, coyotes, badgers, ringtails, raccoons and skunks. Most of the wildlife ends up at one of the organizations for medical treatment, but some get released directly. Those animals that cannot be released are used for educational-outreach purposes or transferred to zoos for breeding projects.

Terry has published various articles for newsletters and wildlife rehabilitation publications. The animal transportation program he set up at America West Airlines has been featured in such publications as the *Arizona Republic*, *The Ahwatukee Foothills News*, the *America West Inflight Guide*, and *People* magazine.

Terry has been involved with aviation all his life, having grown up in an airport. He has an AS in Aerospace Technology and a BS in Business Administration. He has been a pilot for America West Airlines for fifteen years.

For his Sonoran Audubon presentation on May 11, Terry will discuss the wildlife rescue efforts in the Phoenix area, featuring various organizations. He will also share several of his most memorable experiences as an animal rescuer and rehabilitator.

What’s Happening?

By your Editor

The Sonoran Audubon Society is always on the go. Here’s what’s happened since the last newsletter.

Your board met on April 6th and discussed several issues. Besides the regular board members (Bob McCormick, Dan Bohlmann, Loretta Richards, Anne Durning, Karen LaFrance, Tom Lazzelle, Tice Supplee, and George Wall) who attended, Nancy Kroening co-chair of the Conservation Committee was present. The main topic of discussion was how to better handle conservation issues. Everyone was pleased with the discussion and outcome. It looks like the conservation committee is in full swing.

There was an Important Bird Area (IBA) Avian Monitoring Workshop held on 7 and 9 April. The workshop was intended to provide information and training for Sonoran and Maricopa Audubon Society chapter members involved in collecting needed bird data for IBA’s in central

Arizona. Approximately 15 people attended the sessions. Sonoran Audubon Society members were Dwayne Fink, Richard Fogle, Karen LaFrance, Tom Lazzelle, Carol Maroney and George Wall. The instructors were Scott Wilbor, IBA Conservation Biologist with Tucson Audubon; Tice Supplee, Director of Bird Conservation with Audubon Arizona; and Thom Hulen, Resource Manager with Desert Foothills Land Trust. This was a great workshop and almost a must for bird surveyors as there are new forms and new ways of doing things. This workshop will be repeated at a later date. Just for your information, there are 26 IBA areas in Arizona and 71 more with potential to become IBA areas.

Chuck Richards led a group of four birders to Badger Springs on Saturday, April 9th. Besides the leader, the attendees were Fran Baughman, Chuck Kangas and Loretta Richards. They saw 24 species.

Our regular membership meeting was held on Wednesday, April 13th where Kurt Radamaker presented an amazing program on “Birding the Baja California”.

Al and Arelene Scheuer were elected as board members and the two amendments to the By-Laws were approved. This will be effective June 1, 2005.

Donna Smith led a group of 2 other birders to Pinal Airport Pecan Grove and the Sweetwater Treatment refuge in Tucson on April 14th. The attendees were Vera Markham and Jo Waldron a visitor from Washington State. They saw 54 species with the highlight being the Least Grebe.

Eleanor Campbell led a group of 11 birders to Sycamore Creek on Tuesday, April 19th. The other attendees were Vera Markham, Chuck Richard, Nancy Woods, Mary Jo and Bill Draxler, Carol Maroney, George Wall, Marshall Esty, Chuck Kangas and Dan Bohlmann. It was a great trip and 34 species were seen including a Hooded Oriole.

Observing an Elf Owl Nest

By Helen Snyder, Portal AZ

This is an update on happenings at an Elf Owl nest I have under observation with a little IR video camera in a bird box.

4.12.2005—During the recent spell of windy days and moonless windy nights with temps in the 25-35 range, the owls were fitful about coming to the box. One whole night passed with no visits at all, and we worried that they might have suffered an accident or settled elsewhere. The next night, however, was calm and

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AUDUBON CELEBRATION

You're invited to a celebration and a weekend of fun that is being co-sponsored by the Arizona Audubon Council and Audubon Arizona. It will take place September 9-11, 2005 in Sierra Vista, AZ at the Windemere Hotel.

There will be guest speakers, workshops, setting state issue priorities, and, of course, great birding.

Friday evening kick-off speaker will be Brock Evans, president of the Endangered Species Coalition in Washington, D.C. and a former National Audubon Society Government Relations VP.

There will be a Saturday night banquet with speaker Kenn Kaufman, well know ornithologist, author, tour leader, and birder extraordinaire.

During the weekend, there will be leadership training for Chapter leaders, such as fund raising, planning and implementing an education program, attracting new members, etc.

On Sunday, there will be a variety of field trips in one of Arizona's premier birding areas.

SE Arizona Checklists

For birders going to SE Arizona, Stuart Healy, the bird guide, has monthly checklists of birds of the area on his website. Each checklist has only the species found and their status and abundance during one month. The checklists may be downloaded with a variety of programs including Adobe and Word. Check out his website at:

www.aztrogon.com/AZInfo/Checklists/Main.htm

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

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The above sign was prepared by Jak Keyser, one of our talented members, and will be displayed at our meeting refreshment table:

Thank you Trader Joe's

International Migratory Bird Day

IMBD was created in 1993 by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Now under the direction of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, IMBD continues to focus attention on one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird – its journey between its summer and winter homes. Today, it is celebrated in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Central America through bird festivals and bird walks, education programs and Bird Day. Normally it is the 2nd Saturday during the month of May, but can be celebrated by organizations on days that better suit their schedules.

International Migratory Bird Day is May 14th this year; however, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, the oldest and most spectacularly situated arboretum and botanical garden in the American Southwest, is celebrating this event on May 7th.

This is your personal invitation to join them as we celebrate the incredible journey of migratory birds and support migratory bird conservation. Events include a guided bird walk, an avian photography class, a binoculars and bird watching 101 class, and fun activities for kids of all ages.

Regular Arboretum prices apply (\$7.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children). Gates open at 6 a.m. and events run from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Observing an Elf Owl Nest

warmer and there was a major shift in behavior: the female came in often and had several spells of 20-30 minutes in the box, sitting quietly, preening, nibbling on bits of stuff and digging in the substrate. For the first time, the male brought food to the box for her, and she gobbled that at the entrance and went back down.



Yesterday she again spent all day in the box for the first time in three weeks. This coincided with the arrival of multiple Ash-throated Flycatchers who are

busy prospecting for cavities to adopt, and the female Elf Owl had to hustle up to the entrance a couple of times to shove her face into that of a house-hunting intruder. She usually gives a sort of chortling call after these interactions (one could anthropomorphize it as irritated satisfaction), and gives a few Pieu (begging) calls off and on all day. The Bewick's Wrens have adopted another box I put up for them 50 feet away, but once in a while a wren with a beak full of grass still hops into the owl box for a quick look-see. There are numerous accounts of Elf Owls incubating their own eggs plus one or two of another cavity-nester, and nest-site competition must be intense.

Last night at dusk the female did several violent bouts of nest-material digging in the 2 inches of sawdust in the bottom (at least, there were 2 inches in there originally, but some may have been blasted out the entrance in the meanwhile. It gets carried out on her feathers, too). She lay sprawled face down, wings out to the side and tail spread, kicking so hard that sawdust was bouncing off the camera and flying duff and dust completely obscured the view of her for several seconds. She looked like a kid in a pile of autumn leaves and afterward her extended wings were partly buried in the sawdust. She lay quietly there as if in a trance until a Curve-billed Thrasher gave some loud pre-roosting alarm calls from nearby.

When she's doing this digging, it is very audible from 30 feet away by a human walking by the nest box. What's the function? It might be to dig up and aerate any dampness or fungus left from winter in the nest material and dry it out, or to get insect pupae to the surface where she can see them. There aren't any pupae in this nest but it would be interesting to see if she'd crunch them up if she found them. Both she and the male inspect and nibble on the duff, and one time the male picked up something and carried it out - it was the right size to have been a pellet from when the female stayed overnight. Many cavity nesters chew on the walls to bring down a layer of new material, but Elf Owl beaks aren't suited for this even though they try. Every day I mark the date on the videotape by sliding a different little 1/3-inch square slip of paper through the door crack into the nest well above the female's head. She occasionally stretches up on tiptoe and attacks that annoying tab, twisting and nipping it ferociously. So far, she's managed only to put a tiny puncture in one of the tabs.

Eggs might be appearing soon, but I don't expect to see any for a couple of weeks if the timing of fledging from years past holds. Her metabolism may be cranking up: her resting respirations have increased from 60/minute to 64. One of the cool things about this camera setup is the chance to closely study unexpected things like respiration rates.

Spring 2005 Field Trips

Saturday-Sunday, April 30-May 1, 2005

Roosevelt Lake and the Sierra Anchas

Leader: Troy Corman 602-482-6187

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This weekend car camping trip is scheduled for the peak period for spring migration of birds in Gila County, so you never know what we might encounter. We will visit many habitats and elevations in search of a great diversity of birds. This includes water birds at Roosevelt Lake and birds of the desert, riparian woodlands, and cool mountain forests. Since this is an overnight camping trip, we may also try our luck with detecting nocturnal owls and night-jars. This field trip may include some strenuous mountain trail hiking, and higher clearance vehicles may be needed in a few areas. Please note this is a joint trip with Maricopa Audubon and space is limited to only 15 participants, roughly evenly distributed between the two Societies. Car pooling is required. Call leader for reservations and additional information.

Difficulty: 3

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Granite Reef Dam/Coon Bluff

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

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These sites on the Salt River in the Tonto National Forest are good habitats for ducks, herons, hawks and Bald Eagles. The mesquite riparian area is also home to a variety of birds.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center parking lot on Hutton Dr near Boswell in Sun City for car-pooling. Leave at 7:00 AM. Call leader for directions on meeting farther east and for details.

Difficulty 1 – Easy trails. Bring Lunch & spotting scope if available.

Friday May 6, 2005

Hassayampa River Preserve

Leader Nancy London 928-684-5530

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You should all know by now what Hassayampa is like. In April there was a pair of Grey Hawks seen as well as the vibrant Vermilion Flycatchers. Come and enjoy a leisurely walk around the pond and then the Mesquite Meander trail and watch the birds.

Meet at the Visitor's House at 8am

Difficulty 1 - Easy Trails

Note: This was originally scheduled as a Box Canyon trip date, but that area has lots of water & quicksand at the present time. This trip was also agreed to as a joint Sonoran Audubon & Maricopa Audubon Society field trip. Same can still apply.

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Stoneman Lake

Leader: Donna Smith 623 556-9535 rms15247@cs.com

Stoneman Lake, situated in the Coconino National Forest, is northeast of Camp Verde off Route 17. Here 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 Pinion Jay and Acorn Woodpeckers which are in abundance. On last year's trip we saw a nesting Red-faced warbler, Western Wood Pewee and a Cassin's Kingbird.. We also had good looks at a Peregrine Falcon which probably had a nest on the adjoining hillside. Stoneman Lake was almost dry last year but with the rain we've had this year there should be adequate water in the lake. This should result in us seeing more species. 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 parking area at the southeast corner of Carefree Highway and Rte. 17 at 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, May 24-26, 2005

Springerville, Arizona

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

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The migration should be in full swing at this time of year in Springerville and in that area are numerous birding spots. Here are some of the places we'll visit: (1) Becker Lake where a pair of Bald Eagles has been seen. (2) Wenima Wildlife Area managed by the Arizona Game and Fish has 2 easy walking trails along the Little Colorado River through cottonwoods and reeds. Warblers and other birds should be numerous. (3) Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area with a loop trail that goes by McKay Reservoir. Bluebirds, Juncos and other birds should be plentiful. (4) The South Fork area that is in a small canyon in which lies the Little Colorado River. Birds seen here have included Veery, American Redstart, Gray Catbird & Indigo Bunting. This is also antelope and deer country and hopefully we'll see some.

We'll be staying at the Best Western in Eager on the 24th and 25th.

Difficulty: 1-2 as these are easy trails that run anywhere from ½ mile to 6 miles depending on how much you want to walk or you can just wait at the trail heads where there are also plenty of birds.

NOTE: The above Springerville trip is full with 20 participants. If you'd like your name on the waiting list, contact the leader.

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Spring/Summer 2005 Field Trips

Saturday, June 4, 2005

Yarnell City Park

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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Yarnell is a charming town in the Weaver Mountains that welcomes birders. Off route 89 northeast of Wickenburg. This is high desert valley at 4780 ft. The park has restrooms and picnic tables with well cared for trails. There is a nice restaurant in town where some of us will have lunch. The rest can have a picnic lunch in the park.

Birds that have been seen are nesting Juniper Titmouse, Acorn Woodpecker, all three towhees, warblers, vireos, and orioles.

Meet at Wickenburg Community Center at 7AM. As you travel northwest on Highway 60 entering Wickenburg, you will cross the bridge over the Hassayampa river, turn right immediately after the bridge, the road goes around a bend and you will see a large white building and parking lot on the right. It's a short scenic drive up the mountain to Yarnell.

Difficulty 1

Friday, June 10, 2005

Seven Springs and Camp Creek

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623 977-7639

ercamp@juno.com

Explore these riparian areas in the Tonto National Forest north of Cave Creek where water and shade offer good habitat for a variety of birds. On past trips birds such as Sage Thrasher, Scrub Jay, Black-eared Bushtit, Townsend's Solitaire, Tree Swallow, and Red-naped Sapsucker have been seen. The mountainous scenery is as captivating as the birding sites and, as usual, each birding day in this area has been serendipitous. A variety of hawks and warblers are often seen.

Difficulty: 2 (there is one long hill down to Camp Creek)

Bring lunch.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center at the corner of Hutton Drive and Boswell one block south of Bell Road in Sun City to LEAVE at 6:30 a.m. Call the leader to arrange a meeting place farther east.

There is a \$4.00 per car entrance fee.

Saturday, June 18, 2005

Pinal Mountains/Signal Peak

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

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This is a trip to the Pinal Mountains south of Globe away

from the heat of the valley and into the higher elevations of the Tonto National Forest. The beauty of the area is unmatched and birders should be awarded with views of nuthatches, woodpeckers and other high forest birds.

The last time this trip was done was in September 27, 2003. Eleanor Campbell wrote about that trip: "Wild and wonderful was the view from Pinal Mountain and Signal Peak in the Pinal Mountains south of Globe, Arizona."

Difficulty: 2 – Bring Lunch. There are several picnic grounds on Pinal Peak. This is at least a 2 hour drive; so car-pooling is a must.

Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot (107th south of Peoria in Sun City) prior to the 5:30 am departure time. We'll be stopping for breakfast at a local restaurant located just before the birding area.

Thursday-Friday, July 7-8, 2005

Flagstaff

Leaders: Nancy Reed 623-876-8807

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Here's another summer get-away to the cooler climate of Flagstaff. Thursday we will bird the Flagstaff Arboretum and then go to Nancy Reed's house. Who can forget Nancy Reed's backyard porch where you're looking down on feeders and small pools of water. Here, you are bound to see a lot of birds like the Pygmy Nuthatch, Hairy Woodpecker, American Robin and Western Bluebird frolicking and bathing right in front of you. A real treat! Nancy is scouting the Flagstaff area to select the areas to bird on Friday for those staying overnight.

Difficulty: 1 – Bring lunch. Better yet, stay overnight at a local motel. This is another long drive and we'll be leaving the Bell Recreation center parking lot at 5:30 am. If you miss this pickup spot, or will be staying in Flagstaff, we'll meet at the Flagstaff Arboretum at 9am.

California Gulch and Southern Arizona

Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 15 –17, 2005

Leader: Andrée Tarby 480-948-1074

This is a repeat of some very successful trips that Andrée Tarby has previously led. In the past we have seen almost all of the target birds we went to see, including the Five-striped Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Varied Bunting, and the Botteri's Sparrow. I believe all the target birds were seen through the scope, so all of us had good looks at them.

This year we also make a special effort to see the Buff-collared Nightjar, a Mexican specialty. The nightjar has been regularly seen and heard this spring so it would appear that we'll have an excellent change of seeing and hearing the bird..

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Summer 2005 Field Trips

. This is a bird that many of our members need for a life bird. The plan is to drive to Nogales and spend the night leaving very early Saturday morning. Some of us will plan to see some birds on Friday on our way down to Nogales. We go along some very rough roads so 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary. We hope to have enough 4-wheel drive vehicles to put in extra people who might want to drive their own cars. It's only the last few miles where 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary.

Call Andrée Tarby for details of the trip and she'll also try to arrange for car pooling.

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

El Mirage, Hunter & Local Ponds

**Leader: Marshall Esty 623-977-1637
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Even though this is the heat of summer, an early morning trip can produce a variety of birds at these local ponds. Meet at the Bell Recreation Center parking lot (on Hutton near Boswell) for car-pooling. Leave at 6:30am sharp.

Difficulty 1 – very little walking. This is a morning trip only and we should be back around 10am.

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Forest Rd 300, Rim Drive

**Leader : Donna Smith 623-556-9535
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Drive north on US 17 to exit 287, Camp Verde, turn right and proceed along HWY 260 as it goes up the Mogollen Rim. Turn left on HWY 87, after several miles you will see a sign for Forest Rd. 300, turn right. Immediately after you turn there is a pullout on the right in a small clearing, we will regroup there. The gravel road is well graded for passenger cars. This is a beautiful drive in dense forest of pine and oak at 6000 to 7000 ft. We will travel to a burned out area, birding along the way, where we will listen for woodpeckers.

Hopefully we will see the Three-toed Woodpecker. On the way back we will stop at Potato Lake.

Birds: Band-tailed Pigeon, Steller's Jay, Mountain Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Nuthatches, and Bluebirds. Last year we saw Olive Warblers and heard Turkeys.

Meet at McDonalds on Carefree Hwy. at 5am. Exit right off US17, McDonald's is on the left. Bring a lunch. Difficulty 1.

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

Tres Rios Wetlands/Cobble Ponds

**Leader: Vera Markham 623-974-1110
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You're always going to see around 30 species of birds at these two areas right next to each other. There are always some shorebirds as well as hawks. There is also the possibility of seeing the Least Bittern, Marsh Wren and the Common Yellowthroat.

Leave at 6:30 am from the Sun Bowl parking lot (107th Ave just south of Peoria in Sun City); so be there a few minutes early for car-pooling.

Difficulty: 1 – easy flat walking trails

Friday-Sunday, August 19-21, 2005

San Diego, California

Leader: Mary Beth Stowe

**Contact person: Chuck Kangas 623-931-6677
chuckkan@mindspring.com**

Mary Beth will take us to her favorite birding spots in San Diego. She will lead the trip on Saturday and Chuck Kangas is working on another San Diego birder to lead us on Friday afternoon and Sunday. Some of the people will want to stay until Monday when the traffic will be lighter returning to Phoenix.

There will be a limit of twelve birders, so the trip will fill up fast. Mary Beth put on the limit so that we will have less trouble going to the various places in San Diego. We should have a good chance to see most of the California specialties. Call Chuck to reserve a place on the trip and receive more information.

We will meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot in Sun City at 6:00 AM and head for San Diego. Bring three days of picnic lunches. Chuck will arrange to have the group stay at a hotel next to the freeway.

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Prescott Woods and Lakes

**Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623-977-7639
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Explore Watson Woods Conservation Area where Blue Grosbeaks nest. Survey the lakes of Prescott's uniquely beautiful Granite Dells. Check the pines of the national forest for Pygmy Nuthatch, Band-tailed Pigeon and woodpeckers. Near Granite Mountain find flycatchers and Peregrine Falcon. It's possible to see the Bald Eagle which has been nesting at Lynx Lake.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only, but plan to eat lunch at one of Prescott's fine restaurants.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center parking lot, near Hutton & Boswell in Sun City to **LEAVE AT 6am** or call leader for another meeting place farther west.

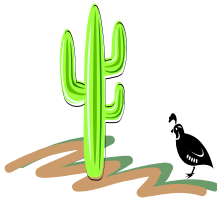
Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**Location: Auditorium, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street
(one block south of Peoria Ave. & 59th Ave. intersection) Time: 6:30 p.m.**

May 11, 2005 Terry Stevens,: “Second Chance: Wildlife Rescue and Rehab”

Our Schedule will pick back up in September and will appear in the September Newsletter

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



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