



# Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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## The Agua Fria Monument, Fuels Management Project

### From a letter from BLM

The BLM Phoenix Field Office is proposing to reduce invasion of the semi-desert grassland in the Agua Fria Monument. The invasive species include snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*), wait-a-minute bush (*Mimosa Biuncifera*), juniper (*Juniperus osteosperma*), and pricklypear cactus (*Opuntia phaeacantha*). At the same time, they wish to stimulate the growth of tobosa grass (*Hilaria mutica*), which dominates the vegetation.

To reduce the invasion, BLM will divide the area into 25 burn blocks, and use manual, mechanical, biological, and prescribed burning techniques. Manual methods include chain saw use on juniper and mesquite trees, and the hand piling of resulting slash over the stumps for burning. Mechanical methods may include a skid steer with a hydraulic shear capable of stump-cutting trees up to 12 inches in diameter. They propose to also use a tracked machine that is capable of total mulching of trees into small particles that are left to compost. Both of these mechanical methods will be used only in areas and manner that will not pose adverse impacts to cultural or other resources.

Biological techniques may include the use of livestock grazing to reduce unwanted vegetation and contain fires to specific pastures within larger burn blocks. Burning techniques include prescribed fires in burn blocks using hand-firing drip torches, fuses, and flares as well as aerial ignition using helicopters equipped with plastic sphere dispenser machines or helitorches.

BLM lists several issues, concerns and opportunities with this proposal:

- Pronghorn fawning cover will be temporarily removed.
- Local air quality in the communities of Black Canyon City and Cordes Jct./Cordes Lakes may be temporarily impacted.

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## At our next meeting....

March 10, 2004

### Bill Branan, Audubon Ranch, "Your Audubon Ranch - Grassland Research"



Dr. Bill Branan directs the 8,000 acre semi-desert grassland Audubon Research Ranch Sanctuary in southeastern Arizona. He formerly conducted environmental research and protection efforts on Florida's rivers and coasts. He has conducted and supervised research for the National Environment Board of Thailand, as well as the Foundation for Nature Preservation in Suriname. He also worked on coastal issues in Sri Lanka, Maldives, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, and French Guiana. His graduate degrees are in ornithology and wildlife ecology.

The Audubon Research Ranch Sanctuary has over 80 ongoing research projects focusing on plant succession and wildlife interaction in grasslands. The Ranch has not directly explored the relationship between productivity and diversity, but is well situated to conduct such studies in the future, comparing various levels of development in the Sonoita Valley, from ungrazed to urbanized in oaks, mesquite, and grassland systems.

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### Your Audubon Ranch - Grassland Research

Dr. Branan has an impressive list of educational degrees

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| Ph.D. | Forest Resources (wildlife management) |      |
|       | University of Georgia                  | 1984 |
| M.S.  | Biology (ornithology, limnology)       |      |
|       | Univ. of Missouri                      | 1974 |
| B.S.  | Wildlife Management                    |      |
|       | Auburn University                      | 1969 |

We'll have a test to find out how many of us know the meaning of limnology and yes, wild turkeys are found on the ranch.

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### The Agua Fria Monument, Fuels Management Project

- There may be reduced visibility on Interstate 17 from smoke that could impact public safety.
- The absence of native vegetation after burning may cause temporary, adverse visual impact.
- Ground disturbances may result in the introduction or spread of invasive and noxious weed species.
- Permitted livestock grazing operations may be adversely impacted temporarily while grass regenerates.

Those are the concerns. Opportunities include:

- Range forage conditions will improve. Burning releases nutrients needed by native plants for growth and vigor.
- Habitat for pronghorn antelope will be improved for forage and escape cover because the increased grass height provides better cover for fawn survival, while the loss of mesquite, juniper and prickly pear increases sight distances to escape predation.

The following is the letter the SAS board sent to BLM concerning their Fuels Management Project:

Bruce Olson, Fuels Technician  
BLM Phoenix Field Office  
21605 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027-292

Dear Mr. Olson;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project to improve the semi-desert grasslands health on the Agua Fria National Monument. The Sonoran Audubon Society supports the proposed action to use mechanical methods and prescription fires to treat up to 50,000 acres.

We are concerned about how "biological techniques" will be implemented and oppose the use of livestock for this purpose if the result is heavy grazing on "treatment" sites. We do not see how grazing of livestock can be used to contain fires to specific pastures without removing vegetation beyond acceptable standards and adversely impacting pronghorn antelope fawning and ground nesting bird cover.

We recommend that a more detailed plan be developed to assure that sufficient acres remain at needed standards of ground cover for wildlife to determine the total treatment acres authorized in a given year (including adjacent acres impacted by vegetative removal for fire perimeter management).

Sincerely,

/S/ Charles Kangas

President, Sonoran Audubon Society

**Lt. Col. Robert E. Blood U.S A.F. Retired**, 68, of Litchfield Park, Arizona passed away February 10, 2004 in Litchfield Park. He was born September 21, 1935 in Boston, Massachusetts and attended Boston College. He served in the U. S. Air Force with 30 years of service. A Vietnam veteran, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters as well as many other decorations and citations.

Robert and Anna Blood were the owners of the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Sun City Arizona. They were also charter members of the Sonoran Audubon Society. When they went out of business they donated the whole storage inventory of their unsold merchandise to the Sonoran Audubon Society. This was at a time when we were struggling financially and the items they donated were sold at a number of auctions at our monthly meetings. Their generous gift allowed us to get through a difficult period in our four year history.

We'll miss Bob Blood and would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Anna Blood.

## A message from your president...

When I was in Thule Greenland, at my tour of duty in the military several of us were having coffee in the mess hall with the battalion chaplain. He remarked that the old-timers were easy to recognize because we all were normally abnormal. You could recognize the old-timers by the dullness of their eyes and their bedraggled appearance. We all appeared as if we hadn't been getting enough sleep. Conversely, he said the new arrivals all looked bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. We had monthly "Hail and Farewell" dinners at the Officer's Club. At the next one I looked around, and sure enough, I could tell who were the new arrivals. They all looked eager to start their new tour of duty in Thule.

I'm planning on having a joint board meeting in May with both the old board and the new one in attendance. Our own SAS hail and farewell. Do you think that we can tell by our appearance the old board members from the new ones?

I hope that after reading the biographies you'll notice what a great group of nominees we have. Their bio's are impressive. Please take time to thank the nominating committee for a job well done.

Don't forget to send in your ballot if you'll be unable to attend the next meeting. I hope to see many of you at the next meeting where all members attending will be able to cast their votes.

**SAS Web Site: [www.sonoranaudubon.org](http://www.sonoranaudubon.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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:chuckkan@mindspring.com) or by mail to: Sonoran Audubon Society P O Box 8068 Glendale, AZ 85312-8068

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The following 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, and Fry's Marketplace for our generosity.

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

### **By Dwayne Fink, Chair of the Nominating Committee**

- **Bob McCormick (for President):** Bob has been an Audubon member for six years. He is an Optical Mineralogist, and utilizes that training to evaluate (building) materials for asbestos and lead paint. Bob says he is not running out of work – in spite of the many years of warning that society has had. Bob was a Director at Large for Sonoran AS; then moved into the Vice President position when John Delventhal moved his art studio/factory to Cornville. Bob prepared materials for and has led a Beginning Birding Class. He maintains the Information/Issues table at the General Meetings. He helped organize the bird counts on the Agua Fria National Monument – and more.
- **Dan Bohlmann (for Vice President):** Dan has been a member of Audubon for six years – becoming active after he retired. Dan currently is a Director at Large for Sonoran Audubon Society. He was a Computer Software Engineer for companies Honeywell, Bull and General Electric – trying to keep a step ahead of all the by-outs and changes in direction. He has been an avid hiker for 25 years, and knows well places in Arizona that most of us birders have only heard or read about – at most. For example, Dan visited the Richinbar Mine ruins on the Agua Fria MN, long before we ever thought that there might be a wealth of birds there to count.
- **Loretta Richards (for Treasurer):** Loretta will be new to the Board. She's been in Audubon for seven years – most of that with the Blackbrook Audubon Society in Ohio. She was an Elementary Teacher prior to retiring to Arizona. She has become an avid bird watcher since joining the Sonoran Audubon Society, and is one of the faithful on the Agua Fria NM counts. She and her husband Chuck regularly volunteer at the Adobe Mountain Rehabilitation Center – "Doing what needs doing".
- **Anne Durning (for Secretary):** Anne will be new to the Board. She has been an Audubon member for 20 years – mostly with the Maricopa Audubon Society. She grew up in Arizona: did her undergraduate work at Arizona State University, and then got her JD degree from the University of Arizona. She works as a Tax Attorney. Anne is on our list of 50+ volunteer birders for the Agua Fria NM. She volunteers for the Animal Welfare League, and serves as a volunteer mentor for several teenage girls.
- **Karen LaFrance (for Director at Large):** Karen will be new to the Board. She has been an Audubon member for three years. She was Sonoran's able retreat-coordinator this past year. She also has been one of the faithful bird-counters for our Agua Fria study. By trade, she is a Community Development Professional. She claims to be "of" the LaFrance fire-truck family. Wonder if she has a Dalmatian?
- **Suzanne Cash (for Director at Large):** Suzanne will be new on the Board. She has been an Audubon member for five years – starting with the Maricopa Audubon Society, and transferring to the Sonoran Audubon Society. Suzanne was our naturalist on the Costa Rica birding trip. The birders saw 400+ birds; Suzanne saw them – and everything else comprising the habitat. She has a degree in Paleontology, and has taught Biology and Earth Science at Cortez High School. She is the treasurer of the Arizona Native Plant Society, and is a member of and Event Supervisor of the Science Olympiad (an organization devoted to promoting science at the high school level – which includes local and national competition using submitted science projects). Her other interests include music and the arts. She has season tickets to our Phoenix Symphony, and is a Board member of the Lyric Opera Theater Guild.
- **Richard Fogle (for Director at Large):** Richard is a relative old-timer with Audubon: twelve years total – most of that with Maricopa AS, before transferring to Sonoran AS. He says he seriously got into birding after retirement. He was a District Manager for the Ford Motor Company, and as such traveled all over the world, but extensively in Latin America. Richard went the extra mile on his international travels – taking the time to learn of the people and places where Ford sent him. Richard has turned into a life-long history buff – with emphasis on Latin America. Does anyone foresee more birding trips to Latin America – with some cultural/historical side-trips thrown in?
- **George Wall (for Director at Large):** George has been an Audubon member seven years, and "got into birding" after he retired. He is the current Leader of Birders' Anonymous. For those of you who don't know, Birders' Anonymous is Sonoran's sister-birding-organization on the West side. That organization predates Sonoran, and many members have dual membership with Sonoran Audubon Society. He earned his stripes by serving 30 years in the Air Force. We didn't delve into where he served, but a long stint in the Air Force implies "everywhere". George loves to bird. He was one of the faithful doing the counts on the Agua Fria National Monument. He likes those International Trips, and this reporter is looking forward to the birding trip he and Chuck Kangas arranged to Texas this spring.

## Sonoran Audubon Society

### Ballot

The Chapter by-laws require that an election ballot is to be included in the March 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 proposed changes to the by-laws follow:

#### ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year the Governing Board shall determine the classes of membership in the Chapter, and the rights of and dues for each class.

Delete Section 2.

Add new Section 2: All currently assigned National Audubon Society members and all Friends of the Sonoran Audubon Society in good standing shall be considered belonging to the Sonoran Audubon Society for the purposes of these bylaws.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve change

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 2. Terms for officers shall be two (2) years. No Officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive and full terms in the same office. Total terms on the Board shall not exceed three (3) full consecutive terms.

Add sentence: Retired officers can serve an extra term as a board member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve change

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert McCormick, President  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dan Bohlmann, Vice-president  
\_\_\_\_\_ Loretta Richards, Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Anne Durning, Secretary

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen LaFrance  
\_\_\_\_\_ Suzanne Cash  
\_\_\_\_\_ Richard Fogle  
\_\_\_\_\_ George Wall

Put a check mark to approve the two by-law changes and a check mark in front of each officer and board member to indicate your approval.

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

Your name and address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Spring 2004 Field Trips

### Sonoran Audubon strongly encourages carpooling on all outings!

Please organize your own carpool, consolidate vehicles at meeting places, and/or contact leaders for carpooling assistance. Sonoran Audubon strongly encourages carpooling on all outings!

Field Trips are rated in difficulty levels one, the easiest, to five, the most difficult. It is recommended that passengers reimburse drivers at an agreed rate.

**REMINDERS: Don't forget water, sunscreen, hats and insect repellent. Wear neutral colors.**

**Saturday & Sunday March 13 & 14, 2004**

**Tres Rios Nature Festival**

**Estrella Mountain Regional Park, Goodyear**

**623-932-3811**

(link to the site-[www.maricopa.gov/parks/estrella](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/estrella))

Tres Rios Festival is an opportunity for everyone in the family to celebrate the rich wildlife and ecology in the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria River valleys. There will be educational programs and tours throughout the weekend. Wildlife enthusiasts and Birders can attend in-depth classes and children will have hands-on crafts plus up-close encounters with live animals. Vendors will provide food. Sonoran Audubon Society will have a booth!

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Please note there will be an admission fee of \$10.00 per car.

**Thursday, March 18, 2004**

**Granite Reef Dam/Coon Bluff**

**Leader: Betty Baugus 623 412-1215**

**[betty-baugus@webtv.net](mailto:betty-baugus@webtv.net)**

These sites on the Salt River in the Tonto National Forest provide good habitat for ducks, herons, hawks and Bald Eagles. The mesquite riparian area is home to wrens, woodpeckers, phoebes, juncos, and sparrows as well as flycatchers---even in winter.

Difficulty: 1 Bring lunch and spotting scope.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center on Hutton Drive one block south of Bell Road in Sun City to LEAVE at 7:00 a.m. Call the leader for directions for meeting farther east and for details.

**Wednesday, April 7, 2004**

**Badger Springs, Agua Fria Monument**

**Leader: George Wall 623 875-7057**

**[WALLABY@worldnet.att.net](mailto:WALLABY@worldnet.att.net)**

Badger Springs site in the Agua Fria National Monument is combination of desert and riparian areas offering a good place for a variety of birds.

There is running water in the Agua Fria River and a cottonwood grove provides shade. The scenery is spectacular and Petroglyphs on the rocks above the stream enhance the experience of trekking this corridor where native Americans survived hundreds of years ago. Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, and gnat-catchers are common. Early migrants are possible.

Difficulty: 1 Bring lunch.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center, SW corner (Boswell and Hutton Dr. one block south of Bell Rd.) in Sun City to LEAVE at 6:30 a.m. Call the leader for additional meeting places, directions and details.

**Saturday, April 17, 2004**

**Jewel of the Creek**

**Leader: Tom Hulen 480 488-6131**

This 27-acre preserve in Cave Creek purchased by the Desert Foothills Land Trust protects a unique riparian area. According to Mike Rigney, Executive Director of the Trust, it is one of the few places where all five species of native Arizona riparian trees can be found: willow, sycamore, cottonwood, Arizona ash and Arizona walnut. It is rich in bird species and native plants. It is a smaller version of the adjacent Spur Cross Conservation Area and was recently opened to the public.

Volunteers are striving to restore the fragile habitat and improve trails.

Difficulty: 2 Morning only. Wear hiking boots; bring water. No picnics.

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. Trip begins at the Cave Creek site at 8:00 a.m. Call Eleanor Campbell at 623-977-7639 for details.

**Saturday, April 24, 2004**

**Beginning Birder Class**

**Leaders: Bob McCormick, [McBobAZ@aol.com](mailto:McBobAZ@aol.com)**

**and Eleanor Campbell, [ercamp@juno.com](mailto:ercamp@juno.com)**

We will be conducting a beginning birder class at the Thunderbird Park picnic area and the nearby Heritage Fund Pond. We will be covering the birding basics; identification, books, binoculars, etc. The first part of the class will cover the desert birds at the park and then we will move over to the pond to view the ducks and herons. The last class in November 2003 had 38 species.

Difficulty: 1 Morning Only ARRIVE at 8:00 a.m. at the south end of the Thunderbird Park picnic area. We will be at one of the pagodas near the restrooms.

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## Spring 2004 Field Trips

This regional park is located about 1 ½ miles North of the loop 101 on 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. Plan on about 3 hours of birding.

**Saturday, May 8, 2004**

**East Webber Creek Trail**

**Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602 938-8244**

**dans.bohlmann@prodigy.net**

This is a hike out of the Geronimo Boy Scout Camp which is on the fire control road off Highway 87 a few miles south of Pine. The walk is along East Webber Creek which flows all year round and is a very lush habitat. It is up a canyon that goes into the Mogollon Rim and has fir and spruce trees which are unusual at this altitude (5500-5800 ft.) Expect to see the usual forest birds such as titmouse, chickadee, nuthatch, Western Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, vireos, juncos, Robins and various warblers. It's possible to see the American Dipper doing its thing along the creek. Ardent hikers can go as far as three miles (one way) while the less adventurous can stay by the creek and bird watch.

Difficulty: 2 Bring lunch.

Meet at Fry's Electronics Store, 31st Ave. and Thunderbird (southeast corner,) in the parking lot on the north side of the building near Thunderbird Road at 6:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 14, 2004**

**Hassayampa River Preserve**

**Leader: Donna Smith 623- 556-9535**

**rms15247@cs.com**

Springtime at the Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve near Wickenburg always brings a lively, colorful assortment of bird species to observe. Over 230 species have been recorded nesting or migrating along this riparian area where cottonwoods and willows surround running water and a pond. Red-shouldered Hawks have nested here for several years. Vermilion Flycatcher, Hooded Orioles, and Anna's Hummingbirds are regulars and at this time of year Hutton's Vireo, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow Warbler and other warblers can be seen. The Preserve has provided a nesting habitat for the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher.

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

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 Preserve located on Route 60 about three miles southeast of Wickenburg about 45 miles west of Glendale at 7:30 a.m.

Donation to the Nature Conservancy is \$5.00 per person.

**Saturday, May 15, 2004**

**Wildflowers and Plants of Agua Fria Monument**

**Leaders:**

**Andre Tarby 480 948-1074 atarby@cox.net**

**Bruce Palmer 623 582-6757 palmerbc@cox.net**

Members of Sonoran Audubon Society have spent innumerable hours counting birds at the newly-designated huge national monument. Systematic study and reporting have resulted in making the site an Important Bird Area. However, on this field trip, veteran naturalists will lead an investigation of the flora of the monument. Depending on rainfall this season, look forward to discovering the abundance of flowers and plant life in general in this exciting living desert.

Meeting place and time will be published in April.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Friday-Sunday, May 21-23, 2004**

**Sierra Vista Area**

**Chuck Kangas 623-931-6677**

**chuckkan@mindspring.com**

Joe Woodley and his wife Jo Ann had lived in Scottsdale and went on a number of our field trips and attended many of our SAS meetings. They have moved to Hereford ( a suburb of Sierra Vista). Joe sent me the following message last summer: "We have had Botteri's and Grasshopper Sparrow on our backyard fence, Lucifer's Hummingbirds at our feeders, and right now there are a pair of Scaled Quail with 15 babies in our backyard. We love it here!" They will be leading the Sierra Vista portion of the trip. The exact location of where we will bird in Sierra Vista hasn't been worked out yet. As many of you know we could spend a week there. We'll probably start out in Joe and Jo Ann's yard and go from there. That will take care of Saturday.

Sunday, we'll meet Arne Moorhouse and bird the area around White Water Draw. Those of you who went on our sparrow workshop will remember what a great time we had with Arne in that area. I'll never forget the large number of Ferruginous Hawks we saw sitting in a field and a number of other birds such as the Lewis's Woodpecker and the field of Longspurs. That trip was in the winter so we'll have the breeding birds to search for on this trip.

Call Chuck to reserve a spot on the trip. He'll have more information next month. The details will be in April's newsletter.

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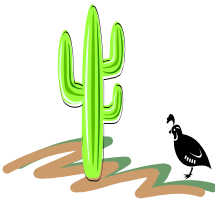
I know I told you that I would include the article Ann McDermott wrote about her trip to Page. You can see I've run out of room again. It will appear soon—I promise.

## 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.**

March 10, 2004	Bill Branan, Audubon Ranch, "Your Audubon Ranch - Grassland Research."
April 14, 2004	Clait Braun, "Discovery and Description of a New Species of Sage-grouse: Gunnison Sage-grouse."
May 12, 2004	Brian Wakeling, Arizona Game and Fish: "Turkey Research and Management in Arizona"

**Other Dates of Interest:** March 3 at, 6:45 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library in the small meeting room. All SAS members welcome.



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