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Central Mountains/Sonoran Region

By Jason Williams
AZ Wilderness Coalition

The Central Mountains and the Sonoran desert have been in a state of tension over the last couple of months. This tension has been created from the lack of snow and rain, forest fires, and forest closures causing the people of the region to become ill tempered and parched from this unusually warm spring. The forest has been thought of with feelings of fear and desire. Fear of the possible fires that will destroy our homes and desire to be at peace within the wildlands that sooth the fears and tensions of our lives.

The feeling of relief and happiness that comes with the first of the monsoon rains is present in all the trees, birds, and people alike. This feeling needs no describing, as anyone who has spent even a couple of years in the deserts of the southwest knows of the smell of silent relief that the forest and deserts let out when the rains come. The rains replenish us just as they replenish the land.

New leaves are beginning to sprout on the many species of oaks that lose their leaves in the hottest and driest times of year here in Arizona. Unlike their eastern relatives that protect themselves from the cold, these oaks have adapted to protect themselves from the heat. The local birds are changing their habits as well. The young have been raised and are now raising havoc around all the feeders in town and the best puddles and potholes in the wilderness that have fresh invertebrates and amphibians. As all the critters of the desert awaken to enjoy the humidity and moisture of the monsoon, here at the Prescott Field Office of the Arizona Wilderness Coalition we knuckle down to do some much needed office work to prepare for the up coming national monument planning processes.

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At our next meeting....

Wednesday September, 11 at 6:30 p.m.

“The Agua Fria Monument”

Presented by Kathryn Pedrick Monument Manger

And

Mary Skordinsky

Outdoor Recreation Planner



Photo of Agua Fria

Petroglyphs by

Hugh Rodgers

Kathryn and Mary have a vast combined experience working for various branches of the Federal Government. Kathleen has 22 years and Mary 16 years. Kathryn has held such varied positions as: Archaeologist, Recreation and Archaeology Branch Chief, Environmental Education Coordinator, Resource Advisor and now as Monument Manager. Mary has been a Park Aide, Park Ranger, Trainer Technician, Group Specialist, Recreation Specialist. Natural Recourse Specialist and now as the Outdoor Recreation Planner. Kathryn has a M. A. in Anthropology and Mary a M.A. in Outdoor Recreation.

Kathryn and Mary will spend the evening with us sharing their knowledge of the Agua Fria Monument. They will give us a slide presentation of the monument and finish with a question and answer session.

I'm sure many of us have questions about the monument which they will be able to answer. What are the plans that BLM will be putting into effect to protect the monument in the coming years? How will the monument be protected with the limited resources available and how will the needs of the monument be prioritized ?

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Central Mountains/Sonoran Region

There are three national monuments within the Central Mountains/Sonoran Region. The Agua Fria, with its grasslands and rugged canyons, Sonoran Desert, with a larger saguaro forest than Saguaro National Park, and Ironwood Forest that has Ironwood trees over 400 years old.

These National Monuments all have wilderness potential and The Arizona Wilderness Coalition (AWC) has identified over 100,000 acres that qualify for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

This is our chance to have interim protection placed on many of the lands and even waters in our new national monuments. We want to achieve Wilderness Study Area (WSA) status for all units containing wilderness characteristics. The planning process is our vehicle to obtain wild land protection, so if there is any doubt about when to get involved for protecting these valuable desert resources, the time is now! Through the planning process the BLM has the opportunity to designate WSAs, which means that they will be required to protect the wilderness characteristics of these areas until Congress designates them as wilderness or they are released through Congress or further planning processes.

We need to tell the BLM to “Keep the monuments primitive and keep them wild”. This is the message we want to send to all three-monument managers during this planning process. Below you will find contact information for the three monument managers. Contact The Arizona Wilderness Coalition to learn more about protecting potential wilderness in Arizona’s new national monuments at www.azwild.org or (928) 717-6076

Keep it Primitive, Keep it Wild!

Please contact the following BLM offices and ask to be on their mailing lists for the monument planning processes.

For the Ironwood Forest NM, contact:

Tony Herrell

Tucson Field Office
12661 East Broadway
Tucson, AZ 85748-7208
(520) 258-7200

For Sonoran Desert NM

Contact Elroy Masters

For Agua Fria NM

Contact Kathy Pedrick

Both can be reached at the:

Phoenix Field Office
21605 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85027-2099
(623) 580-5500

The Three National Monuments

By Charles Kangas

I think you can see by the preceding article that the monument managers are under a lot of pressure from numerous organizations. These include, not only the Arizona Wilderness Coalition but also the Sierra Club, Off-Road Vehicles groups, archaeology groups and also, of course, the state Audubon Societies.

We all have slightly different foci but many of them are very similar. We want to protect the monuments and allow our children and grand children the same opportunities to enjoy the monuments as we do.

The Arizona Wilderness Coalition would like to keep as much of the monuments as wilderness as possible. The archaeology groups want to protect the Indian ruins. The Sierra Club and the Audubon Societies want to protect habitat as much as possible. The Off-Road vehicle groups want to allow responsible travel on established roads and trails. The ranchers want to be able to continue to graze their cattle on the monuments.

Let’s hope we can combine our forces and allow the monuments to continue to be ones we can be proud of.



The Paradise Bakery and Café and Traders Joe’s donate refreshments for our monthly meetings. When you shop at either the Paradise Bakery and Café or at Trader Joe’s, please let them know how much we appreciate their donations of their wonderful products.

FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR

By Judy Walker

I live in a townhouse surrounded by grass and big trees--silk oak and eucalyptus. I noticed that there were a lot of birds in the trees and on the ground. I had no idea what they were--birds are birds. But a large bluish-gray bird with two dark stripes running across its back stood out. He wasn't afraid of me even though I was a little leery of him. So...I brought out some white bread, tore it in pieces, and tossed it to this bird. He ran over to it and pecked at it. Soon he had it eaten. The next day he and a friend were waiting for me, so I fed them the white bread again.

I asked a friend who raises exotic birds what white bread did to the birds. Her answer was, what it does to the insides of our stomachs. Oh, my...I've ruined the birds! She said, relax and feed them wild bird seed. By now I'd discovered that the large birds were pigeons or rock doves. They waited for me every day, and we had long visits. One day I parked my car in the garage and found the male waiting for me at the garage door. He walked with me up to my house where his partner was waiting, and we had dinner.

Norma, my neighbor, came by one day, saw the bird, and exclaimed, Why that looks like Charlie! This was her story. Three years ago he'd been wounded and she nursed him back to health. Before he could fly, the two of them took walks together. One evening on their walk, Norma saw some cats. She said, "Charlie, I think we'd better turn around and go home." No questions asked, Charlie turned around and they quickly walked home.

After Charlie gained his strength and could fly, he found a mate but continued to stay close to Norma's house. Three years later he has the same mate. I soon changed their names to Franklin and Eleanor and watched them work and live. He spent a large part of the morning finding twigs for the nest. With his foot, he picked up a twig about four or five inches long, examined it carefully from top to bottom, and, if he didn't like it, threw it down almost disdainfully. When he found a proper twig, he soared up to the nest, high up in a silk oak tree. Eleanor then took the twig from him and added it to the collection already there.

I was curious about mating and breeding. Pigeons are monogamous and share in much of the work. For instance, they take turns sitting on the egg(s) even though the female does most of the sitting, and they both feed the babies. What do baby pigeons eat? Pigeon milk! It is a soft cheesy liquid which is made on the walls of the crop. It has a high fat and protein content and no carbohydrates. Sometimes there will be parts of insects in it. The interesting thing about the milk is that BOTH mother and father produce it and BOTH parents feed the young. The chick sticks its beak into the adult's cheek and drinks!

As I read and observe, I'm struck by the efficiency and the closeness of this family unit. They eat together, fly together, and work together. It is a pleasure to see the two of them taking a rest by squatting on the sidewalk arallel to each other, rubbing heads, and cooing.

Suddenly, one day they were gone! They'd moved down across two houses into another tree. I feel sad because this experience has brought me such pleasure. But, even today, one or the other will come back to see me. I keep hoping they'll move back because our association has been such a special time for me.

Birding Vulture Peak

by Ann McDermott

One of my favorite places to hike and do a little birding is Vulture Peak, just a little southwest of Wickenburg, Arizona. The desert is beautiful, the vistas fabulous, and the birds are well represented too.

Vulture Peak is an easy drive from Phoenix. Just drive Highway 60 through Wickenburg to the second stop light. The first light is at the junction of Highway 60 and Highway 93, which is of interest if Kingman is your ultimate goal. But for Vulture Peak, continue through town on 60 to the next and last stop light. This is the junction of 60 and Vulture Mine Road, and you'll need to turn south (left) onto Vulture Mine Road. Pass the Los Caballeros Country Club on your left, the new middle school and high school on your right, and the road starts winding through gorgeous Sonoran desert country which sports abundant wildflowers after a wet winter and spring. After a few miles, a marker on the right side of the road points out the parking lot and trailhead to the Vulture Peak Trail. You'll turn left and pass through a large parking area, which in winter is full of snow birds and their RV's, but keep on going south, past them, and you'll arrive at a small roofed area with a few benches and some information displays. This is the trailhead, parking area, picnic area (There is one unprotected table.), and Visitor Registry Book station.

From there a well marked trail leads you through gentle canyons and washes, a gradual increase in elevation, but nothing really steep, until you reach the "upper trail" Registry Book Station. Here your hike begins in earnest. It's a real cardiovascular workout, but only about 1/2 mile long and well worth it for the views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

The hike from the "saddle" to the top of the peak is rated as requiring some rock climbing skills, but no special equipment.

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A message from your president...

It's been a long hot summer and I think we're all ready for the fall season to commence. The committees have been active. Look through the field trips that the Field Trip committee have prepared. The summer trips were outstanding. When you see Eleanor Campbell, be sure to tell her how much we appreciate the hard work her committee has done.

The program committee of Andree Tarby and Darnell Kirksey has been equally busy. Look at the programs they have lined up for us. It promises to be another fine fall for the Sonoran Audubon Society. When you see Andrée or Darnell, be sure to also complement them on the fine work the program committee has done.

We keep fine tuning the web page—thanks to Hugh Rodgers and our web master Fred Gilmand. Notice you can now click on Field Trip Reports on the web page and see the reports of past field trips. People from out of state are always anxious to look them over to see what they can expect to see when they arrive in the Phoenix area.

I hope that many of you can come to our first fall meeting on the Agua Fria Monument. Kathryn Pedrick and Mary Skordinsky will be able to answer all your questions about the monument. We hope to have a local archeologist present a program on the Indian ruins in the monument later in the year.

Save your Christmas money for our December meeting. A nationally known wildlife artist will be offering some of her paintings for sell.

SAS Web Site: www.sonoranaudubon.org

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Renewal fee for Students and Seniors: \$15.00

Mailed Newsletter subscription : \$8.00

Fee includes membership in the National Audubon and your local Sonoran Audubon Societies, and a subscription to the Audubon magazine. Your check should be made payable to the National Audubon Society, along with the membership form, preferably obtained from the Sonoran Audubon Society and containing our chapter ID number B07.

The Sonoran Chapter newsletter, Gambel's Tales, may be obtained free from the chapter website <www.sonoranaudubon.org>, or by subscribing for a mailed hard copy. Web site recipients will be notified when each newsletter is posted if the chapter has your e-mail address. Send your membership name and e-mail address to <chuckkan@mindspring.com>. If subscribing for a hard copy, send check (\$8.00), made payable to the Sonoran Audubon Society, to Sonoran Audubon Society, P.O. Box 8068, Glendale, AZ 85312-8068. Please include your address, and telephone number.

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Birding Vulture Peak

I can't vouch for that because I've always been content to stop at the saddle.

The views from the saddle are spectacular enough for me, and risk to life and limb is minimal up to that point.

The entire hike is about 4 miles round trip, and takes 3 to 4 hours to accomplish, less if you keep a fast pace and are more interested in the physical workout rather than scenery and birding.

A morning in February started briskly chilly, but the day warmed to the low eighties. Black-throated sparrows swept through the lower slopes. They seemed to be everywhere. Cactus Wrens and Curved-billed Thrashers also put in appearances. Rock and Canyon Wrens waited at the base of the hardest part of the climb to sing out encouragements.

I always look forward to discovering who awaits me at the saddle, for there is always someone.

One time, I sat on a rock in the saddle and contemplated a friend who had recently died and whose ashes had been scattered over Vulture Peak, as she had requested. Suddenly an enormous hummingbird zipped over my shoulder at the level of my ear. I was startled, but delighted too, for the hummingbird was the symbol of joy for the Aztecs, and is still that for indigenous Mexicans. For me, it represented my friend's joyous release from pain and love for Vulture Peak.

This time, a chorus of White-throated Swifts greeted me at the top. Their noisy wheeling and darting promised nests in clefts in the rock nearby and that spring approached with the subtlety of a locomotive.

It's always a pleasure to climb Vulture Peak. It lifts spirit as well as stone into a new perspective.

Sierra Vista Field Trip Report

July 20-21, 2002

By Josh Burns

Six SAS and Birders' Anonymous members and guests saw more than eighty species of birds including at least ten species of hummingbirds on the trip to the San Pedro River in July. We noted several southeast Arizona rarities and learned much about the ecology and problems facing the Sierra Vista area from our very knowledgeable guides. Attendees were George and Maria Wall, Joe Woodley, Joanne Loza, Josh Burns, and Mark Leppert of Salt Lake City, Utah.

On Saturday morning, we took the regular daily fieldtrip (highly recommended) at the Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve. Mark Pretti, an expert NCS naturalist, led the walk. Mark's identification help and near encyclopedic knowledge of the natural history of the Huachucas made the trip very rewarding. After some time spent at the feeders at the visitor center identifying hummingbirds, we walked up Ramsey Canyon to the frog pond.

Among the birding highlights of this walk was a male Blue-throated Hummingbird on an advertising territory, a female Berylline Hummingbird building a gossamer-seeming nest above the creek and a flock of radio-equipped Gould's Turkeys. Mark pointed out the Conservancy's efforts to remove undergrowth fuel from the forests to return to a more natural fire regime. He also discussed the supplanting of many local frog species by eastern bullfrogs.

Sandy Anderson, owner of Gray Hawk Ranch Nature Center, met us at Beatty's in Miller Canyon after lunch for more hummingbird watching and a climb to see the Flame-colored Tanager. The Beatty's kindly let us cross their land and stop at some feeders not available to the public. A tiring but rewarding climb led us to the tanager and other montane birds including a Red-faced Warbler. The head of the Black-footed Ferret reintroduction program in Wyoming also accompanied us.

We met Sandy at her center on Sunday morning and did a long and delightful walk along the San Pedro. Birding was most successful with a cooperative male Painted Bunting being the highlight. Sandy showed us some of the ponds being built by the several families of beavers now along the upper San Pedro. Their presence is being suffered as an experiment. Even rather large trees are being harvested and utilized by these delightful and diligent creatures.

The changes that have occurred in the conservation area in the short period since its establishment have led local naturalists to believe that the cottonwood gallery forest is not the climax vegetation for the river.

AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONMUMENT

By Josh Burns

In the fall of 2001, Sonoran Audubon "adopted" the Agua Fria National Monument as one of our major conservation projects. Kathy Pedrick, BLM Manager for the Monument, and her staff helped us to determine that the most important item we could contribute to the monument at this time would be a comprehensive bird checklist based on one for Paolo Soleri's Arcosanti prepared by John Delventhal and Dwayne Fink.

In April 2002, SAS conducted our first survey of birds at the monument. Concentrating on the Agua Fria River, thirteen SAS members counted 95 species of birds present on April 12 and 13. We submitted the Monument for nomination as an Arizona Important Bird Area (IBA) in May. The Selection Committee rated our IBA pro-postal as top level deferred, pointing to a problem of insufficient data to determine whether it is important year-around or largely during migration.

Several individuals have birded in the area over the summer reporting Yellow-Billed Cuckoos in potential nesting habitat and singing Bell's Vireos. Zone-tailed Hawks have been noted in several places and a pair apparently nested successfully in the large trees along the river in the northern part of the monument.

On August 17th etc, five SAS members did another scout along the Agua Fria River south of Bloody Basin Road and found more than forty species of birds. Although much of the river has dried up in this area, it still flows below Baby Canyon into the extensive cattail marsh there. To date we have recorded about 120 species of our counts.

SAS has available some maps showing good birding spots. To capture the information gained by visiting birders, we also have a self-mailing checklist available. If you wish to obtain this information and the checklist contact me at josh_a_burns@yahoo.com.

During the week of September 24-October 1 we will conduct a major survey of early fall birds on the monument. Please let Dwayne Fink or me know ASAP if you are interested in this count.

Interested birders should be aware that the monument is hot and dry, that there are only services at Cordes Junction on I-17, that the monument is not regularly patrolled at this time, and that water should be carried and proper sun-protection used. We suggest birding only in the early morning hours.

Hope to see many of you during the week of September 24 to October 1. Dwayne's e-mail address is edna.fink@asu.edu Maybe you can also join him on his field trip to the Agua Fria monument on September 14.

Fall 2002 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.

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. Avoid bright colors. Wear sturdy walking shoes.

Saturday, September 14

Agua Fria National Monument

Leader: Dwayne Fink 480 967-9202

edna.fink@asu.edu

Explore this desert and riparian environment with a leader who knows the birds and history of one of our new national monuments. Petroglyphs enhance the scenery of the habitat that is a Sonoran Audubon adopted project. The Spring Bird Count here revealed 95 species. Difficulty: 2 Bring lunch. Contact leader for meeting time and place.

Wednesday, September 18-Friday, September 20

Sierra Vista

Leader: George Wall 623 875-7057

WALLABY@worldnet.att.net

Join members of Birders' Anonymous in a get-away to one of Arizona's premier birding areas. Visit Ramsey Canyon for a walk with a Nature Conservancy naturalist and explore Garden Canyon where the Elegant Trogon nests. Tour Gray Hawk Nature Center on the San Pedro River with an experienced birder in quest of various flycatchers, sparrows, and migrants. Contact leader for details on hotels and transportation. Difficulty 2.

Saturday, September 21

Mesquite Wash

Leader: Mike Plagens 602 274-0129

mjplagens@arizonensis.org

Explore this unique low-desert riparian area (off Beeline Hwy. near Four Peaks turn off) for butterflies, wildflowers, birds, aquatic life and reptiles. Note the real threats to the natural environment posed by unregulated camping and off-road vehicles. Difficulty: 2+ Morning only, but bring lunch. Call leader for meeting time and place.

Tuesday, September 24

Wickenburg City Park and Box Canyon

Leader: Ann McDermott 623 584-3088

annfmc@worldnet.att.net

The Hassayampa River provides habitat for the bird population at these sites. Box Canyon is a high-walled, treed canyon, a beautiful environment for wrens, warblers, and hawks.

Difficulty: 1 Bring lunch.

This is a combined trip with Birders' Anonymous. Meet at Bell Recreation Center, 99th Ave. & Hutton Dr., Sun City at 7:00 a.m. OR Wickenburg Community Center at 8:00 a.m. Contact leader for details.

Saturday, September 28

Flagstaff

Leader: Frank Brandt 928 779-3855

Join the past president of Northern Arizona Audubon Society at The Arboretum at Flagstaff to look for late migrants. Then explore constructed wetlands and search nearby lakes for waterfowl. Mr. Brandt (with his wife) is co-author of "Birding the Flagstaff Area" and will lead with an experienced eye.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only, but bring snack.

Meet at The Arboretum at Flagstaff, 4001 Woody Mountain Rd., Flagstaff at 7:30 a.m. (www.thearb.org). NOTE: Call Eleanor Campbell at 623- 977-7639 to register.

Saturday, October 19

Seven Springs and Camp Creek

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623 977-7639

ercamp@juno.com

Stop in desert and chaparral habitats before arriving at the riparian site in the Tonto National Forest. Canyon Towhee, Sage Thrasher, and Hermit Thrush were seen on past trips.

Difficulty: 1 Bring lunch. Call leader for time and meeting place.

Entrance fee: \$4.00 per car.

Wednesday, October 23

Tres Rios Wetlands

Leader: Carolyn Modeen 623 972-6273

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Fall 2002 Field Trips

This wetland complex at 91st Ave. on the Salt River is among the best places to find birds in the West Valley. Expect to find several species of herons, raptors, and wintering waterfowl--often in great numbers.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only. Bring spotting scope.

This is a combined trip with Birders' Anonymous. Meet at Sun Bowl, 107th Ave., Sun City at 7:30 a.m. OR at the site. Contact leader for details.

Saturday, October 26

Spur Cross Conservation Area

Leader: Bob Gaulden 480 488-6623

Explore this newly-protected wilderness area in Cave Creek with its Interpretive Ranger. Habitats include desert, a riparian section, and national forest. It's possible to see Cooper's and Harris's Hawks, Peregrine and Prairie Falcons, and nesting owls.

Difficulty: 2 Morning only. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Bring water. Take Cave Creek Rd. to Spur Cross Rd. and drive to the public parking area at the end to meet the leader at 8:00 a.m. Entrance fee: \$3.00 per person.

Tuesday, November 5

Thunderbird Park, Glendale

Leader: George Nation 623 362-2392

This is a good in-town site to see desert birds such as thrashers, gnatcatchers and wrens. The pond annually hosts Hooded Mergansers, Common Mergansers, Lesser Scaups, Redheads and Ruddy Ducks.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only. Call leader for time and meeting place.

Friday, November 8

Hassayampa River Preserve

Leader: Lorraine Thompson 623 546-2103

The Nature Conservancy's Preserve on the Hassayampa River in Wickenburg is always a premier birding spot. Red-shouldered Hawks have nested there for several years. Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-naped Sapsucker, and Ladder-backed Woodpecker can usually be seen.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only. Call leader for the time to meet at the Preserve on Route 60 about three miles south-east of Wickenburg, about 50 miles west of Phoenix.

Saturday, November 16 **Prescott Forests and Lakes**

Leader: Ken Larsen 928 443-5778

Explore Watson Woods Conservation Area and lakes in Prescott's unique Granite Dells. Look for resident pygmy nuthatch, woodpeckers, and hawks plus a variety of wintering ducks.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only. Meet at Denny's Restaurant in Ponderosa

Plaza at the corner of Gail Gardner Way and Iron Springs Rd., Prescott at 8:00 a.m. Call leader to register.

Friday, November 22

Vulture Peak, Wickenburg

Leader: Ann McDermott 623-584-3088

Combine a hike with bird watching away from visible Civilization. (See Ann's article on pages 3 and 4) This trail ascends an isolated peak home to Black-throated Sparrow, Canyon Wren and Black-tailed Gnatcatcher. Black Vultures are often present.

Difficulty 4+ Bring lunch. Wear hiking boots. Call leader for time and place.

SAVE THESE DATES:

March 17-31, 2003

Oaxaca, Mexico

Leader: David MacKay

In the state of Oaxaca on the southwestern edge of Mexico, bi-lingual guides will lead a tour rich in habitat and avid-fauna as well as cultural diversity. Experience rugged Pacific beaches, humid pine, oak and cloud forests, arid valleys, and tropical lowlands. Enjoy the pre-Columbian ruins ringing Oaxaca City. More than 700 bird species have been recorded within Oaxaca's borders including 40 Mexican endemics. David MacKay designs his tours to suit both experienced and beginner birders.

Those of you who haven't been on any of David's trips should talk to those of who have. Even those people who aren't birders (like my wife) were very much impressed with David's attention to those fine details that make for a successful trip.

Incidentally, both David and his wife Jennifer are excellent gourmet cooks. The food on his trips is outstanding.

Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

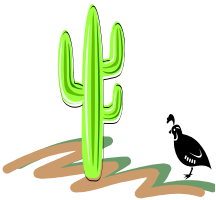
**Location: Auditorium, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street
(one block south of Peoria Ave. & 59th Ave. intersection)**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Sept 11, 2002	Kathryn Pedrick and Mary Skordinsky on "The Agua Fria Monument"
Oct 9, 2002	Tom Gatz "The Birds of Hudson Bay and Eastern Canada"
Nov 13, 2002	TBA Working on several speakers. Will be in the next newsletter.
Dec 11, 2002	Shawneen Finnegan "The Magic of Cape May"

Other Dates of Interest:

Sep 4, 6:45 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library. All SAS members welcome.



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