



# Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 7 p.m.  
David & Diane Reesor—Australia**

The names of David and Diane Reesor should be familiar to you as last year they gave us a program on the Birds of Bhutan and one on Botswana. If you haven't seen one of their programs, now is your chance.

They are professional photographers who are well traveled having been in more than three dozen countries. Their skills as photographers of wildlife and scenic beauty are truly remarkable. Both consider themselves to be very fortunate to have photographed in many of the world's special places and they both enjoy sharing their love of travel and photography by giving programs such as this one. David has also co-authored a book "Predator – Life and Death in the African Bush" with African safari guide Mark Ross.

This program is on Australia and they spent six weeks there in September, 2011. Five of the weeks were in the Outback at cattle ranches and tented safari camps. They also spent three days with an Aboriginal family on their homestead. During this trip they also visited Sydney, Perth and the Margaret River. They used vehicles and short aircraft trips to virtually circle Australia counterclockwise.



Koala Bear



Rainbow Lorikeet



Kangaroo

**Join us for a very entertaining trip to Australia!**

## What's Happening in our Chapter

By your Editor, George Wall

Board members George Wall, Haylie Hewitt, John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Joe Ford, Darnell Kirksey, Karen LaFrance, and Andrée Tarby had a lively board meeting.

Here are some of the hi-lights:

There was a discussion on the April Member program. So far only six people have submitted input.

The Education/Conservation meeting will be February 17th and quite a bit will be on the agenda.

Several events are coming up in March like the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival and manning the booths and tables was discussed.

A big portion of the meeting concerned a proposal to have a paid staff member (consultant). Karen LaFrance had submitted a proposal and it will be seriously looked at and if initiated, it would start in June 2012.

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The Membership Meeting with Kendall Kroesen giving the program on Gardening for Birds was a complete success. We had 53 attendees that included 17 guests and four of the guests joined our chapter. What more can we ask.

## 2012 Field Trips— Winter/Spring

**REQUIREMENT:** On all trips, **YOU MUST** make reservations by calling the leader or the contact person. They can then give updated information as to the meeting place, times, etc. Also, some trips are limited in size.

**Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 2012**  
**Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival to be held at Estrella Mountain Park (See Page 4)**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
**Hassayampa River Preserve**  
**Leader: Vera Markham, 623-974-1110**  
[vjmsaint@cox.net](mailto:vjmsaint@cox.net)

Hassayampa is always a nice place to take a bird walk as you never know what you'll find. There are nice easy trails to walk around the area and also to the river.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at Bell Recreation Center parking lot near corner of Hutton and Boswell in Sun City. We'll leave at 7:15

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a.m. or you can meet the group at the Hassayampa River Preserve at 8-8:15 a.m. There is a \$5 fee for each person unless you're a Nature Conservancy member and then it is \$3.

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**  
**Horseshoe Ranch—5th Annual Picnic**  
**See Page 5 for information**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**  
**Red Rock State Park**  
**Leader: Dan Bohlmann, 602-938-8244**  
[dansbohlmann@prodigy.net](mailto:dansbohlmann@prodigy.net)

This is a beautiful State Park near Sedona with Oak Creek flowing through it and lots of cottonwoods and sycamores along the creek. There are trails running along the creek, around open meadows and up to the top of a small peak (Eagles Nest) overlooking the whole park which is a spectacular viewpoint. Within the park is a favorite nesting area of the Common Black Hawk. There are a great variety of birds that have been seen here such as great flocks of Cedar Waxwings and Red-winged Blackbirds, Blue Grosbeaks, Oregon Juncos, Spotted and Green-tailed Towhees, Lesser Goldfinches, Cardinals, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Bluebirds, Summer and Western Tanagers, Bullock's Oriole, Robins, Nuthatches, Chickadees, Scrub Jays, Swallows, Red-shafted Flickers, Hairy and Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, Vireos and Warblers depending on the time of year. There is a \$5 per car park entrance fee.

Difficulty: 2 Bring Lunch.

Meet at Fry's Electronics Store, 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. and Thunderbird in the parking lot on the north side of the building (N.E. corner) to leave at 7:00 a.m.

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**  
**Mt. Ord**  
**Leader: Andrée Tarby 602-421-9425**  
[awtarby@gmail.com](mailto:awtarby@gmail.com)

This is a perfect time of year to go to Mt. Ord for birds. There are grassland, pinyon, juniper, and ponderosa pine habitats. Mt. Ord is the highest bird habitat in Maricopa County. We may encounter Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Scott's Oriole, Gray Vireo, Black-chinned Sparrow, and many warblers as well as Summer and Hepatic Tanagers. A high-clearance vehicle is required.

Difficulty: 2 Bring Lunch.

Meet at Denny's in Fountain Hills to leave at 7 a.m. Alternate meeting spot is the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird Avenue to leave at 5:45 a.m. It's a 1 hour drive from the Burger King to Denny's.

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**2012 Field Trips— Spring**

**Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2012**  
**Brown Canyon Ranch & Area**  
**Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057**  
[gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net)

This is a special trip that we have arranged with Buenos Aires National Wildlife Preserve. We have reserved the Brown Canyon Environmental Education Center. This is a 7 bedroom ranch house that sleeps 14 on the second floor. There will be roommates. It has 2 bathrooms on the upper floor and a bathroom on the bottom floor. There is a large kitchen with refrigerator and oven and a very large meeting room with a huge table to seat everyone.

This ranch house is located on a dirt road quite a distance from the paved road. A canyon wash (sometimes with water) leads up into the mountains to an archway. Birds abound especially if there is water. Not only will we bird here, but also at nearby spots like the preserve and Arivaca Lake.

There is limit of 14 people and the **trip is now full**, but you could add your name to the waiting list just in case.

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
**Glendale Library Gardens**  
**Leader: Joe Ford 623-792-8154** [lford25@cox.net](mailto:lford25@cox.net)

In place of the Brown Canyon trip listed above, you can try this trip. It is a bird walk for beginners and for people who like to walk in the beautiful Xeriscape gardens where Gila Woodpeckers are seen in the palms and you have to chase the pheasants from underfoot.

Meet at the Glendale Library at 8 a.m. The Library is located at the corner of 59th Avenue and Brown in Glendale.

**Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12, 2012**  
**Patagonia**  
**Leader: Kathe Anderson**  
**Contact: Donna Smith 623-556-9535**  
[rms15247@cox.net](mailto:rms15247@cox.net)

A trip to Patagonia leaving Thursday morning at 4:15 a.m. and staying at a B&B. This trip is limited to 8 people and is currently full. Put your name on the waiting list as there is always a possibility.

In the April newsletter, watch for trips to Dudleyville, Prescott, Portal and others starting in May. Some of these will be overnights.

## Have You Got Input?

We are planning on having a program in April 2012, featuring you—our members. All you have to do is submit a true story of how you got into bird watching or a personal reminiscence of something that happened to you while pursuing this hobby. We hope you have some pictures that we could also include in the presentation. Send them to Darnell Kirksey at [dkirk38338@aol.com](mailto:dkirk38338@aol.com) and Haylie Hewitt at [haylie.hewitt@cox.net](mailto:haylie.hewitt@cox.net).

They will review the entries (hopefully a lot) and chose the ones that would interest us most in the April meeting. They may even take a video of you. This is your chance to help make a program that you star in.

### Here is an example:

This is one of those exciting moments in bird watching. I had seen a hawk in one of my orange trees a few days earlier and I decided to be prepared in case it came back. It did on August 28, 2011, and sat in the sumac tree on the edge of my patio. I took this picture through my kitchen window using a cell phone camera. I identified the bird as a Harris Hawk. This was really exciting for me - an amateur birder (a picture was submitted and you can submit more than one to tell the story).



## Welcome and Thank You

We have several new Sonoran Audubon Society members who joined the National Audubon Society or transferred into our area which automatically makes them a member of our chapter. The new members (some rejoined) are Emily Angelo, Lee Arnold, Judy Carrucciu, Michelle Cox, John Crouch, Bill Draxler, Thomas Ferranti, Jeff Hardin, Iny Johnson, Shawwna Kifer, Lena Macan, Dottic Labounty, Rita Oliver, Joe Robinson, Laura Sellies, Carolyn Talbot and W. Turner.

We also have a few first time new “Friends” (some new members). They are Jack Burt, Rose Marie Leather, Tony Davis, Zona DeWeerd and Ben Leonard.

The “Friends” drive is still on and we hope a lot more of you will renew your “Friends” membership or join as a new “Friend”. We sent out notices to many of you. Please participate.

## Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival

**Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 2012 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**The event and activities are free – Parking is \$3 per vehicle**

Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival is an annual **two-day** outdoor event that focuses on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and culture of the Gila River drainage. This is an opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage, ecology, history and wildlife of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria Rivers! It is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a beautiful spring day in Arizona and learn something about the place we call home.

**Activities include:**

**Canoe Excursions**

**Early Birding Tours**

**Regular Birding Tours**

**Hikes**

**Fishing Clinic**

**To reach the Estrella Mountain Regional Park:**

From central Phoenix, take I-10 west to Estrella Parkway exit.

Travel south to Vineyard Ave.

Turn east on Vineyard Avenue to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park entrance on the south side.

See the website at <http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com/activities.htm> for more info and detailed map.

## The Sonoran Audubon Society's 5th Annual Picnic

is

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

**To be held at Horseshoe Ranch**

**There will be a Bird Walk starting at 8 a.m. The picnic is from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

**Free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, cold drinks and water  
(attendees are asked to bring a side dish if possible)**

**Door prizes and a raffle**

**Great Camaraderie**

**There will be restroom facilities.**



**Directions: Take I-17 towards Flagstaff. Take exit 259 (Bloody Basin Road – a well established dirt road) and bear right for approximately 5 miles. Gate entrance is on the left and it will be well marked.**

**Reservations Required: Contact George Wall at 623-875-7057 [gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net) or sign up at the Membership Meetings.**

## **Festivals & Other Events**

### **Sportsman's Club of Sun City West**

There is an Outdoor Arizona Exposition on March 10, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the RH Johnson Social Hall, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West. There will be over 40 exhibitors including a Sonoran Audubon Society booth manned by two of our members—Dick Fogle and Donna Smith.

### **Phoenix North Mountain Park 35th Annual Spring Trek**

**On March 17,** The 35th Annual Spring Trek is being held at the park located at 12590 N. 7th Street in Phoenix. There will be a Continental Breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. and then Councilman Bill Gates will start the day with a welcoming speech. Other events will be hikes, rides and bird-watching trips. After this, there will be a Beer Tasting event sponsored by the Phoenix Ale Brewery from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

### **March 24 – Feathered Friends Festival at Gilbert Water Ranch.**

There will be over 40 booths along with, food, music and birding. See [www.riparianinstitute.org](http://www.riparianinstitute.org) for more information.

**April 7—Hassayampa River Preserve Anniversary Celebration.** See page 8 of this newsletter.

### **April 26-9 – Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival at Dead Horse Ranch State Park**

See [www.birdyverde.org](http://www.birdyverde.org) for schedule.

### **May 5 – San Pedro Spring Fest at Sierra Vista**

See [www.sanpedroriver.org](http://www.sanpedroriver.org).

### **May 7 – Madera Canyon International Migratory Bird Day**

See [www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org](http://www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org).

### **June 23 – Flagstaff Hummingbird Festival at Flagstaff Arboretum**

See [www.thearb.org/events\\_hummingbird.php](http://www.thearb.org/events_hummingbird.php).

### **August 1-5 – Southwest Wings Birding Festival at Sierra Vista**

See [www.swwings.org](http://www.swwings.org).

### **Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival**

The first-ever Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival is scheduled for August 17 - 21. "August is the time when we have more species of birds in southeast Arizona than at any other time of year," said Dr Paul Green, Executive Director of Tucson Audubon. See their web site at [www.tucsonaudubon.org/festival](http://www.tucsonaudubon.org/festival).

## **Help Needed**

**Come on people!** We have over 850 members—surely some of you can help in one of these areas. We need to get as many of you involved as possible. That is one of the hallmarks of a chapter—**get involved.**

**Conservation:** The National Audubon Society is placing much more emphasis on protecting the environment. Our chapter would like to significantly expand our conservation and educational activities. Want to get involved?

**Manning our Booths:** During the year, we are involved in many festivals or events that require some members to be in a booth. This is a simple way to get involved.

**Field Trips:** We're always looking for new leaders and for trip committee members.

**The Board:** We certainly can use help here. We could use some new blood to give us some new ideas.

If you would like to get more involved in Sonoran Audubon activities, contact George Wall at 623-875-7057 [gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net) or any of our board members.

**Biographies of the Nominees for Officers and Directors at Large for the Sonoran Audubon Society**  
**The selections below were nominated by the Nominating Committee**

**Haylie Hewitt** (for Treasurer): She's been a member of Sonoran Audubon Society for the last three years, becoming interested after taking birding classes at the Desert Botanical Garden. She is currently handling the hospitality table at meetings and began filling in as Treasurer in November when then-Treasurer Carol Schooler moved to Prescott. Haylie has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's in Elementary Education. She volunteers with Citizens for North Phoenix Strays, a group that finds indoor homes for stray cats.

**Gail Bliss** (for Secretary): Gail has been attending Sonoran Audubon meetings for over six years and is also a member of National Audubon. She switched careers and graduated from Arizona State University earning an MS in Hazardous Materials Management. For 17 years, she worked for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in the Pollution Prevention Unit and is now retired. She has been interested in the environment and birds throughout her life. She ushers at the Herberger Theater and walks dogs at the Sun Valley Animal Shelter. She also is a member and supporter of various environmental organizations including the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, and Environmental Defense Fund. She has volunteered on two Earthwatch Expeditions, one to Oregon and one to Mexico working with plants both times. Her other traveling includes trips to Alaska, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the Caribbean and Galapagos. She has previously been council secretary for the church she attended. She is looking forward to being involved with a proactive group.

**John Arnett** (for Director at Large): John has served two terms as Secretary, but as an officer has to step down at the end of his final term. As a former officer, he can serve one term on the board as a Director at Large. He was born in Orlando, Florida. He spent many childhood summers in the southern Appalachians of western North Carolina, and it was in the mountains that he became interested in birding around the age of nine. John has BS and MS degrees in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Florida and he does, in fact, bleed orange and blue. He has worked on bird and many of other wildlife-related research projects in Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Brazil, and Chile, and currently works as a wildlife biologist for Luke Air Force Base where his primary task is to manage the natural resources of the Barry M. Goldwater Range. His recent and current research interests are the ecology and conservation of Le Conte's Thrasher, the distribution of Elephant Trees and wintering Gray Vireos, and monitoring the breeding bird community of the Sonoran Desert in Arizona.

**Joe Ford** (for Director at Large): This is Joe's second term. He moved to the "valley" in October of 2008 after 42 years in the classroom. Joe has an MS from the University of Oklahoma. Joe coached high school sports, soccer in New Mexico, and taught the life and earth sciences in high school and college. He also coached the Science Olympiad team in Hobbs, NM, for 22 years. His last classroom assignment included Astronomy, Meteorology, and Geology; Plants of the Southwest; Advanced Placement Environmental Science. He and his wife moved to Sun City to be closer to their family. Since moving to Sun City Joe has interests involving singing with the Choraliers, playing softball, bowling, volunteering at the West Side Food Bank, helping with the signing project at the Glendale Library Xeriscape Garden, a member of the Sundancers of Surprise that work spring training and spending time with his grandchildren. He has memberships with the Nature Conservancy, Audubon, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Joe joined the Sonoran Audubon Society soon after moving to the valley. His favorite bird is the common loon and he enjoys trying to identify warblers.

**James Consolloy** (for Director at Large): This is Jim's first term. He is life-long birder from the east coast. He recently became a friend of the Sonoran Audubon Society as well as a member of Birders Anonymous. After spending much of his free time studying the flora, fauna and geological history of the southwest, taking courses at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix and volunteering as a Horticultural Aide at the garden; getting out on birding field trips has been most rewarding. Having a detailed background in plant biology, arboriculture and ornamental horticulture initially led to the first 20 years of managing a large east coast nursery/landscape operation in Flemington, NJ, and Warwick, Md. He was also Manager of Grounds for Princeton University for many years; so, birding became second nature after spending much of this time in the field and traveling the east shores. He participated in Christmas bird counts for almost 50 years in the Trenton Marsh of New Jersey. This April, Jim will be teaching a one month course at Rio Salado Colleges' Rise program in local desert botanicals.



## Sonoran Audubon Society Ballot

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Gail Bliss, Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Haylie Hewitt, Treasurer

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

\_\_\_\_\_ John Arnett  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Consolloy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Ford

The following people were selected and need to be voted on for the coming year's Nominating Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dick Fogle    \_\_\_\_\_ Bob McCormick

Put a check mark in front of each officer and board member to indicate your approval. Also, put a check mark for the two people selected to be on the Nominating Committee. There are two openings for officers and three openings for Director at Large.

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.

## FAMILY BIRD WALKS AT ESTRELLA

**Sponsored by the Sonoran Audubon Society**

Estrella Mountain Park is located on the south side of the Gila River in Goodyear at Bullard Ave. and Vineyard Rd.

**SATURDAYS:** These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. Because of the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival, the next walk will be on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**. Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The walk will last approximately 2 hours. For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 [lford25@cox.net](mailto:lford25@cox.net).

**SUNDAYS:** These walks are held the fourth Sunday of each month. The next walk will be on **Sunday, March 25, 2012**, at 8:00 a.m. Follow the signs to the dirt parking lot on the east side of the park (Navy Area). For further information contact Bob McCormick at 602-373-2952 [mcbobaz@aol.com](mailto:mcbobaz@aol.com) or Andrée Tarby at 602-421-9425 [awtarby@gmail.com](mailto:awtarby@gmail.com).

There is a \$6.00 per vehicle charge for entering the park; however, the bird walks are free of charge.

The bird walk held at Estrella on the 4th Sunday in January had 14 people in attendance. The best bird seen was an American Robin.

The bird walk held at Estrella on the 2nd Saturday in February had 31 people in attendance including a Girl Scout troop. 35 birds were seen with the best birds being a Red-naped Sapsucker and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

## OTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

### Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

Audubon's Birds 'n Beer, is again being offered in 2012. Local professionals will give you a refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife while networking with fellow nature-lovers. Professionals from all over the Valley come to the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center to enjoy a cold Four Peaks brew while enjoying an enlightening and lively presentation on Arizona nature. Stop into the Audubon Center every third Thursday of the month, 5:30 - 7:30 for this popular event generously sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center located at 3131 S. Central Avenue in Phoenix. Call 602-468-6470 or e-mail [riosalado@audubon.org](mailto:riosalado@audubon.org) for more information about their programs and events.

### Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, March 16, 2012, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. The program will be on Weird Birds presented by Joe Ford of the Sonoran Audubon Society. The field trip for the month is on March 7, 2012, to Granite Reef Dam led by Vera Markham..

For further information on Birders' Anonymous contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 or at [mne@juno.com](mailto:mne@juno.com) or Shirley Fackelman at [shirleyfackelman@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyfackelman@yahoo.com).

### Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight has bird banding programs on Saturday, March 3rd and the 24th, 2012, at 7 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at [birdannabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:birdannabelle@hotmail.com).

Birding 102 is on Sunday, March 11, 2012, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Get started in the fascinating hobby of birding with professional birder Kathe Anderson. Learn about bird types, binoculars and field guides. Find and recognize different species of birds on a short guided hike along the preserve trails.

There is an Interpretive Tour Saturday, March 31st from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

There is an Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 7, 2012, from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. There will be guided bird walks at 8 and 10 a.m., Wildman Phil's Reptiles from 10-11:30 a.m. and much more. Save the date. The Sonoran Audubon Society will have a table there.

The preserve is open mid-September through mid-May

Wednesday-Sunday 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. and mid-May through mid-September Friday - Sunday 7-11 a.m. Entrance fees are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Members fee is \$3.00.

### Gilbert Water Ranch

The Gilbert Water Ranch is located on the SE corner of Greenfield and Guadalupe Roads in Gilbert, Arizona. From the Superstition Freeway (US 60) exit at Greenfield Road and drive S. on Greenfield for 1.5 miles. Turn east (left) on Guadalupe. The entrance to the parking lot for the Water Ranch is the third driveway on the right. See the web site at <http://sites.google.com/site/birdsofthegilbertwater ranch/>.

### Arizona Field Ornithologists

AZFO have several surveys and field expeditions coming up in the near future. See their website at [www.Azfo.org](http://www.Azfo.org) for more details.

### Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Winter/Spring guided birdwalks March 3, 11, 17, and 25, 2012, starting at 8:30 a.m. from the breezeway lobby of the visitor center.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum opens at 8:00 a.m. \$9.00 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 5-12. For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>.

### Desert Botanical Garden

Every Monday bird walks are held starting at 8 a.m.

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$15.00 (\$13.50 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member. Membership is \$75 a year. When special events are held, the entry fee could be higher. See their website at [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org) for further information.



Photo by Vera Markham taken at the Gilbert Water Ranch

## Join the Sonoran Audubon Society

This can be done in two ways: become a “Friend” of the Sonoran Audubon Society or join the National Audubon Society. The difference is as a “friend” all the money goes to our chapter. As a National member, you still become a member of our chapter, but less money goes to us; however, you get the National Audubon Society Magazine. Some people choose to do both. See our website for the applicable forms.

Adult or family membership: \$20.00  
Seniors (60 and up): \$15.00  
Students Under 18: \$10.00

All monthly issues of *Gambel's Tales* are free from the chapter website <[www.sonoranaudubon.org](http://www.sonoranaudubon.org)> or by mail for \$10.00 per year.

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[www.maricopaaudubon.org](http://www.maricopaaudubon.org)  
Arizona Field Ornithologists: [www.azfo.org](http://www.azfo.org)  
National Audubon: <http://audubon.org/>



7480 W. Bell Rd in Glendale and located near 75th Avenue behind Mimi's Café and next to the Souper Salad. Ph: 623-773-3000  
Website: <http://Glendale.wbu.com>

## Care Centers for Birds

**Fallen Feathers**  
Handles and cares for all birds  
9532 W. Cielo Grande, Peoria  
Jodie Kieran 623-533-2348  
623-566-5302

**Adobe Mtn. Wildlife Center**  
Cares for all wildlife including birds  
I-17 & Pinnacle Peak  
623-582-9806

**Wild At Heart**  
Raptors only  
31840 N. 45th St.  
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### Committees

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## Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**Location:** West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in  
Glendale — **Time:** 6:30 p.m. for socializing and  
7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program.

### Schedule for the Year:

**March 14, 2012—David and Diane Reesor—Australia**

**April 11, 2012: Members—Adventures in Bird Watching—What does a Chapter do?**

**May 9, 2012—Tom Gaskill—Egypt**

**Other Dates of Interest:** March 7, 2012, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale. Members are invited to attend as guests.



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