



Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Joe Ford—Weirdness of Birds

Joe Ford, who is a native of Missouri, has been interested in the world of plants since his high school days, especially the classification of species. He has been in the high school classroom and at the college level teaching the sciences, especially the earth and life sciences for 42 years. He has taught Botany and Field Studies of Native Plants of New Mexico and Plants of the Southwest, a high school course, for several years at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, New Mexico. He has always been intrigued by birds; however, when he came to Arizona and found so many birds inhabited the area, he added them to his interests. After going to Alamos, Mexico, in 2010, on a bird watching trip, his interest spiraled upwards and now he is an active member of our chapter.

This program will explore some unusual facts and oddities of some of our rarest birds as well as common birds. It will touch on many orders of birds, from some common gulls to some of the rarest of birds such as the Bali Mynah, and some of the most dimorphic, such as the Eclectus Parrot. The bird world is filled with diversity and this program will highlight many representatives of this fact.

Joe doesn't let grass grow under his feet.

- He is a Member at Large on the Sonoran Audubon Society board.
- He is on the Education Committee which includes working with the Girl Scouts for badges.
- He does Important Bird Area (IBA) surveys at Robbins Butte.
- He is a member of the Friends of Agua Fria.
- He does a geology and bird walks at Estrella Mountain Park.
- He participated in the Phoenix Area Aquatic Bird Survey in January of this year.

If that is not enough, he works at the food bank every Wednesday, sings at churches when requested, plays baseball two days a week and replaces or corrects signs for plants and trees at places like the Botanical Gardens.



Joe Ford with Granddaughter Skylar

What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

Your Board met on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Members present were John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Tim Cullison, Dick Fogle, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Darnell Kirksey, Rich and Carol Schooler.

Committee reports were given as follows:

- There are currently 868 members of which 123 are "Friends".
- Field trips for the summer are being worked on.
- Programs for the new year starting in September are starting to come together.
- The Girl Scout badge education is all set for Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Rio Salado. 58 Girl Scouts and several adults are slated to attend.

Refreshments were discussed. People currently aren't using the refreshment area in the other building as was hoped for. Since the weather is starting to get warmer, it was decided to try and do refreshments outside on the patio. Hopefully this will draw more people. At the June board meeting, a decision will be made concerning this subject.

The picnic is all set for Robbins Butte on Saturday, March 26, 2011. There are currently 35 people signed up.

The General Membership Meeting on March 9th was very well attended. 57 people showed up for the Costa Rica/Windjammer Cruise presentation.

At the next meeting, Joe Ford will be presenting a program on Bird Weirdness. It should be a good one.

While I am away in Kenya, Africa, Dick Fogle will be acting president and host for the next meeting.

CORRECTION

In the March issue of the SAS newsletter, it was erroneously reported that the Arizona Audubon Council became another organization. What we should have said is as follows: After the Council meeting on February 5, 2011, a separate organization, the Arizona Council of Arizona Chapters (ACAC) was formed and the first organizational meeting took place. This new entity is applying to the IRS for 501c(3) non-profit status. Tricia Gerrodette was elected President, Karen LaFrance Vice President and Secretary and Ruth Russell Treasurer.

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. The next walk will be on **Saturday, April 9, 2011**. Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The walk will last approximately 2 hours. For further information, contact Rich Schooler at 623-930-8904, richschooler@cox.net. **Note: This will be the last walk until fall.**

SUNDAYS: These walks are held the fourth Sunday of each month. The next walk will be on **Sunday, April 24, 2011**, 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 or Andrée Tarby at 480-948-1074 atarby@cox.net.

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

Here's what happened on the February 12th walk.

What a surprise when Eleanor Campbell, Joe Ford and Darnell Kirksey prepared for the normal 2nd Saturday bird-walk at Estrella Mountain Park. 40 people showed up to participate. When asked how they heard about the walk, many replied, "It was in the newspaper". Talking to them, it was found that many were snowbirds looking for something to do. Since it was such a large group, Eleanor Campbell took part of them and Joe Ford and Darnell Kirksey took the rest. One group went through the park and the other to the river and then they swapped areas.

The 41 species of birds seen in no certain order were Canada Goose, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Northern Mockingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Phainopepla, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch and House Sparrow.

Birds are plentiful on these walks; so, why don't you take advantage of it? We have one more Saturday walk on April 9th before breaking for the summer. If you can't make it on a Saturday, how about the 4th Sunday walk on April 24th?

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2011 Field Trips—Spring

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

Monday, April 4, 2011

Seven Springs

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

rms15247@cox.net

We'll take a nice drive up to Seven Springs birding along the way. At Rackensack Gulch, we will look for sparrows and maybe see a Crissal Thrasher or possibly a Sage Thrasher. Seven Springs campground has a stream with water in it and we should see a lot of birds—flycatchers, warblers, tanagers and orioles.

Difficulty: 1 - Bring a lunch.

Meet at McDonald's just off Carefree Highway taking exit 223 off Rte. 17 to leave at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10, 2011

Madera Canyon

Leaders: Melody Kehl & Donna Smith

623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net

Get away to Madera Canyon and see what birds are migrating through. Melody will be our leader on Sunday, April 10th. We will leave on Saturday, 9th and do some birding along the way. We will stay in Green Valley for one night and come home late Sunday. Contact Donna Smith for details.

Saturday, April 23, 2011

Page Springs

Leader: Rich Schooler 623-930-8904 raschooler@cox.net

Page Springs is a fish hatchery where water also attracts many birds. There are Arizona Sycamore and cottonwoods surrounding the water. Bridled Titmouse is a resident and Common Black Hawks nest regularly. There is a birding trail that is part of the Page Springs Important Bird Area.

Difficulty: 1 - Bring a lunch.

Meet at McDonald's just off Carefree Highway taking exit 223 off Rte. 17 to leave at 6 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Clear Creek Campground

Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244

dansbohlmann@prodigy.net

Clear Creek Campground is east of Camp Verde on Highway 260. We have stayed there many times over the years and have always noticed a large number of birds in the campground. Clear Creek flowing through the campground, a number of man-made channels running from the creek, an abundance of cottonwood and sycamore trees and other bushes attract numerous birds and wildlife.

Some of the birds I've seen are Blue Grosbeaks, Cardinals, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Spotted and Green-tailed Towhees, Song Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Bullock's Oriole, Western and Summer Tanagers, Lesser Goldfinches, vireos, warblers and Scrub Jays. After we exhaust ourselves going in circles around the campground, we will try some areas near the Verde River and nearby fields on the river road that goes further south along the west side of the river.

Difficulty: 2 - Bring a lunch.

We will meet at the Fry's Electronics Store at 31st Ave. and Thunderbird Ave. in the Northeast corner of the parking lot at 7 a.m.

Monday, May 16, 2011

Prescott Area

Leader: Kathe Anderson

Contact: Barbara Meding 623-266-1847

barbarameding@yahoo.com

We'll make a quick stop at Fain Park in Prescott Valley, then head to The Highlands Center for a nice walk in the woods. Depending on timing, we'll visit one or more lakes, and probably the Watson Lake Riparian Preserve. We should get a nice collection of higher elevation birds such as Acorn and Hairy Woodpeckers, and colorful summer residents like Yellow Warblers, Blue Grosbeaks and Summer Tanagers.

Friday-Sunday, May 27-29, 2011

St. David/California Gulch

Leaders: Melody Kehl & Donna Smith

623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net

This is a two night trip coming back on Sunday. We'll be birding along the way. We'll probably stay in Tucson which is central to the birding areas of St. David and California Gulch. We'll bird St. David first and hope to see the Mississippi Kites. Next we'll bird

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2011 Field Trips—Spring/Summer

California Gulch to see the Five-striped Sparrows and the Buff-collared Nightjar as well as other birds.

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Hart Prairie Road

Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244

dansbohlmann@prodigy.net

Get out of the summer heat. This trip takes us up above Flagstaff.

Difficulty 1—bring a lunch.

Meet at McDonald's just off Carefree Highway taking exit 223 off Rte. 17 to leave at 6 a.m.

Monday, June 20, 2011

Granite Reef/Coon's Bluff & other areas

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

Always a great spot for bird watching is the entire area along Bush Highway.

Difficulty 1: bring a lunch.

Meet at Denney's in Fountain Hills to leave at 7 a.m.

Financial Report

As of March 1, 2011, the Sonoran Audubon Society had \$16,413.63 in assets. However, some of this money is earmarked for Horseshoe Ranch (\$3,200+) and some for other things like Together Green, Insurance, and other operating costs.

Thank You

More members who joined or renewed as a "Friend": John Arnett, John Bencich, Cherie Beavon, Dick Fogle, Ann Givey, Gerry Horton, Becky Jordan, Patrick McMullan, Maryalice Quinn, Susan Reed, Kay Rudorf, Richard & Rosemary Sedowski, Diana Stuart, Tice Supplee and Jeanette Winters.

New members from the National Audubon Society: Diana Baldwin, Helen Baraban, Elaine Boast, Betty Ann Carter, R. Cody, Pat Dutrack, Dale Kasman, Pamela Kohnken, Craig Kostarik, Florence Kroulik, David Laru, Marguerite Mahoney, Michael Mitchell, Sandra Nations, Sam Newell, David Nye, Marina Parker, Nancy Reed, Bob Sartor, Don Shaver, Delora Spiegel, Ernest Sprague and Debbie Wycoff.

Member Spotlight

By Eleanor Campbell

Loretta and Chuck Richards really "dug into" Sonoran Audubon activities after finding the society on the internet in 2001. That year they moved to Phoenix from Ohio where they lived in Lake County for many years. There Loretta taught fourth, fifth and sixth graders for 25 years. Chuck retired as manager of systems and programming after 31 years in a large steel company.

In Ohio they volunteered at an animal rehabilitation center which ignited their interest in birds. That brought them to the local Adobe Mountain Rehabilitation Center where they dedicated their efforts every Monday for many years.

Since 1998 they've traveled throughout most of the United States in their motor home birding along the way. They've been to Alaska, Canada's Maritime Provinces, Mexico, Costa Rica and several European countries although not necessarily for birding.

During their decade of membership in SAS Loretta was Treasurer on the Board for four years and Chuck was Director-at-large for four years. Both are on the Education Committee and Chuck is a Field Trip Committee member.

Sierra Vista and Springerville are high on the Richards' list of Arizona's birding hot spots. They have two adult children, two cats, and enjoy adding to their Life List of 550 birds.



Chuck & Loretta Richards

Andean Condor

By Dr. Jerry Theis

In June, 2010, our Chupaflor Nature Tour had descended to around 12,000 ft. along NW Peru's Marcopomacochas Road, when we spotted a pair of Andean Condors over the towering cliffs above us. Upon closer inspection, we turned up a total of 10 birds at their communal roost.

The Andean Condor is a species of South American bird in the New World vulture family Cathartidae. Found in the Andes mountains and adjacent Pacific coasts of western South America, it has the largest wing span of any land bird (although it is on average five centimeters shorter from beak to tail than the California Condor). It is a large black vulture with a ruff of white feathers surrounding the base of the neck and large white patches on the wings. The head and neck are nearly featherless and are a dull red color. In the male, there is a wattle on the neck and a dark red comb on the crown of the head. The head and neck are meticulously kept clean and their baldness is an adaptation for hygiene, allowing the skin to be exposed to the sterilizing effects of dehydration and ultraviolet light. Unlike most birds of prey, the male is larger than the female. The condor is primarily a scavenger, feeding on carrion. Andean condors may kill some living prey. Their talons are straight and blunt, thus more adapted to walking than as weapons. The beak is hooked and adapted to tearing rotting meat. They reach sexual maturity at five to six years of age and nest at elevations of up to 16,000 feet, generally on inaccessible rock ledges. One or two eggs are usually laid on a few sticks, hatching after 54-58 days. It is one of the world's longest-living birds, with a lifespan of up to 100 years old in captivity. The Andean Condor is a national symbol of Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador and plays an important role in Andean folklore. It is considered nearly threatened by habitat loss and by secondary poisoning from carcasses killed by hunters.



Andean Condor—Photo by Nick Athanas from Antpitta.com

The Andean Condor's habitat is mainly composed of open grasslands and alpine areas up to 16,000 feet in elevation. It prefers relatively open, non-forested areas which allow it to spot carrion from the air. On wing, the movements of the condor are remarkably graceful as it wheels in majestic circles, with wings held horizontally and its primary feathers bent upwards at the tips. It flaps its wings on rising from the ground and relies on thermals to stay aloft. Condors often travel more than 120 miles a day in search of carrion. They prefer large carcasses, such as deer, or beached marine mammals. They may follow other scavengers who may have located a carcass by smell, and then dominate the carcass. Condors play an important role in the ecosystem by disposing of carrion which would otherwise be a breeding ground for disease.

Healthy adults have no natural predators. Because of its low reproductive rate, the condor is extremely vulnerable to human persecution, most of which stems from its

alleged attacks on livestock. They may also be killed to use their bones and organs for medicinal powers.

Later in our tour along the Atuen Rd. we scoped a pair of condors on a ledge high above us. As we walked up the road, a young man tried to walk by us hiding an enormous condor wing in his daypack. A local birder who was accompanying us wrestled the pack away from the boy, who denied it was the wing of a condor. He then claimed he found the wing some time ago but examination showed that it had been removed earlier that same day. Then the boy claimed that the condor had killed one of his cows so he shot it. We spread the huge wing open and the outermost primary measured 27 inches long! An Andean Condor is a great bird to view, the WHOLE bird that is!

Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival

Submitted by Bob McCormick

It was a little windy on Saturday but plenty of birds were seen. A short hike to the lagoon got us out of the wind and if few birds were present we could always look at the four foot tall bee hive in a crack on the cliff face. We had 7 folks working Sunday and it got so busy that all 7 ended up out on tours at the same time! All loaner binoculars were out and more people were waiting to go on tours when we got back. Everyone told me that they had a great time. Bald Eagles were seen on three separate occasions and the final bird list came to 50+ species. Almost every tour had young children. One young lady of about age 4 was so excited to see the Anna's Hummingbird through the spotting scope she started dancing!

The early tours were well attended and this was the best time to see the shore birds & ducks such as Long-billed Dowitchers, Black-necked Stilts, Least Sandpipers, Spotted Sandpipers, Northern Shovelers, and Green-winged Teals. You had to get to this area early before the canoe clinic hit the water. Thanks to all our volunteers for making this one of the best festivals ever!

They were Marshall Esty, Dick Fogle, Joe Ford, Frank and Sam Insana, Rich Kaiser, Chuck and Loretta Richards, Les Sell, Andrée Tarby and Nancy Woods.



Les Sell on a walk with a group of young people—Photo by Christina Underhill



Ocelot

Daily News Sun—Feb 12, 2011

Arizona Game and Fish Department officials reported that a rare ocelot was observed the morning of Feb. 8 in the Huachuca Mountains in southern Arizona.

An individual called Game and Fish to report that while he was working in his yard in the Huachuca Mountains, his dogs began barking at a cat-like animal which quickly climbed a tree. The individual drew closer and suspected that the small spotted cat might be an ocelot. An ocelot is a rare and endangered species of cat.

An officer responded to the site and confirmed that it was, in fact, an ocelot. The officer did a non-intrusive, visual inspection of the animal from the ground near the tree, and the animal appeared to be healthy. There was no indication that there had been any dog-to-cat direct interaction, as no wounds were visible on any animal.

As with all wildlife-human interaction cases, photos were taken of the animal (photo shown courtesy of Tony Battiste, Portraits in Nature). The officer was also able to retrieve some scat samples from the scene.



Once the final confirmation was determined, the officer directed that all humans and dogs retreat from the area, and the ocelot, apparently unharmed, was allowed to go on his way.

Ocelots are small to medium-sized spotted cats with a long tail. These cats have been listed as endangered since 1982 under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Since being listed, ocelots have only rarely been seen in Arizona. Only one other ocelot, an animal run over near Globe in April 2010, has been confirmed in Arizona since the mid 1960s. Another ocelot appears to have been photographed by the Sky Island Alliance in November of 2009.

Ocelots tend to be smaller in size in the more northerly portions of their habitat range than those individuals in the central or southern habitat areas. The upper body coloring is highly variable, ranging from grayish to cinnamon or tawny to reddish brown. Dark markings form chainlike streaks down the sides of the ocelot's body. They have a long, curling, ringed tail that wraps around limbs for stability and is very indicative of the species.

The present range for ocelots is in the eastern and western lowlands of Mexico, from southern Mexico through Central America and in the lowland areas of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil. On the fringes of their range, they occupy a very limited region in both the United States (a remnant population exists in Southern Texas) and Argentina. And now Arizona can be included in that range. Other animals such as bobcats and young mountain lions are sometimes misidentified as ocelots, which is why verification is so very important.

Arizona Game and Fish will work together with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to review materials from the site and the photos to attempt to determine whether or not this was a naturally occurring ocelot. Some ocelots are known to be kept as pets, and occasionally, individual animals escape or are released into the wild. Ocelots are protected by the Endangered Species Act and should be left alone. If anyone encounters a cat believed to be an ocelot, all sightings and photos along with observation information be reported immediately to Game and Fish at 1-800-352-0700.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

North Mountain 35th Annual Spring Trek

Help celebrate the re-opening of the North Mountain Visitor Center on Saturday, April 2, 2011, starting at 8 a.m. There will be bird walks, hikes, biking, and even a children's scavenger hunt plus exhibits and workshops. The activities are \$3.00 each and even a continental breakfast for \$5. The Sonoran Audubon Society will be leading bird walks and will also have a table.

Directions: Take Thunderbird Road to 7th Street, go south to North Mountain Visitor Center. Entrance to the West side of 7th Street. Free parking. See their website at http://phoenixmountains.org/Spring_trek_2011_.pdf.

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat Nature Festival

Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Come and join them for their annual nature festival migration celebration. Explore the world of nature. See live hawks and hummingbirds close up. Crafts, food, and family activities. The Sonoran Audubon Society will be involved.

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 for more information about their programs and events.

Hassayampa Nature Preserve Festival

Saturday, April 16, 2011. There will be bird walks, talks and vendors. The Sonoran Audubon Society will also have a table. See the website at <http://www.nature.org/hassayampa>

Bird Banding: Saturday, April 2nd and Saturday, April 30th, 2011, starting at 6:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome. However, if you want to help band, you must contact Anne Leight at birdannabelle@hotmail.com at least two days beforehand.

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

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, April 15th 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 bird feeders and bird food presented by Victor Reese of Wild Birds Unlimited.

The trip will be on April 22nd (Earth Day) to Ann McDermott's home. Call for details on how to get there if you don't know the way.

For further information on Birders' Anonymous contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 or at mne@juno.com.

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Gilbert Water Ranch

Audubon Family Walks - Desert Rivers Audubon leads bird walks for beginners and families on the third Saturday of each month, through April, running from 8 a.m. until noon. Free, no registration required. 260 species of birds have been recorded at this great place. See

<http://sites.google.com/site/birdsofthegilbertwaterranch>

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Bird walks starting at 8:30 a.m. Leaders scheduled are David Pearson, Pete Moulton and Cynthia Donald on April 2nd. Cindy West April 10th. Richard Ditch, Pete Moulton and Cynthia Donald on April 16th. Marceline Vanderwater on April 24th.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum opens at 8:00 a.m. \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-12. For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>

Arizona Field Ornithologists

See their website at www.azfo.org.

Desert Botanical Garden

Every Monday, October-April at 8 a.m. join expert birders for a morning bird walk along the Garden trails.

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 for further information.

Important Bird Area Dedication: On Saturday, April 16, 2011, Prescott will have a one-day festival anchored by the dedication of the Watson Willow Ecosystem Important Bird Area (IBA) dedication. The event includes a full day of free activities for individuals and families. There will be interpretive walks at Willow and Watson Lakes and Watson Woods Preserve that highlight the riparian areas birds, plants, geology, archeology and trail system. Also, there will be a free admission to Heritage Park Zoo adjacent to Willow Lake. For all events and activities and the times, see <http://www.cityofprescott.net>.

Other Festivals:

Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival. The festival will again be held at the Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood, AZ, from April 28 to May 1, 2011. The guest speaker will be David Sibley who has written numerous books. For more information, see the website at <http://www.birdyverde.org>.

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

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www.maricopaaudubon.org
Arizona Field Ornithologists: 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
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Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

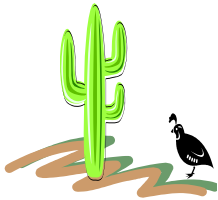
Location: West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale — **Time:** 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program.

Tentative Schedule for the Year:

April 13, 2011: Joe Ford—Bird Weirdness

May 11, 2011: Arctic National Wildlife Preserve

Other Dates of Interest: April 6, 2011, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale. – all SAS members, friends and guests welcome.



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