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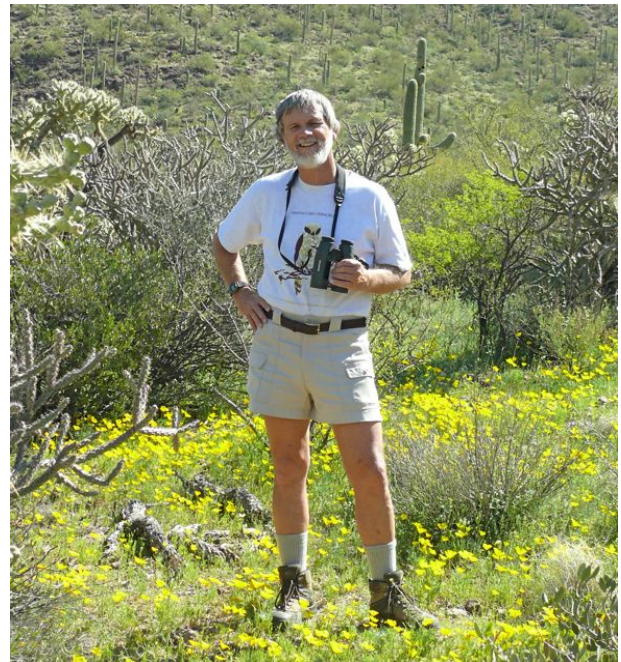
**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7 p.m.**

**Richard Cachor Taylor - Mexican Marauders: Arizona's Next Wave of Potential Avian Invaders**

Southeastern Arizona is one of the most exciting regions for birding in North America, with beauties such as Beryline Hummingbird, Elegant Trogon, and Five-striped Sparrow occurring regularly nowhere else north of the Mexican border. Recent incursions of Mexican birds have delighted the entire U.S. birding community. Among the most glamorous have been Short-tailed Hawk, Gray-collared Becard, Sinaloa Wren, Brown-backed Solitaire, Blue Mockingbird, Rufous-capped Warbler, and Flame-colored Tanager. What will be the next Mexican stray to follow the watercourses and ridgelines straddling the border? Perhaps Great Black-Hawk, White-striped Woodcreeper, Mountain Trogon, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, or Elegant Euphonia? Rick Taylor will share his top picks, as well as offering tips for identifying these possible avian invaders from south of the border.



Sinaloa Wren  
Photo by George Wall



Richard Cachor Taylor

Hiking up to 500 miles each summer for eight years while conducting research on the Elegant Trogon in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Rick Taylor developed

an intimate knowledge of the birds, habitats, and locations throughout Southeastern Arizona. During the course of his research in 1977 he reported the first Eared Trogon seen in the United States. Inevitably, his interest in trogon ecology lead him south into Mexico, then Central, and South America, where he soon discovered the magic of tropical birds. In 1980 he founded Borderland Tours, a birding company dedicated to responsible ecotourism which operates trips throughout the world. Aside from leading tours to locations from Arizona to Africa and Alaska to Asia every year, Rick has authored location checklists for finding birds in Arizona's Chiricahua and Huachuca Mountains, as well as **Trogons of the Arizona Borderlands**, and the American Birding Association's popular title, **A Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona**. His **Birds of Southeastern Arizona**, a regional photo field guide covering all of the regularly-occurring birds in this area, as well as all of the Mexican specialties, was published this past summer.

## What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

Your Board met on Wednesday, November 2, 2010, with eleven members and one guest (Tice Supplee). After the committee reports, the following items were discussed:

1. Horseshoe Ranch purchase: Arizona Game and Fish has been authorized to purchase the ranch. All the funding has been set aside except for \$535,000. It is their belief this amount can be raised by collaborative funding. The Board had discussed this project in the past and had voted to get involved. As a result, we are going to contribute \$1,000 towards their goal. We will also be asking for member donations to add to this amount.

2. "Friends" Membership: Letters will be going out to all members requesting them to contribute as a "Friend". At the same time, we'll be asking for contributions to the Horseshoe Ranch purchase. This is all tax deductible. Also, it was decided that all "Friends" membership due dates will now be due in December. If you paid a membership in August, 2010, your due date will now be December 2011. This way, no "Friend" will have to ask, when is my membership or donation due. This does not apply to members who joined via the National Audubon Society and are not "Friends" as we have no control over those dates.

3. Upcoming Events: All of the upcoming events were discussed. This included the Round Up (November 11-14th), Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House (November 20-21st) and the Sonoran Desert National Monument 10th Anniversary on December 4th in Yuma.

4. Past Events: Dick Fogle gave a report on the Sun City West Expo. The Sonoran Audubon Society had a table there and it was manned by him and Donna Smith. He informed us that about 200 people were in attendance and they felt we would gain some members by their endeavors.

The program presented by Mark Siegwarth at our General Membership meeting on November 10th, was a great one. Not only did he show us some beautiful plants and flowers along with a few birds and animals, but he presented it in such a way that it kept all of us laughing.

It's a shame we only had 40 in attendance. Hopefully there will be more in attendance this month.

## 2010 Field Trips—Winter

New Field Trips will be in the January 2011 Newsletter.

## 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, December 11, 2010**. 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, [ra-schooler@cox.net](mailto:raschooler@cox.net).

**SUNDAYS:** These walks are held the fourth Sunday of each month. The next walk will be on **Sunday, January 23, 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 [mcbo-baz@aol.com](mailto:mcbo-baz@aol.com) or Andrée Tarby at 480-948-1074 [atarby@cox.net](mailto:atarby@cox.net).

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

## Willcox and Area Submitted by Ken Larsen

Wings over Willcox will be held from January 12-16, 2011, but if you don't want the crowd, go over there before then. Ken and Rosita Larsen spent 3 days in Willcox and vicinity checking out the area and bird watching. Here's a part of his letter to me.

"We made a brief stop at the golf course pond just adjacent to the large pond. This provided a view of 30 Sandhill Cranes landing. In the large pond we saw Northern Shovelers, Mallards, Lesser Scaups, Redheads and one Snow Goose. The shorebirds included Long-billed Dowitchers, Spotted Sandpipers, Killdeer and Long-billed Curlews. A Northern Harrier circled the area looking for small prey. The shrubs and grasses around the ponds abounded with Meadow Lark, Mourning Dove as well as Savannah, Brewer's, Vesper and Chipping Sparrows".

They said, "The highlight of the trip was a drive five miles south of Elyria on the Central Highway to Lee Road then west a mile, then south a half mile to the entrance to the Whitewater National Wildlife Refuge. While parking next to sheltered picnic tables, we saw two Great-horned Owls staring at us from the rafters of the open-sided building. From the picnic table, the noise of Sandhill Cranes was deafening and the shallow pond was clearly visible with about 2,000 of them in the water or circling."

Larsen's advice—visit now, don't wait until freezing weather arrives.

## Audubon Round Up

By George Wall

The Audubon Round Up was made possible by a Together Green Fellowship, a program of the National Audubon Society. Karen LaFrance of the Sonoran Audubon Society became a Together Green Fellow and the Audubon Round Up was her Fellowship Project. According to attendees, it was a smashing success. Saguaro Lake Ranch was an excellent choice for the Round Up. The ranch was established in 1930 and has retained its rustic charm with its unique 4-sided stone fireplace, wagon wheel lights and many historic artifacts. The ranch is in the Tonto National Forest on the banks of the Salt River with beautiful mountains in the background.

Some arrived on Thursday to set things up and do a little birding. From Friday through Sunday, there were bird trips to Granite Reef, Phon D Sutton, Coon Bluff and Butcher Jones. The workshops commenced after bird watching and breakfast with around 35 attending each day.



Carol Schooler, Darnell Kirksey & Eleanor Campbell  
Welcome Committee



Speaking is Sean A'lee Bevell from Saguaro Lake Ranch  
And next to her is Tice Supplee of Audubon Arizona



The View

Some of the subjects discussed were Organizational Development, Member Retention and Expansion, Strategic Planning, Finding Partners for Projects and Initiatives and there were plenty of interactive opportunities.

After the workshops on Saturday there was an Important Bird Area (IBA) dedication for the Salt & Verde Rivers Riparian Ecosystem. Tice Supplee, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Arizona handled this IBA dedication. She introduced several guests who spoke on the area's history and how these rivers became dedicated as an IBA.



Karen LaFrance & Kathie Satterfield

At the Saturday night dinner, there were more honors. Dr. Robert Witzeman, who has had a long career with the Maricopa Audubon Society as one of that chapter's strongest conservation advocates, was honored with a special award. 60 people attended this dinner and awards ceremony. Some of the people who made the Audubon Round Up happen and some of the many volunteers were also recognized. The food was excellent as it had been for the entire event.

The Audubon Round Up concluded on Sunday with a critique of what was accomplished and ideas on how to make something similar to this happen again.

The Sonoran Audubon Society was well represented with the following 16 people either attending or assisting in one capacity or another: John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Tim Cullison, Anne Durning (Audubon Arizona Board), Dick Fogle, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Barbara Kalman, Darnell Kirksey, Karen LaFrance, Dusty Lovelady, Stephanie Prevost, Carol Schooler, Tice Supplee (also Audubon Arizona Staff), Andrée Tarby and George Wall.

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## Audubon Round Up

National Audubon was represented as well by Mary Ford, Lynn Tennefoss of staff and Joy Haynes Hester, new SW representative to the National Board .



Mary Ford



Lynn Tennefoss



Joy Hester

There were representatives from other states: Bob Wilkin, Red Rock Audubon in Las Vegas; Bruce Heath from Salt Lake City Audubon and Garry George, Audubon California. From our own state Desert Rivers Audubon was represented by Eileen Kane, Joy Dingley, Krys Hammers (Audubon Arizona Board), Marcus Watson, Dr. Charles and Marion Saffell and Susan Vaught. From Maricopa Audubon Society were Herb Fibel, Dr. Robert and Janet Witzeman, Emily Morris (also Audubon Arizona), Mark Larson, Frank Welsh, Gilbert Venable, Chris Locke, Carolina Butler, Walter and Fran Thurber. From the Northern Arizona Audubon Society were Anita MacFarlane (Audubon Arizona Board), Kathie Satterfield and Zack Zdinak. Representing Huachuca Audubon Society was Tricia Gerrodette. From the Tucson Audubon Society were Ruth Russell (Audubon Arizona Board) and Mary Walker (Audubon Arizona Board). Others from Audubon Arizona were Sam Campana, Sarah Porter and Kayleigh Bauer (Intern). Some other Audubon Arizona Board members present were Roger Ferland, Mary Lou Stevenson and David Howell. Attending as non-Audubon speakers and panelists were Tom and Kristan Hildebrandt and Bob Broscheid from Arizona Game and Fish, Kristine Uhlman from University of Arizona, Linda Raish of McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Dr. Pierre Deviche of Arizona State University, Mary Hoadley from Acrosanti and Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership and Sam Richard of the Arizona Nonprofit Alliance. From the ranch itself were Saguardo Lake Ranch owner Stephen and Susan Durand along with John and Sean A'lee Bevell.

Every morning at 7 a.m. the birding started. The attendees who had signed up were carpoled to the various sites for some good birding and there were a lot of birds. One of the other pleasures was seeing the Bald Eagles flying over the ranch all during the Round Up.

There were 75 different species of birds seen over the Round Up period. They were Mallard, Northern Pintail, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Neotropic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Harris's Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Mourning Dove, Inca Dove, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Gray Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet,



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Phainopepla, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Abert's Towhee, Brewer's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch and House Sparrow. Also seen were Javelina.

## Book Review

By Andrée Tarby

Birds of Southeastern Arizona

Richard Cachor Taylor, R.W. Morse Company, 2010.

430 pages, 4.25 x 6 inches, \$19.95, soft cover.

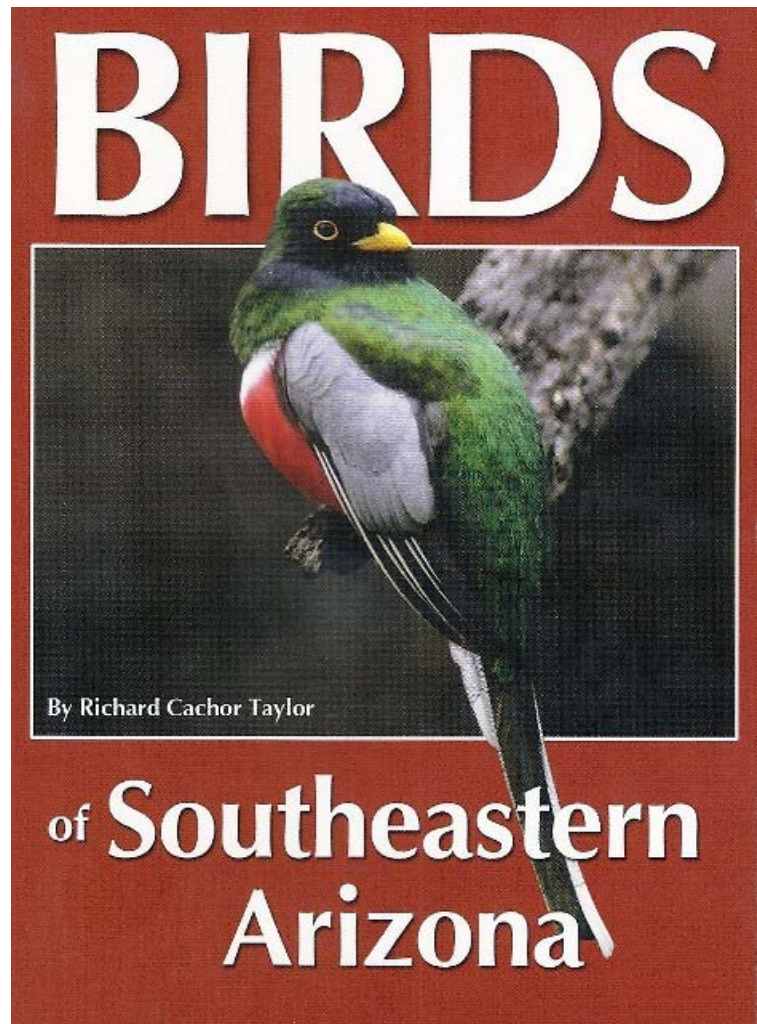
Southeastern Arizona has become a major destination for birdwatchers wanting to see the birds of North America. The unique concentration of species in this corner of the state makes it easy to see birds found nowhere else in the North American area, as well as more widespread species. Given these factors, a guide such as Richard Cachor Taylor's Birds of Southeastern Arizona provides a great resource, in a convenient pocket format, which lightens the load of traveling bird-watchers.

The book begins with a statement about its scope and organization, and includes a summary of basic identification techniques. Perhaps we should have mastered these skills from our own preferred general field guides, but many of us do not take the time. Given how crucial they are when we're confronted with many new birds or subspecies, as people from other parts of the country would be, it makes sense to be reminded of the basics. In addition, their inclusion makes the book accessible to a greater range of skill levels. Also included is a description of the habitats of southeast Arizona, stressing altitudes, certainly crucial factors in the search for particular species.

Species accounts detail the pertinent field marks and differentiating characteristics for similar species as is expected in a guide. They are very concise and informative. In addition, there are comments under the heading "Noteworthy". Did you know that the western wood-peewee has the longest migration flight of any Arizona bird? Instead of the general range maps usually contained in general field guides, this book has an elevation bar graph below each account. The graphs convey seasonal information and add town or birding area names representing the range of altitudes and habitats for the species. They quickly show if and where a particular bird is most likely to be found through the seasons. A feature I've never seen before, they seem well suited to convey information about seasonal and regional movements. The author recommends checking abundance bar graphs in other publications to determine the best timing for the greatest number of birds through a particular season.

Photographs of each species are placed opposite the accounts. They are for the most part excellent, and the photo credits read like a "who's who" in both local and wider bird photography circles. The pictures of the Hermit and Swainson's thrushes show the danger with photographs: they represent one bird at one moment under a particular set of light and equipment conditions. But coupled with the species accounts, they also serve to highlight the field marks and the importance of knowing about subspecies when in the field.

With its many informative and interesting features, the book should prove very useful to visiting birdwatchers. I would certainly reach for it before heading "down south". And it can ride in my pocket instead of resting on the back seat of the car.



Diademed Sandpiper-Plover  
By Dr. Jerry Theis

One of the most sought after birds worldwide are the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover. I searched for this bird in Peru in September of 2002 and again in Chile in November of 2004. Both times I was unsuccessful in my quest. This bird was at the top of my most wanted list when I went back to Peru in June-July, 2010, on a tour with Jim Black who runs Chupaflores Nature Tours out of New Mexico.

The Diademed Sandpiper-Plover (DSP) is found in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru. Its natural habitats are subtropical or tropical high-altitude alpine zones (4000-5000 m), usually in the vicinity of shallow, gravel-edged streams and freshwater lakes in bogs matted with cushion-plant and coarse sedges and grasses.

The DSP's scarcity, striking plumage as shown in the picture, and somewhat uncertain taxonomic status (It's bill is more like a sandpiper than a plover) has given it a "near mythical reputation." Locating one is far from easy with the terrain, their small size (only slightly larger than a Western Sandpiper), and unobtrusive behavior all hindering the searching birder. Not shy, they allow close approach, but are very inconspicuous owing to their usual slow movements and disruptive camouflage. Most birds are resident but some undertake local movements to lower altitudes during winter.

Its propensity for *Distichia* bogs ( a moss used by the locals for fuel) has made the bird susceptible to habitat degradation. Local predators such as foxes also take a toll, sometimes following the scent of birders after they have searched the bogs for the DSP. A local guide named Lucho led us to two of these birds at Marcopomacochas. We were careful to view from the marsh edges as much as possible, allowing very close views.

The Diademed Sandpiper-Plover is now on my **Did See** in Peru list!



**Diademed Sandpiper-Plover**  
Photo by Richard C. Hoyer of Wings

## ARIZONA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE [2010-2011]

By Walter Thurber (as of 10/25/10)

The National Audubon Society has conducted Christmas bird counts since 1900. Volunteers from across North America and beyond will take to the field during one calendar day between December 14 and January 5 to record every bird species and individual bird encountered within a designated 15-mile diameter circle. These records now comprise an extensive ornithological database that enables monitoring of winter bird populations and the overall health of the environment.

Participants are typically assigned to teams based on their bird identification skill level and endurance. Many counts hold a compilation dinner at the end of the day where results are tabulated and stories shared. A \$5.00 participation fee defrays a portion of the cost of tabulating and publishing the overall count results. Help is needed on most of these counts, so find one or more of interest to you and contact the compiler for information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Count Name</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
12/14	Tu	Salt Verde River	Kurt Radamaker	480-837-2446	kurtrad@mexicobirding.com
12/16	Th	Patagonia	Abbie Zeltzer	520-604-6320	amindajar@gmail.com
12/16	Th	Pipe Spring NM	Andrea Bornemeier	928-643-7105	andrea_bornemeier@nps.gov
12/17	Fr	Buenos Aires NWR	Bonnie Swarbrick	520-823-4251	bonnie_swarbrick@fws.gov
12/17	Fr	Saint David	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom@sabo.org
12/18	Sa	Avra Valley	Mary Lou Cole	520-578-0114	birdingnana@msn.com
12/18	Sa	Ajo-Cabeza Prieta NWR	Stephen Barclay	520-387-4987	stephen_barclay@fws.gov
12/18	Sa	Hassayampa River	Vanessa Montgomery	623-465-0012	hassayampacbc@hotmail.com
12/18	Sa	Martinez Lake-Yuma	Henry Detwiler	928-210-6474	henrydetwiler@earthlink.net
12/18	Sa	Mormon Lake	Elaine Morrall	928-526-1022	elaimorr@npgcable.com
12/18	Sa	Nogales	Michael Bissontz	520-577-8778	seetrogon@comcast.net
12/18	Sa	Payson	Dave Hallock	303-258-3672	eldoradh@rmi.net
12/18	Sa	Ramsey Canyon	Ted Mouras	520-803-0221	tedmouras@mindspring.com
12/18	Sa	Santa Catalina Mountains	Bob Bates	520-296-5629	batesd@cox.net
12/18	Sa	Timber Mesa	Mary Ellen Bittorf	928-367-2462	maryellen12@cableone.net
12/19	Su	Chino Valley	Russell Duerksen	928-636-4916	duerksen@msn.com
12/19	Su	Jerome	Robert Hunt	928-308-3039	zapata86303@yahoo.com
12/19	Su	Tucson Valley	Larry Liese	520-743-3520	larryliese@prodigy.net
12/20	Mo	Elfrida	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom@sabo.org
12/20	Mo	Phoenix-Tres Rios	David Powell	602-441-5508	vireo@vireos.com
12/22	We	Prescott	Carl Tomoff	928-778-2626	ctomoff@prescott.edu
12/26	Su	Sedona	Dottie Hook	928-204-1894	dottiehook1@aol.com
12/26	Su	Superior	Cynthia Donald	480-283-4515	planres@earthlink.net
12/28	Tu	Gila River	Troy Corman	602-482-6187	aplomado@cox.net
12/28	Tu	Havasu NWR	DeeDee DeLorenzo	928-758-2707	poncho@citlink.net
12/29	We	Bill Williams Delta	Kathleen Blair	928-667-4144	kathleen_blair@fws.gov
12/29	We	Green Valley-Mad. Can.	Jeff Gilligan	520-399-0773	jeffgill@teleport.com
12/30	Th	Carefree	Walter Thurber	480-483-6450	wathurber@cox.net
12/31	Fr	Atascosa Highlands	Rich Hoyer	520-325-5310	birdernaturalist@me.com
1/1	Sa	Flagstaff-Mount Elden	Terry Blows	928-774-8028	terence.blows@nau.edu
1/1	Sa	Portal	Jackie Lewis	520-558-2287	winjac12@vtc.net
1/2	Su	Appleton-Whittell	Robert Weissler	520-803-0794	weissler@aves.org
1/2	Su	Camp Verde	Bea Cooley	928-526-5069	beacooley@aol.com
1/2	Su	Dudleyville	Doug Jenness	520-909-1529	d_jenness@hotmail.com
1/4	Tu	Glen Canyon	John Spence	928-608-6267	john_spence@nps.gov

### Nearby New Mexico Count

1/2	Su	Peloncillo Mountains	Nicholas Pederson	505-417-8665	npederson4088@hotmail.com
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## EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

### Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

The Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center is 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.

Arizona Animal Encounters—2nd Saturday of every month at 11 a.m.

### Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, December 17, 2010, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. The meeting will be followed by the annual Christmas Party. The bird walk is on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, to Hassayampa River Preserve 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).

### Hassayampa River Preserve

There will be a guided bird walk on Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 9-11 a.m.

Bird Banding: Saturday, December 4th and 11, 2010, starting at 7 a.m. Newcomers welcome. However, if you want to help band, you must contact Anne Leight at [birdannabelle@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

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

### Boyce Thompson Arboretum

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](http://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. Everyone is welcome, including first-time birders. Wear a hat, sunscreen and comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars if available.

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.

### Festivals:

**Wings over Willcox.** The 18th annual Wings over Willcox will be held from January 12-16, 2011. There will be a free Nature Expo with live animals, free seminars on birding and more, many tours and a banquet featuring a keynote speaker. Online registration available at [www.wingsoverwillcox.com](http://www.wingsoverwillcox.com). Call 1-800-200-2272 to receive a brochure.

**Tres Rios Nature Festival.** Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6, 2011. Times and place will be announced later.

**2011 San Diego Bird Festival.** The 15th annual festival will be held March 3-6, 2011, at the Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay. The keynote speaker will be Peter Harrison widely considered the world's foremost authority on seabirds. There will also be a pre-festival event (Baja California overnight trip) March 1-2, 2011. See their website at <http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm>.

**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

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.desertriversaudubon.org](http://www.desertriversaudubon.org)  
Maricopa Audubon Web Site:  
[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

### 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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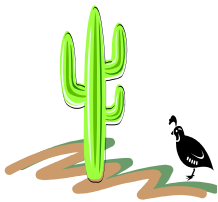
## Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**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:

**December 8, 2010:** Rick Taylor—Mexican Marauders  
**January 12, 2011:** Carol Beardmore—Alamos Bird Survey Expedition  
**February 9, 2011:** David Reesor—Birds of Bhutan  
**March 9, 2011:** George Wall—Costa Rica and Nicaragua  
**April 14, 2011:** Amy Leu—Feathered Hearts (live birds)  
**May 11, 2011:** Joe Ford—The Wonder of Plants and Flowers

**Other Dates of Interest:** December 1, 2010, 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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