



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gambel's Tales

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**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 7 p.m.
Joel Pearson-The Life of a City Park**

Joel Pearson is a wildlife photographer, but for his shows, he does something different. He only uses photographs taken within the borders of Phoenix Mountains Park. The reason for this is that he wants to present only those animals that can be seen by visitors to a single Phoenix City Park. It may seem a small point to some, but he feels that it is important to appreciate the lives of the animals that live year round in a single city park or that travel through at different times of the year. When he retired he set a goal to photograph all of the animals that live in a park that was close to his home and one that had aesthetically pleasing terrain as well as an abundance of life. He is interested in illuminating the lives of wildlife in a flattering way that is both educational and hopefully makes their lives more appealing to the viewer. He heard on a Game and Fish show recently that we are all members of the Natural World and it behooves us to not only respect the creatures that live off the raw park land but to take an interest in their well being. He hopes the photographs he takes make these animals lives more intimate and create a sense of urgency when considering man's impact on the park's inhabitants.



Joel Pearson

When he photographs these animals he actually feels a part of their lives and a kindred spirit that cannot be fully appreciated by the viewer. He hopes that some of that feeling gets through and the viewers' lives are changed a little by the photos.

Joel has always had a strong creative drive. He used to paint and draw sketches that his teachers, parents, and friends believed would make him famous. He took Fine Arts at ASU, but in his first year he decided it wasn't him and changed to Industrial Engineering. The degree from ASU got him a job in banking which he worked at for 20 years. He then worked for 12 years at Arizona Tile Supply before moving on to finish out the last eight years of his working life with Petsmart here in Phoenix. During the 40 plus years of his working life, he would satisfy his creative drive with a camera on vacations. His most enjoyable times were photographing nature at every destination. Now that he is fully retired, he is able to satisfy his love of photography and the natural world by capturing images of the life of a city park. He figures it will take him at least 10 years to make a significant dent in capturing all of the mysteries of life in Phoenix Mountains Park.

What's Happening in our Chapter

By your Editor, George Wall

Your Board met on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, with nine members. The attendees were George Wall, Tim Cullison, Rich and Carol Schooler, John Arnett, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Andrée Tarby, and Jerry Theis.

The minutes were approved and then committee reports were given.

Haylie Hewitt, who has been appointed as the interim Treasurer until elections in April, gave the financial report.

We again discussed the Education and Conservation Committee and who we could possibly get to head it up. Several names were brought up and they will be contacted.

The current membership was given as 828 members of which 123 are SAS Friends. 68 of these are Friends only and not a member of the National Audubon Society.

Field Trips remain the same until the next meeting on December 8, 2011. The Badger Springs trip was cancelled due to no water in the Agua Fria River and no birds found when the area was checked out prior to the scheduled trip. There is only one field trip in December due to the Christmas Bird Counts.

Programs are set through March of 2012. We have a program for April if our readers submit some stories, events, etc. See the article on page 3. This will leave only the month of May to fill.

An early payment of \$500 was authorized for the Tres Rios Earth and Nature Festival scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 2012. It was indicated that we needed an invoice before a check could be made. An e-mail will be sent requesting the invoice.

The membership meeting on November 9th drew 50 attendees.

During the business portion of the meeting, Charles Enos asked for volunteers for the Gila River Indian Community Bird Counts that occurs each year. This year the count will be held on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 7:30 a.m. He passed around a clipboard with sign-up sheets.

Bob McCormick talked about the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival. He'll be having sign-up sheets for that in the near future. He also talked about the IBAs (Important Bird Areas) and some of the spots where volunteers are needed.

I mentioned the Christmas Bird Schedule which is in our newsletter. These counts start on December 14th.

Rich and Carol Schooler were called to the front to receive an "Above and Beyond Award" certificate as well as a gift for their services during the past few years. Rich served on the Board and Carol was our Treasurer. Besides being on the Board, they participated in many events including bird walks for us. They will be missed.

Chuck Kangas was also called to the front and presented with a "Special Acknowledge Award" for his services to us. Chuck was one of the people responsible for getting the Sonoran Audubon Society started as well as our first president. He then was the editor of our newsletter until I took over. He then became the membership chairperson where he continues to work.

David and Diane Reesor gave their program on Botswana and it turned out to be one of the better programs shown in awhile. After the Botswana program, we were shown a preview of a program they are making on Australia. We will try and get this program on our scheduled for sometime next year—maybe March. For those interested, he used a program called Photodex to prepare the program. He also gave us a very nice 29"x24" picture of a Pearl Spotted Owlet on heavy 1/4" thick matting. The picture was taken by them while in Kenya in 2009. The Board will decide on how this picture will be used.

2011 Field Trips—Fall/Winter

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.

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Tres Rios Hayfield Site

Leader: Vera Markham , 623-974-1110

vjmsaint@cox.net

This is a morning trip only first to the old familiar Tres Rios Hayfield site where the ponds usually show up nice ducks and sometimes a Sora or Least Bittern.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird in Peoria to leave at 7:30 a.m.

The Field Trip Committee meeting will be held on November 8th, and more trips will be in the next newsletter.

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2011 Field Trips—Spring

Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2012

Brown Canyon Ranch & Area

Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057

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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. This means there will be room mates. 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.

There is limit of 14 people. The cost for renting is \$560 for the two nights. This means if we get 14 people (which I anticipate easily), the cost will be \$40 for the two nights plus your travel costs. You have to bring your own linens for your bed or a sleeping bag, towel, and any other toilet necessities. We chip for the suppers (usually spaghetti/meatballs, salad and dessert one night and hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert the next). You bring your own food for breakfast and lunches.

Thank You

We have 25 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 are Gracia Barr, Betty Ann Carter, Amanda Castro, Marlene Clarke, Susan Collins, Lynette Dorathy, Veda Elbe, Donna Flaherty, Jerry Gervais, Carolyn Heet, Yvonne Hodges, P. Hrber, Barbara Liedtka, David Kleinz, Donna Messmer, Marcus Neal, Maggie Parish, Joyce Parmley, Emma Peeler, Marion Purcell, Ginny Sanders, Sidney Smith, Gayle Smythe, Joyce Story, and Linda Verdugo.

We hope you can make it to one of our meetings.

Have You Got a Story?

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 bird watching. We hope you have some pictures that we could also include in the presentation. Send them to Darnell Kirksey at dkirk38338@aol.com and Haylie Hewitt at 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. **Please participate!**

Help Wanted

I'm putting this notice out again because **I have not received a single call or e-mail.**

One of the hallmarks of the Sonoran Audubon Society has been to offer an interesting mix of activities to get as many members "involved" as possible. Following the Board of Directors' recent strategic retreat, the chapter would like to increase our impact in these four areas:

Social Media: Are you knowledgeable about Twitter, Facebook, YouTube? Can you help get us started with these social media?

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?

Youth Outreach: We want to do more youth education. In-school presentations and collaboration with Boys and Girls Clubs are two possibilities. Got some extra time?

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

If you would like to get more involved in Sonoran Audubon activities contact George Wall at 623-875-7057 or gwall5@cox.net.

Member Spotlight
by Eleanor Campbell

Frank Insana has been a familiar face on the trails in Phoenix where he has been leading birding trips for many of his young 23 years. He is the youngest member of Sonoran Audubon Society to attend meetings regularly. He and his father, Sam, are two generations of long-time birders. Talk about inveterate bird enthusiasts...it must be genetic. Sam tells the story that Frank at age SIX was using binoculars and a field guide to identify the birds around their home. Sam himself, at age EIGHT, had a movie camera and was shooting an early documentary about birds.

These Phoenicians live near a desert area and spend much of their lives involved in the natural world or with groups that are environmentally oriented.

Frank was hired by the city of Phoenix to conduct birding trips along the river before Rio Salado Audubon was constructed. He is the naturalist for Boys and Girls Clubs leading groups at the Desert Botanical Garden and Rio Salado. Recently he volunteered his skills at the American Museum of Natural History Southwest Research Station at Portal, Arizona, where he assisted the scientists who come from all over the world to study ecology, animal behavior, etc. He was the resident "bird man" for several weeks.

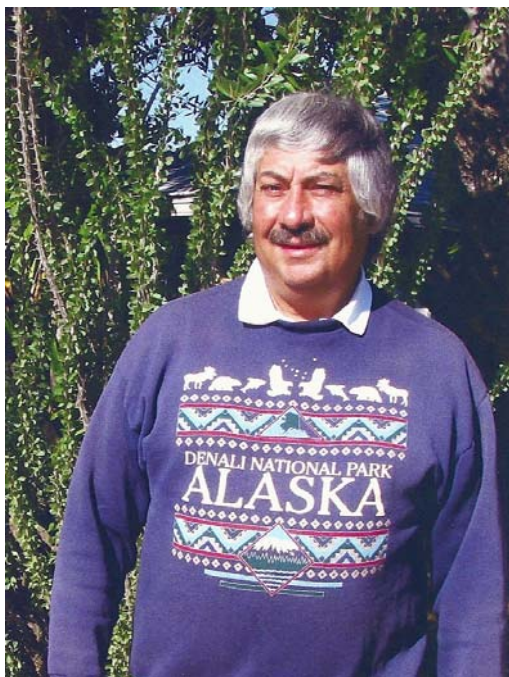
His employment at the Desert Botanical Garden included collecting desert plants such as prickly pear cacti, guiding school groups at the Butterfly Garden, and gardening the Wildflower Trail.

Sam graduated from Cal Tech with a degree in engineering and was employed at NASA and Proctor and Gambel. Then he attended ASU Law School and just retired from practicing law, chiefly Human Rights law, after 35 years.

Together they have traveled to bird in Kenya, Tanzania, South America along the Amazon, Europe, the Caribbean and seriously in 12 states of the USA. Sam has a 400 plus life list while Frank just doesn't keep count. They have done Christmas Bird Counts all around the states.



Frank Insana



Sam Insana

Comments from the dad about the son: "He has about 1,000 books on nature...some very old. He knew the birds better than our foreign guides abroad." Not confined to birds, Frank loves all kinds of animals. They volunteer at Wild at Heart and Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center which cares for all kinds of wildlife: tortoises, snakes and others. They are dedicated volunteer members of the Phoenix Astronomical Society and go to schools with their powerful telescopes to share their knowledge of the skies with the students. If you attended the SAS picnic in the spring you had a chance to see sunspots through their scope

The older Insana has been playing the piano and trumpet since he was a youngster and has played trumpet in an Army band, jazz and dance bands throughout the years. Today he enjoys playing the piano and golf. Here in Arizona Frank especially enjoys birding around Sedona, along the San Pedro River and in the Atascosa Mountains near Nogales.

Sam and Frank Insana are exceptionally interesting "Birders" to say the least.

The Stygian Owl

By Dr. Jerry Theis

As I sat at the airport waiting to board the plane to Belize, someone asked me at which Caye (Key) I was planning to snorkel. On the plane, my neighbor asked me at which Key I was going to dive. To both I replied “I am going to Belize to search for a Stygian Owl.” The word Stygian comes from the Styx, the river in the underground where the souls of the dead had to cross in Greek mythology, but is more widely applied to anything that is dark or dismal.

The Stygian Owl looks like a larger, dark, Long-eared Owl, being upright, fairly slim, and with noticeable ear tufts. Its ears are closely set and it has a fierce expression. On the back, this owl is almost sooty black, with dull white and buff barring and mottling. The front is rich buff, marked in a very close herring-bone pattern. It has yellow eyes, a dark facial disk and a light-colored forehead. It is an owl of the Americas, found in NW Mexico, Cozumel Island, Guatemala, Cuba, Hispaniola, southern and central Brazil, Paraguay, and southern Argentina. There are two records for North America, both at Bentsen State Park in Texas, on Dec. 9, 1994, and on Dec. 26, 1996.

The Stygian Owl is a bird of the forests, often high in the mountains, but shows a remarkable adaptability in its behavior. It has been found in both humid and semi-arid forests, in tropical rain-forest and in low, thorny bush country. Its nocturnal behavior may disguise the fact that it is commoner than is generally believed. It, like the Long-eared Owl, occupies a very



Stygian Owl—Photo from Wikipedia

large range but is seldom seen. Its prey includes birds (taken from night time perches), small mammals (bats are captured on the wing), reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans, and insects, all hunted at night. The Stygian Owl lays two eggs in stick nests created by other birds, but occasionally will nest on the ground.

We arrived in the evening at 5 Sisters Lodge in Belize in March, 2011 on a Wildside Nature Tours expedition and I was really excited when, after dinner and a few magic tricks performed by my roommate (disappearing salt shaker, etc.), it was announced that we would immediately search for the Stygian Owl at a favorite perch. Most of the participants went to their cabins but a few of us were rewarded when the owl was instantly spotlighted on a perch high at the tip of a tall pine tree. It was catching moths and occasionally would stare back at us, showing what I consider the meanest look of any bird! In Brazil it is called “coruja-diabo”, or “devil’s owl.” It was seen on one succeeding night also and was heard making its “whuof” call. Another special bird we saw in this area was the Orange-breasted Falcon, proving that there are two good reasons to go to Belize, other than snorkeling and diving!

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 on Vineyard Rd near Bullard Ave. There is a \$6.00 per vehicle charge for entering the park; however, the bird walks are free of charge.

These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. The next walk will be on **Saturday, December 10, 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 Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 lford25@cox.net.

On the Bird Walk at Estrella Mountain Regional Park on November 12th, we had 18 birders, some snowbirds, but the majority were local, even one couple came from Scottsdale. It was a beautiful morning with lots of cloud cover. The temperature was around 57 degrees at the beginning. We spent a good 30 minutes in the parking lot, as a host of different species greeted us either intentionally or without intent as we emerged from our vehicles.

We saw or heard 32 different species which included a Red-naped Sapsucker and Belted Kingfisher.—Joe Ford

San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary

By George Wall

Here's a place you might want to visit if you go to the beach areas of southern California. It's located in Irvine, California near Irvine College. There are 11 miles of nature trails and 10 ponds. I spent 2½ hours there and logged in 47 birds and this was on September 25, 2011, when there were hardly any ducks or migrants.

The sanctuary is operated by the Sea and Sage Audubon Society (www.seaandsageaudubon.org) which has its own Audubon House located there. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.



The Sanctuary and one of the birds I saw there—a California Thrasher

The Kiwi

Submitted by George Wall

One look at the rounded brownish body of this flightless bird will tell you where the kiwi fruit got its name. The kiwi bird itself was named for its memorable call. A kiwi weighs from three to nine pounds, depending on the species and there are five, and has a long beak with nostrils. At around the size of a domestic chicken, kiwi are by far the smallest living flightless birds and lay the largest eggs in relation to their body size of any species of bird in the world.



Kiwi—Photo from Wikipedia

ARIZONA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE [2011-2012]

By Walter Thurber

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	We	Salt Verde River	Kurt Radamaker	480-837-2446	kurtrad@mexicobirding.com
12/15	Th	Patagonia	Abbie Zeltzer	520-604-6320	amindajar@gmail.com
12/15	Th	Pipe Spring NM	Andrea Bornemeier	928-643-7105	andrea_bornemeier@nps.gov
12/16	Fr	Buenos Aires NWR	Bonnie Swarbrick	520-823-4251	bonnie_swarbrick@fws.gov
12/16	Fr	Saint David	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom@sabo.org
12/17	Sa	Ajo-Cabeza Prieta NWR	Kim Veverka	520-387-4987	kim_veveka@fws.gov
12/17	Sa	Avra Valley	Mary Lou Cole	520-578-0114	birdingnana@msn.com
12/17	Sa	Mormon Lake	Elaine Morrall	928-526-1022	morrall.em@gmail.com
12/17	Sa	Nogales	Michael Bissontz	520-577-8778	seetrogon@comcast.net
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12/17	Sa	Ramsey Canyon	Ted Mouras	520-803-0221	tedmouras@mindspring.com
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1/2	Mo	Carefree	Walter Thurber	480-483-6450	wathurber@cox.net
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Unknown		Atascosa Highlands	Rich Hoyer	520-325-5310	birdernaturalist@me.com

Nearby New Mexico Count

1/1	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

Audubon's latest program, Birds 'n Beer, offers local professionals a fun and refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife while networking with fellow nature-lovers. Once a month, 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 p.m. for this popular event. Generously sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery.

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 for more information about their programs and events.

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, December 16, 2011, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. After the meeting and starting at 11 a.m. is a Potluck lunch. Contact Carole Anne Kinney at 623-877-3117 or e-mail her at caroleannetaxes@yahoo.com for information about the Potluck lunch.

The bird walk for the month will be on Wednesday, December 14th to Rio Salado. George Wall will lead.

For further information on Birders' Anonymous, special meeting places and program, contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 or at mne@juno.com or Shirley Fackelman at shirleyfackelman@yahoo.com

Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight will have a bird banding program on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 a.m. There will be another banding session on Sunday, December 11th at 7:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at birdanna-belle@hotmail.com

Enjoy an easy-paced interpretive walk along the trails with a docent to catch sight of resident and migratory birds and other wildlife surprises on December 17th, Saturday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

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.

Riparian Preserve at Gilbert Water Ranch

Each month there are family bird walks. The next one is December 10, 2011, starting at 8 a.m.

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. For more information, see their website at <http://www.riparianinstitute.org/>

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

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

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$18.00 (\$15.00 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member. Membership is \$65-100 a year. When special events are held, the entry fee could be higher. See their website at www.dbg.org for further information.

Birds in the Garden. This is a year-round activity every Monday and second Saturday, October through April starting at 8 a.m. and then every Monday, May through September starting at 7 a.m.

Our own Andrée Tarby leads the walk along the Garden trails. Everyone is welcome, including first-time birders. Wear a hat, sunscreen and comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars if available.

Arizona Field Ornithologists

On December 3-4, 2011, they have an expedition to southwestern Arizona searching for Gray Vireos. Our own John Arnett is heavily involved in this expedition. For details see their website at www.azfo.org.

Festivals

Wings Over Willcox Birding Festival, Willcox, AZ January 11-15, 2012. There will be field trips to surrounding areas, plus natural history and local history tours. Nature expo with live animals; free seminars on birds & more. Keynote speaker: Ted Floyd, ABA editor of Birding magazine, and Smithsonian bird field guide author. For information call 1-800-200-2272. On line registration at www.wingsoverwillcox.com.

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.desertriversaudubon.org
Maricopa Audubon Web Site:
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 Super 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.

Scheduled Programs:

December 14, 2011: Joel Pearson— The Life of a City Park

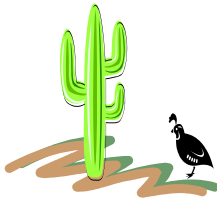
January 11, 2012: George Wall—A Month in Kenya, Africa

February 8, 2012: Kendall Kroesen—Gardening for Birds

March 14, 2012—David and Diane Reesor—Australia

April 11, 2012: Members—Adventures in Bird Watching

Other Dates of Interest: December 7, 2011, at 7 p.m. there will be a Board Meeting at the West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale.



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