



Gambel's Tales

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Tom Hildebrandt: "Rapid Stream Riparian Assessment (RSRA) - A Tool For A New Appreciation of Riparian Systems"

Tom Hildebrandt is the Regional Wildlife Program Manager for the central Arizona operational office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department located in Mesa. Tom did his master's degree work on Arizona Bald Eagles at ASU and formed a life-long affinity for riparian systems and their abundant wildlife in the process. Tom is a committed member of the local conservation community and tries to participate in organizations and activities that further the conservation of wildlife and even more importantly, their habitats. Tom is president-elect of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the primary professional organization for wildlife biologists, and has also served as their treasurer and board member. Tom is a founder of the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival, an annual celebration of riparian wildlife and their habitats centered on the Gila River corridor just west of the Phoenix metro area. And Tom is the immediate past-president of the Arizona Riparian Council, an organization of diverse individuals dedicated to developing and sharing information about riparian systems and working for their conservation. Tom will talk this night about the Arizona Riparian Council's efforts to assess Arizona's streams and associated habitats.



Tom holding a Violet Sabrewing

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What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

The Sonoran Audubon Society Board Meeting:

At the meeting on April 1, 2009, the attendees were Bob McCormick, Karen LaFrance, John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Carol Schooler, Rich Schooler, Andrée Tarby and George Wall.

After the minutes were approved, the committee reports were given. Field trips are scheduled through the end of 2009. John Arnett discussed a possible Christmas Bird Count in Janos, Mexico. The Program Committee will remain the same for the coming year and they'll meet to
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What's Happening in our Chapter?

plan new programs on May 5, 2009. The Education Committee reported that nine people attended the Saturday Estrella Bird Walk while the last Sunday Bird Walk had only one attendee. For their help in the bird walks and other events, a motion was made and carried to donate \$500 to the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center. In Finance, Carol Schooler noted the SAS account is in the positive due in part to ABCI and SAS Friends income. A draft letter was submitted by George Wall that requests donations for SAS such as bequests and a link entitled Donate be put on the website. The Conservation Committee will meet on April 28, 2009.

After the reports, other items discussed were the Together Green/Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership, SAS Photo Contest, SAS Focus Birds, and IBAs and we decided not to get involved with the Green Building Program from commercial sources.

General Membership Meeting: This was a night for our annual elections. Elected for the new Nominating Committee were Chuck Richards, Bob McCormick and Anne Durning. Elected to the office of president was George Wall who replaced Bob McCormick. Eleanor Campbell and Rich Schooler were re-elected to the board as a Directors at Large. Four others elected to vacant Directors at Large positions were filled by Tim Cullison, Jerry Theis, Dick Fogle and Darnell Kirksey.

Tim Cullison, one of our members, gave an excellent presentation of Kittlitz's Murrelet.

2009 Field Trips

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, May 4, 2009

Fossil Creek

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

This is an area off of Rte. 260 on the other side of Camp Verde. Fossil Creek is a unique warm-water perennial stream that flows from a complex of springs 14 miles to the Verde River.

To reach it, you must travel a graded dirt road for several miles. Some of the 41 birds seen in April 2008, were Juniper Titmouse, Gray Flycatcher, Summer Tanager and Scott's Oriole.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird to leave at 5:45 a.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2009

East Webber Creek

Leader: Dan Bohlman 602-938-8244

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This is one of the most beautiful places under the Mogollon Rim. There is a trail that leads out of the Geronimo Boy Scout Camp and follows the stream into a canyon that slices into the Rim. It is unusual in that there are firs and spruce growing at this low elevation (6000 to 6500 ft.) due to the shade provided by the canyon walls and all the water in the East Webber Creek due to springs feeding it. There are all kinds of forest birds attracted by the trees and water – Chickadees, Titmouse, Nuthatches, Flycatchers, Robins, Jays, Woodpeckers, Vireos, warblers and much more. There is also a small lake there at the Boy Scout Camp and open grassy areas that attract other types of birds. The trail into East Webber Creek goes for around three miles. We will go for about 2 miles and then return by the same route. Those that don't want to go that far can just sit down and relax and listen to the gurgling water and wait for the group to return.

Difficulty: 3 Bring a lunch.

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Stoneman Lake

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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Stoneman Lake is northeast of Camp Verde off of I17 and is one of several spring-fed mountain lakes on the Mogollon Plateau and located 36 miles south of Flagstaff and 125 miles north of Phoenix. Take Interstate 17 to the Stoneman Lake Exit #306, and follow the clearly marked signs. Red Crossbill, Pygmy Nuthatch, Mountain Chickadee and Northern Goshawk are residents. Pinyon Jay and Acorn Woodpeckers are in abundance. The group will also look for Lewis's and Three-toed Woodpecker in a burned-out area and for warblers nesting at this high elevation. Picnic area and toilets are available.

Difficulty: 2 Bring lunch and water.

Meet at the Burger King just west of 101 on Thunderbird to leave at 6:00 a.m. OR at McDonald's just off Carefree Hwy. taking Exit 223 off Rte. 17 at 6:30 a.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 26-8, 2009

California Gulch and Southern Arizona

Leader: Andrée Tarby 480-948-1074

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This is a repeat of some very successful trips that
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Andrée Tarby has previously led. In the past we have seen almost all of the target birds including the Five-striped Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Varied Bunting, and the Botteri's Sparrow. This year we also will look for the Buff-collared Nightjar, a Mexican specialty. This is a bird that many of our members need for a life bird. The plan is to drive to Nogales and spend the night leaving very early Saturday morning. Some of us will plan to see some birds on Friday on our way down to Nogales. We go along some very rough roads so 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary. We hope to have enough 4-wheel drive vehicles to put in extra people who might want to drive their own cars. It's only the last few miles where 4WD vehicles are necessary. Call leader for more details.

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Flagstaff Arboretum/Kachina Wetlands

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

We will bird Raymond Park and the Kachina Wetlands first. Afterwards, we'll go to the Flagstaff Arboretum that is nestled within the Ponderosa Pine forest at 7,150 feet. Over 100 species of birds have been seen there at one time or another.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird to leave at 5:00 a.m. or meet at Raymond Park at 7:00 a.m. Directions to Raymond Park: Get off at Exit 333 from I17, cross under I17 and make almost an immediate right and the park is at that corner on the left.

Tuesday-Thursday, July 21- 23, 2009

Mount Lemmon

Leader: Melody Kehl

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This is another 2-night high country trip to get away from the valley heat, but there are lots of birds as well as beautiful scenery. This will be a new trip for us. Mount Lemmon at its highest point is 9,157 feet, but we won't go that far. There's plenty of picnic areas and restrooms as we travel up the mountain birding along the way. We'll visit the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum, go owling early Wednesday morning and then start up Mount Lemmon. We'll return on Thursday. This trip is limited to 12 people.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Contact Donna Smith for information and reservations.

Saturday, August 1, 2009

Pinal Peak

Leader: Dr. David Pearson

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Why not go on a trip to the Pinal Mountains south of Globe away from the heat of the valley and into the higher elevations of the Tonto National Forest? The beauty of the area is unmatched and birders should be rewarded with views of nuthatches, woodpeckers and other high forest birds. This trip is limited to 11 people (3 vehicles). The drive to the top of the mountain is about 11 miles on a dirt road.

Difficulty: 1-2. Bring Lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird to leave at 4:00 a.m. in order to get there at the crack of light. This is a 2 hour drive so car pooling is a must. Alternate meeting place is the Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Rd. in Tempe to leave there at 5 a.m. This trip is limited to 11 people (3 cars). **MUST CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.**

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Forest Rd 300 and Area

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Drive north on US 17 to exit 287, Camp Verde, turn right and proceed along HWY 260 as it goes up the Mogollon Rim. Turn left on HWY 87, after several miles you will see a sign for Forest Rd. 300, turn right. Immediately after you turn there is a pullout on the right in a small clearing, we will regroup there. The gravel road is well graded for passenger cars. This is a beautiful drive in dense forest of pine and oak at 6000 to 7000 ft. We will travel to a burned out area, birding along the way, where we will listen for woodpeckers.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a Lunch

Meet at the Bell Rec Ctr parking lot on Hutton near Boswell in Sun City to leave at 5 a.m. Alternate meeting place is at McDonald's on Carefree Hwy. at 5:45 a.m. Exit right onto Carefree Hwy. from US17 and at the first stoplight, make a left. McDonald's is to the right.

Friday-Monday, October 2-5, 2009

San Diego Pelagic & Land Birding

Leader: Rich Schooler 623-930-8904

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Join us for a combination pelagic and land birding trip to San Diego in October. We will be doing a one day pelagic trip out of San Diego. The cost of the pelagic trip is \$55 and the trip lasts approximately 10 to 11 hours. The boat, the Grande, is an 85 footer with several restroom facilities and food service. The trip is sponsored by the Buena Vista Audubon Society and will have five experienced guides on board. Some of the birds expected are: Pink-footed, Sooty, and Black-vented Shearwaters; Leach's and Black Storm-Petrels; Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers; Arctic Tern; Rhinoceros and Cassin's Auklets and Red-necked Phalaropes. Possible species include:

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Flesh-footed Shearwater; Blue-footed and Masked Boobies; Northern Fulmar; Xantus' and Craveri's Murrelets; Least, Ashy and Wilson's Storm-Petrels; and Sabine's Gull. Additionally, several sea mammals are likely.

The land birding portion of the trip will be on Sunday October 4 to areas around San Diego to look for Southern California specialties and shorebirds. We will develop the exact land birding itinerary as we get closer to the trip date. We may also possibly make a side trip either going or coming to look for White-headed Woodpecker and other montane species, if the interest is there. Several of the people that have expressed interest in this trip have birded the San Diego area in the past, so we do not plan to hire a local guide for the land birding portion.

We will be staying at an older motel adjacent to the Point Loma Sport Fishing Marina where the pelagic trip originates from. We have blocked eight rooms for the group; however, you will be responsible for making your own room reservations and pelagic trip reservations. It is recommended that the pelagic trip reservations be made by mid-July as this is a very popular trip.

The trip will be limited to 16 people. If you are interested, please contact the leader.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

The 12th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) featured two invasions this year: voracious Pine Siskins (pictured right) and a whole new crop of citizen-science participants! Bird watchers shattered last year's record by submitting **more than 93,600 checklists** during the four-day event, held February 16-19. Participants also identified 619 species and sent in thousands of stunning bird images for the GBBC photo contest. The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

"Each year the GBBC provides the most detailed real-time snapshot of bird distribution across North America," said Rob Fergus, Senior Scientist with the National Audubon Society. "We can see how birds are responding to changing weather patterns, available food sources, and other factors from around the continent."

One of the big stories coming from the GBBC this year was the massive invasion of Pine Siskins and White-Winged Crossbills over much of the eastern United States. These feisty little birds moved southward because of seed crop failures in their usual wintering grounds in Canada and the boreal forests. GBBC participants reported 279,469 Pine Siskins on 18,528 checklists, compared to the previous high of 38,977 birds on 4,069 checklists in 2005. White-winged Crossbills were not as common, but their invasion was still impressive with 4,824 birds on 589 checklists representing a new record over the previous high of 2,854 birds on 135 checklists in 2007.



Pine Siskin—Photo by George Wall

The GBBC continues to show declines in some common birds, especially grassland and shrubland species. Loggerhead Shrike numbers are down, and although numbers of Northern Bobwhites and Eastern Meadowlarks were both up slightly from last year, they are still being reported in fewer numbers during the GBBC than they were in 2004. These GBBC trends are only preliminary views of what may be going on with these populations, and they must continue to be monitored to get a true long-term view of how these birds are faring.

Species reported for the first time during the Great Backyard Bird Count included two oceanic species--Pink-footed Shearwater and Xantus's Murrelet, both in California. Other first-timers included Baird's Sandpiper, Black-billed Cuckoo, and Blackpoll Warbler. Two rare Mexican species appeared on GBBC checklists from Arizona for the first time: the first Sinaloa Wren ever found north of the border, and a Blue Mockingbird.

"I just love the way this event opens up a new world for so many people," says Cornell Lab of Ornithology Citizen Science Director Janis Dickinson. "We have grandparents counting with their grandchildren, elementary school classrooms doing the GBBC as a special project, nature centers taking visitors out on bird walks. And adults who never noticed birds before are suddenly smitten!"

Have We Gone Cuckoo?

By Bettina Bickel

Arizona's monsoon brings refreshing rain and an explosion of life after the severe heat and dryness of early summer. The yellow-billed cuckoo arrives in its riparian breeding grounds at this time to take advantage of the bonanza of caterpillars and other large insects that make up the majority of their diet.

Since cuckoos are shy and inconspicuous in their dense habitat, birders often listen for the soft "coo coo" of unmated males, the "kowlp" calls of paired males, and the "knocker" calls given by both members of a mated pair. The pair's nest is a stick platform on a horizontal branch where one to five (usually two or three) eggs are laid. The relatively large eggs allow for rapid development, and the young hatch after about ten days. The young are eating whole insects by their second day, and at a week of age are already out of the nest crawling along tree limbs.

The preferred nesting habitat is cottonwood/willow riparian gallery forest, a habitat that has been severely impacted by human activities. The western population of yellow-billed cuckoo was listed by the USFWS as "warranted but precluded" under the ESA in 2001. The bird's historic range included drainages in western states as far north as British Columbia (where they are now considered extirpated). In Arizona, they were historically widespread and locally common, and despite loss of 90-95% of its riparian habitat, Arizona has the distinction of supporting the largest remaining population of this species in the West.

The USFWS considers habitat loss to be the main cause of population decline of the western yellow-billed cuckoo. Massive water diversion projects in Arizona have killed most of its riparian systems. Remaining riparian areas are often impacted by invasive species such as tamarisk, where a structurally and ecologically diverse cottonwood/willow habitat is replaced by a monotonous single layer of tamarisk. Grazing can be deadly to riparian systems, as livestock trample and selectively browse on cottonwood and willow saplings in addition to having widespread effects on watershed hydrology.

One would think that Arizona would guard the health and integrity of its remaining precious riparian areas, but much of the remaining riparian habitat is threatened by ground water pumping to fuel continued sprawl. One of the most egregious of these threats is the plan by Prescott and Prescott Valley to pump 8-11 million gallons of water per day from the Big Chino Aquifer at the headwaters of the Verde River. During the dry season, springs from the aquifer provide at least 80% of the base flow of the Upper Verde. Yet in defiance of hydrological science (and common sense!), Arizona law fails to make the connection between groundwater and stream flow.

The Verde River is one of Arizona's remaining riparian treasures. Endangered fish, nesting bald eagles, and our yellow-billed cuckoo depend on this river, while we humans enjoy its outstanding recreational values. Visit www.savetheverde.org



Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Photo by Robert Shantz

WHY DO QUAIL HAVE THOSE PLUMES ON THEIR HEADS?

By Tom Gatz

When asked this by a Desert Botanical Garden visitor, where I volunteer as a docent on Sunday mornings, I had to admit that I didn't know. But I made the mistake of offering a guess, which of course, turned out to be incorrect. I wrongly surmised that it likely had something to do with courtship between the males and females. After all, in the peafowl, the peacocks use their showy tail feathers to attract peahens, don't they? Appropriately humbled, I hit the Garden library and the Internet and tracked down the real facts regarding these feather ornaments on top the heads of Gambel's Quail. Composed of six black, comma-shaped feathers that tightly overlap, they appear to be one feather and are commonly referred to as a "topknot".

I learned that, in fact, the females could care less about the color or arrangement of feathers on male quail, including but not limited to, those on its head. What really impresses the female are the male's foraging display and its body size which are much better indications of the male's current health and strength than are flashy feathers which grew earlier in the season. The "buffed-out" male repeatedly performs a ritualized foraging display called "tidbitting" often resulting in the male offering the female select bits of food. Perhaps the human version of this is to bring your date a box of nice chocolates after toning up at the gym.

Biologists tell us that in nature all form has a function, so what the heck are these plumes for? To find out, researchers at the University of New Mexico gave some male quail haircuts by removing their topknots for a season, while others received "enhanced" topknots 1.5 times normal size, secured with superglue, all in the interest of science. It turns out that the topknots are important in establishing hierarchy among competing male quail. Plume enhancement made quail more likely to win contests, whereas plume removal made males more likely to lose. Plume position also reflected male status. Winning males erected plumes, whereas losers frequently flattened them. An erect plume signifies dominance; when folded flat it means "I give up" or "Uncle!"

You might ask, "but non-combative female quail have smaller versions of topknots; do they have a function?" I don't know; however, secondary sexual characteristics are often shared by both males and females in a species, including humans, but are often more prominent (and more functional) in one gender than in the other.



Gambel's Quail—Photo by Gene Almendinger

NINA MASON PULLIAM RIO SALADO AUDUBON CENTER



On April 23rd, people who were instrumental in getting this project to where it is now were invited for a Donors Preview. First picture was taken looking out from the new Carol and Randy Schilling Terrace. Second shows Kathy Wise getting out a Black-crowned Night-Heron, Sarah Porter, John Flicker, Lori Singleton and Sam Campana .



Randy and Carol Schilling

Photos by George Wall

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 Avenue and Vineyard Road. This riparian area consists of exposed shorelines, mature trees, the occasional marsh surrounded by desert scrub hillsides and in the park itself, many mesquite, palms and other trees.

SATURDAYS: These summer walks are held the second Saturday of each month. The next walk will be on Saturday, May 9, 2009. 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.

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

BINOCULARS

By George Wall

Some time ago, the Sonoran Audubon Society bought several pairs of binoculars for use by people who went on our bird walks but didn't have binoculars. These binoculars are okay for young kids, but not so good for adults. We would like to upgrade some of the binoculars that we have.

If you have an old pair of binoculars that you'd like to donate to the Sonoran Audubon Society, please let us know. You can contact any one of the officers/board members who I know would be glad to pick them up from you or even better, bring them to one of our meetings.

Recently, Gary Berlin, a SAS member donated two pairs and we thank him.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous, a group of bird-watchers, has their next meeting on Friday, May 15., 2009, starting at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City.

The program for this month will be "Wickenburg Conservation Foundation" given by John Amory and Penny Pietre.

There will also be a mystery birding trip led by George Wall. Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot on May 7, 2009, to leave at 6 a.m. Difficulty is 1 and we should be back by noon.

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

Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Project

On Saturday, May 2, 2009, bird guide Thomas Gaskill will lead a bird walk. The walk is from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (Program ID #52918). Meet at the Central Avenue Trailhead. Fees: \$5 for adults, \$1 for youths and \$1 for seniors.

You need to make your reservation in advance by visiting <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS> and click on Classes and Programs and enter the program number. You can also call 602-262-6863 and leave a voice mail.

Desert Botanical Garden

Every Monday and the second Saturday of each month, there is a bird walk starting at 8:00 a.m.

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$15.00 (\$13.50 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member. Membership is \$55 a year. When special events are held, this could be higher.

See their website at www.dbg.org for further information.

Hassavampa River Preserve

May 9, Saturday, 8 a.m.—Noon, celebrating International Migratory Bird Day. Hourly bird banding until noon, interpretive nature walk 8-9:30 a.m.

May 30, Saturday, starting at 6 a.m. is training for banding sub-permit. **However**, you must contact Anne Leight at ALeight@syntellect.com at least two days beforehand.

Entry Fees: \$5, TNC members \$3, kids 12 and under are admitted free.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on May 9, Saturday, bird counts at 6:00 a.m., avian photography lecture at 10:00 a.m.

Marceline Vandewater invites birders to help with the annual North American Migrant Bird Count that she coordinates here at the Arboretum; teams will also canvas the Oak Flats Campground, along Queen Creek, the Picketpost section of the Arizona Trail -- even as far as Whitlow Dam down in Queen Valley. Enlist in our local count by email to marceline@ermaroni.net; to learn about other counts around the state or to contact regional coordinators to volunteer as a counter elsewhere,

Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$3 ages 5-12. For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their internet website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>.

Festivals

Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival August 5-9, 2009

This festival will be held in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the Windemere Hotel. For more info, go to their website at <http://www.swwings.org>.

Maricopa Audubon Field Trips

Saturday, May 16, 2009, Rogers Trough & Montana Mountain.

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Friday, June 12, 2009, Christopher Creek.
Leader: Kathe Anderson, 480-951-4890
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Saturday, June 13, 2009, Hart Prairie Preserve in Flagstaff.

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Sunday, June 28, 2009, Fort Huachuca Canyons.
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Monday, July 13, 2009, Madera Canyon.
Leader: Kathe Anderson, 480-951-4890
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Monday, August 10, 2009, Kachina Wetlands.
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See all of their trips at www.maricopaaudubon.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 only a percentage of the money goes to our chapter; however, you get the National Audubon Society Magazine. Some people choose to do both. See our website for the applicable forms.

New adult or family membership: \$20.00

Seniors and students: \$15.00

Renewal fee for seniors and students: \$15.00

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<www.sonoranaudubon.org> or by mail for \$10.00 per year. If you wish to get the newsletter by mail or to be notified when a new issue is placed on the website, please contact chuckkan@mindspring.com or by mail to: Sonoran Audubon Society, P O Box 8068, Glendale, AZ 85312-8068.

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www.desertriversaudubon.org

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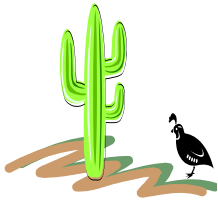


Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**Location: Auditorium, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street
(one block south of Peoria Ave. & 59th Ave. intersection) Time: 6:30 p.m. for socializing and
7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program**

May 13, 2009—Tom Hildebrandt: Speaker from the Arizona Riparian Council

Other Dates of Interest: May 6, 2009 7 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library in small meeting room – all SAS members welcome.



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