



Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 7 p.m. Tom Gaskill—Egypt

Tom Gaskill grew up in central Massachusetts where he started working in wild bird conservation projects at the age of ten. Since then, he's birded on five continents (he's still waiting on Australia and Antarctica), including 48 U.S. states. He eventually earned a PhD in philosophy from Vanderbilt University and spent many years in academia. Wherever he has gone, his binoculars went with him. That includes living in Egypt while doing his doctoral dissertation research. His yard birds there included Nile Valley Sunbird, Hoopoe, and Palm Dove. Whenever he needed a break from his work, he would go birding in the Sahara, agricultural areas, or on the Nile.



Since moving back to Arizona, he has been a volunteer at the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area since it opened, guided numerous field trips for local Audubon chapters, assisted with many research programs, and now teaches birding classes at the Desert Botanical Garden.



The program will introduce the birds of Egypt (many of which are from families of birds not found here). It will provide insights that are only likely to come from residents of the country about how to find fantastic birds while also taking in the many astounding cultural and historical sights of Egypt.



Nile Valley Sunbird and Hoopoe—Photos by Tom Gaskill

What's Happening in our Chapter By your Editor, George Wall

The Board met for their monthly meeting on March 7, 2012. Attending were George Wall, Tim Cullison, Haylie Hewitt, John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Joe Ford, Darnell Kirksey, Karen LaFrance, Jerry Theis and Andrée Tarby.

After the minutes of the last meeting were approved, the various committee reports were given.

Membership is staying about the same with 866 members being 108 Friends and 64 Friends only. On the trip report side, three members drove to Aravaipa Ranch near Dudleyville to check it out. As a result, the ranch was booked for April 19-21, 2013. A program meeting was held on March 27th. Programs are now set for September, October, December and March. Tim Cullison presented a possible education program that would involve instructing school classes on the three types of hummingbirds in our area. This would be worked through Audubon Arizona. Tim, Joe Ford and I volunteered to take the training needed from Audubon Arizona. Karen LaFrance showed us her new Together Green grant proposal for \$24,940. The proposal concerns water issues on the Upper Agua Fria River and tributaries. This is important to us since we do IBA and Yellow-billed Cuckoo counts on the Agua Fria National Monument.

Reports were given on the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival, Sun City West Arizona Expo, Annual Spring Trek at North Mountain Park and our annual picnic.

The yearly "Retreat" will be held at Hassayampa River Preserve on Saturday, October 6, 2012, starting at 8:30 a.m. with a 7 a.m. bird walk beforehand.

There will be no Board Meeting on July 4, 2012.

Sonoran Audubon Board members have hosted two Wildlife Badge workshops for Girl Scouts this year at the Rio Salado Center. A total of 75 girls (first through fourth grades) learned bird characteristics and identification and use of binoculars, participated in a bird walk and made two bird-oriented craft items. This is the second year we have done this and the Girl Scout program executive continues to get very positive feedback from troop leaders. One mom told us this year, "I learned a lot myself."

I was very disappointed at the attendance for the April program which was about our members since I worked so hard on it. Only 31 people attended and four of those were guests. It was a real shame as there were so many pictures of and articles about our members who normally attend.

A Bird Habitat certificate was given to Alvin and Arlene Scheuer. Above and Beyond certificates were given to Eleanor Campbell, Karen LaFrance, Bob McCormick and Andrée Tarby for their outstanding work for SAS.

Elections were held with the following results: Gail Bliss as Secretary, Haylie Hewitt as Treasurer, John Arnett, Joe Ford and Jim Consolloy elected as Directors at Large.

2012 Field Trips—Spring

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

Thursday-Friday, May 10-11, 2012

Patagonia

Leader: Kathe Anderson

Contact: Donna Smith, 623-556-9535

rms15247@cox.net

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

Thursday-Sunday, May 31-June 3, 2012

Chiricahua Mountains (Portal)

Contact: Barb Meding barbameding@yahoo.com

John Yerger from Adventure Birding lives in Portal and will be our guide as we explore the Chiricahua Mountains. The first day we will bird from the lower elevation grassland/Chiricahua desert scrub up to mid-elevations in Cave Creek Canyon. The second day we will start at a different mid-elevation habitat and then bird up to the high elevations. Some of the 100 species likely to be seen include: Band-tailed Pigeon, 5 species of Hummingbirds, Elegant Trogon, 6 species of flycatchers, Mexican Chickadee, Juniper and Bridled Titmice, 3 nuthatch species, resident warblers, Yellow-eyed Juncos, 3 species of tanagers, Indigo and Lazuli Buntings, and 3 species of orioles.

We will also have 2 evening trips on which we will likely to hear (hopefully see) Elf Owl, Whiskered Screech Owl, Northern Pygmy Owl, Common Poorwill and Mexican Whip-poor-will. With luck and John's expertise we might find a Mexican Spotted Owl or a Flammulated Owl.

Contact leader for reservations and information including accommodations in Portal.

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Granite Basin & Mint Wash, Prescott, AZ

Contact: Dan Bohlmann, 602-938-8244

dansbohlmann@prodigy.net

If you can't make the Chiricahua Mountains (Portal) trip, how about this one a few days later? Rich Schooler will lead a trip to look for mid-elevation breeding birds in the vicinity of Granite Basin Lake and adjacent Mint Wash riparian area. This trip is limited to 10 people plus the Schoolers.

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2012 Field Trips— Summer

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird Avenue to leave at 6 a.m. It's a 1 hour 40 minute drive from the Burger King to Prescott. Alternate meeting place is at McDonald's at the Carefree Highway. Need to meet in Prescott at 8 a.m.

Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, 2012
Huachuca and Canyons (Tentative)
Leader: Rich Kaiser, 602-276-3312
rkaiserinaz@aol.com

Escape the heat of the Arizona desert for a thorough visit to the Huachucas, near to, and south of Sierra Vista. One day will be spent covering the renowned canyons accessible from State Route 92, including Carr, Miller, Ramsey and Ash Canyons. Our access will be controlled or limited due to last summer's fire in this area. Hummingbirds are well known to be seen at feeders in these canyons, and other species of birds possible include Acorn Woodpecker, Black-headed Grosbeak, Wild Turkey and Mexican Jay. The other day we will travel into the canyons of Fort Huachuca, including Garden, Scheelite, Sawmill and Huachuca. Birds likely to be spotted include Sulphurbellied Flycatcher, Painted Redstart and Elegant Trogon, and maybe Spotted Owl, Cassin's Sparrow and Buff-breasted Flycatcher. Positive personal and vehicle identification as well as proof of insurance, are needed for access to the Fort. Bring lunches, and plenty of water. Monetary donations needed for access to Ash and Miller Canyon feeders. Difficulty: 1. Meeting times and locations to be arranged.

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
Stoneman Lake
Leader: Donna Smith, 623-556-9535
rms15247@cox.net

Stoneman Lake, situated in the Coconino National Forest, is northeast of Camp Verde off Route 17. Stoneman Lake 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. Here are some of the birds of the Ponderosa Pine forest: Red Crossbill, Pygmy Nuthatch, Mountain Chickadee and Northern Goshawk. Gambel Oak woodland, wooded drainage and natural springs offer habitat for Pinyon Jay and Acorn Woodpeckers which are in abundance. The group will 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.

We will leave from McDonalds on Carefree Hwy. at 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 8, 2012
Christopher Creek and Tonto Creek Campgrounds
Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244
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We will travel up to the campgrounds east of Payson. There will be several stops in the Ponderosa Pine forest at Tonto Creek Campground, the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery and Christopher Creek Campground. Bird species should include vireos, warblers, chickadees, nuthatches, flycatchers, woodpeckers and Townsend's Solitaire.

Difficulty: 2 Bring lunch.

Meet at Fry's Electronics Store, 31st Ave. and Thunderbird (southeast corner) in the parking lot on the north side of the building near Thunderbird Road at 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 23, 2012
Yarnell
Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057 gwall5@cox.net

This trip will be an exploration of the tiny town of Yarnell situated in Yavapai County between Phoenix and Prescott in the Weaver Mountains at 4,700 feet. There is a community park with woods and creek. The Shrine of St. Joseph of the Mountains offers a peaceful spot with a short trail and a riparian area to look for birds. It's possible to see Black-headed Grosbeaks, Bridled Titmouse and warblers.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird Avenue to leave at 6 a.m.

Friday-Saturday, Sept 14-15, 2012
Heartstone Ranch (tentative)
Leader: Tice Supplee

Thursday, September 27, 2012
Clear Creek Campground
Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244
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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

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2012 Field Trips— Summer

trees and other bushes attract numerous birds and wildlife. The last time we were there was in May 2011, and we saw 43 different species of birds. Some of the birds I've seen are Blue Grosbeaks, Cardinals, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Spotted and Green-tailed Towhees, Dark-eyed Juncos, Bullock's Oriole, tanagers, vireos, warblers and 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.

FAMILY BIRD WALKS AND PROGRAMS AT ESTRELLA

Sponsored by the Sonoran Audubon Society

Estrella Mountain Regional Park is located on the south side of the Gila River in Goodyear at Bullard Ave. and Vineyard Rd. There is a \$6.00 per vehicle charge for entering the park; however, the bird walks are free of charge.

SATURDAYS: These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. the next walk will be on **Saturday, May 12, 2012.** Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. In June, these Saturday walks will start at 7 a.m. The walk will last approximately 2 hours. Joe Ford will also present a program called "Genealogy Underfoot" at 10:30 a.m. at the visitor's center. Joe will also lead a short hike with emphasis on rock types. On **Saturday, May 18th** at 6.p.m, Joe will present the program called "Bird Weirdness". It highlights unusual facts and information about birds, some now extinct, some common, but all with unusual histories or anatomical features. For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 lford25@cox.net.

SUNDAYS: The Sunday bird walks are done for the spring, but will resume in the fall. See the September Sonoran Audubon Society newsletter when it comes out or contact McCormick at 602-373-2952 mcbobaz@aol.com or Andrée Tarby at 602-421-9425 awtarby@gmail.com.

The Sunday March 25th bird walk was quite exciting. 15 people showed up for the walk and then five more including three children were absorbed into our group when they got to the river. Highlights included great looks at Black-crowned Night-Herons, Green Herons, a Zone-tailed Hawk, a flyover of six American White Pelicans and the "ticket" call of a Virginia Rail.

The Saturday, April 14th SAS Bird Walk at the park was a little rough due to the winds blowing 25-30 mph at times; however, 17 birders showed up for the walk. Ages varied from seniors to elementary school. There were 32 species seen or heard with the best bird being a Black-headed Grosbeak.



Welcome and Thank You

We have several new Sonoran Audubon Society members who joined the National Audubon Society or transferred into our area which automatically makes them a member of our chapter. The 15 new members (some rejoined) are James Buis, Rose Clark, Angela Gamez, Harry Glab, Mabel Heeter, Daniel Krysiak, Ann Laubach, Bonnie McConnell, Chris Olson, Roxine Phillippi, Anne Reeves, Darrell Reinke, C. Rispoli, Merle-Clayton Shankland, John Thompson, Janetta Tully, Thomas Lyon and Willie Minor.

We also have a few first time new "Friends" even though they might be members of the National Audubon Society. The new "Friends" are Bob Cirillo, Wally Dusenbury, John Leng, Nancy Mac, Susan Reed and Jerry Theis.

The "Friends" drive is still on and we hope a lot more of you will renew your "Friends" membership or join us as a "Friend".

WHAT MAKES A BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT?

By George Wall

There are four things that are necessary to attract wildlife: food, water, shelter from predators and a place to raise young. Take a look at your yard and see what you have.

Do you have food? This is the most important thing and the best food, of course, is natural. Many of us already have some shrubs, trees or cacti in our backyard that produce some sort of fruit. I have several citrus fruit trees that do provide some food – especially the orange trees. I cut the oranges in half and put them on a special feeder high off the ground. I have attracted Gilded Flickers, Northern Mockingbirds, Verdin and many others. Besides hummingbird feeders that many people have, there are also many varieties of seed feeders that can attract birds. Sunflower seeds, thistle, corn and mixtures provide food for all the seed eaters.

If you have the space, plant some native shrubs that not only provide food, but provide cover. The Wolfberry also called the Desert Thorn is a good example. It is a spreading, densely branched shrub with many vicious, five to ten millimeter spines on reddish or yellow to grey branches. The flowers are somewhat bell-shaped, blue to blue-green on the outside with purple veins. The reddish berries are eaten by birds and other wildlife. It needs sun to partial sun and grows to a height of 3-6 feet with a width of 2-4 feet. They are an evergreen and have a high heat tolerance and don't demand a lot of water. In the same line is the Hackberry and Barberry. There are a lot of shrubs that attract both birds and butterflies and use low water. The site that I found most helpful was <http://www.amwua.org/shrubs.html> that highlight a lot of native shrubs and trees.



Wolfberry

(One year old plants)



Hackberry

The next thing you need is water. Water is used for both drinking and bathing by some birds and even butterflies. It may be a small pond or a fountain. Whatever you use, it is best to have flowing water. I don't have a pond so I use a fountain that spurts water into the air and I put in a drip system so that new water is very very slowly coming into the fountain. Natural evaporation keeps the water about the same level. It is fun to watch the hummingbirds fly through the water as it shoots into the air.

Another must is cover to hide from predators. The shrubs above will provide cover when they get bigger. Some other shrubs that provide cover are honeysuckle (there are many types that can be trained), various types of sage and flowering plants that grow fast like lantana. There are also various types of cacti that can provide cover from predators like the prickly pear which can also provide food. You might even want to throw in a rock pile, logs, or anything else that might do for cover.

Now you need a place to raise young. The Cholla is a good nesting place for birds like the Curve-billed Thrasher and Cactus Wren. Evergreen trees that have nice leaves are fine for hummingbird nests and roosting birds like doves. It may take time, but you can draw wildlife in.

I've mainly talked about a backyard for birds; however, you can also add in other plants that would attract butterflies like fairy dusters, butterfly bush, and milkweed.

Once you have a backyard wildlife habitat, the Sonoran Audubon Society plans on giving you a certificate or if you choose, you can also certify your yard with the National Wildlife Federation - <http://www.nwf.org>.

Member Creates Bird Habitat

By George Wall



Dwayne Fink

Twenty years ago Dwayne Fink, who lives in Tempe, took out his grass and went to Xeriscape in both front and back yards. The front yard is 100' by 30' and the back is 100' by 45'. Dwayne says "I wanted four things when I made the switch: bird-friendly, low-water, beautiful and low-maintenance; however, it turned out to be a tad more work than we thought to keep it up.

Most of the plants are native: native being anything from local to Baja to Texas. We get all the native birds, so I know we did well in that regards. Tree wise, we have a quite



huge iron-wood in front, plus a sweet acacia. The back yard has two honey mesquites, two sweet acacias and a hackberry. Major shrubs include jojoba, fairy dusters, and creosotes. We also have a variety of annuals - mostly for color. The woodpeckers glean the mesquites several times every day. The sweet acacias serve as launch pads for the water dish and then as place to dry off after bath time. We have had some nesting, but probably would do better if the habitat island was bigger - and more varied. Even so, over the years, I have listed 80 plus birds on our backyard list".



Yellow-rumped Warbler—Photo by grandson Jason Knorr

I might mention that Dwayne Fink is one of the founders of the Sonoran Audubon Society and acted as the interim Treasurer until elections were held and membership chairman for four years.

FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC

By George Wall

What a beautiful day we had at Horseshoe Ranch for a picnic. The weather was perfect and the birds were there and 49 people turned up to enjoy the day.

After crossing the Agua Fria River that had some running water, many of us dropped off a lot of the tables, chairs, food, etc. It wasn't long before the early birders started arriving and then we gathered for the bird walk. With so many birders, they had to be broken up into two groups. Tice Supplee and Karen LaFrance took one group to the harder birding spot over at Silver Creek. The other group went across the Agua Fria River to bird in the fields and alongside the river. Between the two groups there were 51 species seen.



Some of the 49 people— by George Wall

After the birders came back, picnic preparations started in earnest. Andrée Tarby and Rich Schooler started getting the grill and necessary food and equipment ready. Haylie Hewitt put out the water and drinks. Everyone that brought food put their dishes into the big dining room near the grill of the building. The picnickers put up tables and chairs nearby in the shade of a huge tree.

By 11:45, Rich Schooler and I had grilled enough hamburgers, sausages and hot dogs to feed the group. Carol Schooler handled the serving of the buns and grilled

food while Haylie set out all the condiments. I didn't hear any complaints from all the revelers as we stuffed ourselves with the good food.

A raffle was held and Jim Consolloy had the winning ticket. Door prizes were also drawn. As the group started getting ready to leave, a fight in the air was taking place – a Common Raven, Red-tailed Hawk and a Golden Eagle seemed to be irritating each other while a Turkey Vulture looked on. The Golden Eagle flew directly over us and we got some good looks and pictures.



Under the Tree—by George Wall



Carol Schooler, George Wall & Rich Schooler—by Tom Horton



Silver Creek Birding Group—by George Wall

OTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

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

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

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, May 18, 2012, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. The program will be Photos of Field Trips presented by Vera Markham. The field trip for the month will be on Thursday, May 10th to Estrella Mountain Park Led by Marshall Esty. We'll leave the Church of the Palms at 7 a.m.

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

Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight has bird banding programs on Saturday, May 5th starting at 6 a.m. and on Sunday, 13th at 6 a.m. New-comers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at birdanna-belle@hotmail.com.

Birding 103, part 2, is on Sunday, May 6, 2012, from 7-10 a.m. at the Prescott Highlands Center, 1375 S. Walker Road, Prescott (\$5 entry fee). Continue practicing your new birding skills at Lynx Lake with professional birder Kathe Anderson.

International Migratory Bird Day, Sunday, May 13, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. 8-9:30 a.m. bird walk.

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

Gilbert Water Ranch

Take highway 60 to Greenfield Road. Turn right 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 their website at <http://sites.google.com/site/birdsofthegilbertwaterranch/>.

Arizona Field Ornithologists

AZFO have several surveys and field expeditions coming up in the near future. One is a field expedition to Upper Eagle Creek (Greenlee County) 19-20 May. See their website at www.Azfo.org for more details.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

There will be a Migrant Bird Count May 12, 6 a.m.—3 p.m. If you want to participate, contact Doug Jenness at 1-500-909-1529 or email d_jenness@hotmail.com.

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

Each week on Mondays there is a bird walk. The bird walk for May will be starting at 7 a.m. .

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

Festivals & Other Events

May 5 – San Pedro Spring Fest at Sierra Vista—See www.sanpedroriver.org.

May 7 – Madera Canyon International Migratory Bird Day—See www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

June 23 – Flagstaff Hummingbird Festival at Flagstaff Arboretum—See www.thearb.org/events_hummingbird.php.

August 1-5 – Southwest Wings Birding Festival at Sierra Vista—See www.swwings.org.

August 17-21—Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival—See their web site at www.tucsonaudubon.org/festival.



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
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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.

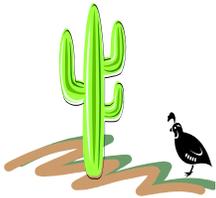
Schedule for the Year:

May 9, 2012: Tom Gaskill—Egypt

September 12, 2012: Joe Ford—Canaries in the Coal Mine

October 10, 2012: Rich Glinski—Burrowing Owls and Grassland Conservation

Other Dates of Interest: May 2, 2012, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale. Members are invited to attend as guests.



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