

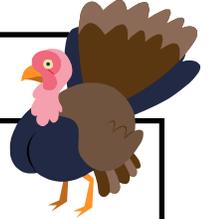


Gambel's Tales

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, November 13, 2013 , at 7 p.m.

Len Boeder: His Relationship with Special Birds

Len Boeder was born and raised in Brainerd, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He then spent the next two years in the U.S. Air Force. In 1963, he moved to Salem, Oregon, where he practiced Pediatric Dentistry up until 1999. He now spends seven plus months in Arizona and four plus months in Oregon. He has been married to his wife Kay for 57 years and they have three children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He has always been interested in photography, but became fascinated in taking pictures of birds during a trip to Africa in 2005. His first real experience with birders was when he took a birding trip to Alamos, Mexico, with a group from the Sonoran Audubon Society in September of 2010. He not only saw a lot of birds, but also experienced the companionship of birders.



Great Horned Owl



Lesser Prairie-Chicken

He belongs to the Salem Audubon Society, the East Cascades Audubon Society in Bend, Oregon, and the Sonoran Audubon Society.

This program is about his relationship with a family of Great Horned Owls over a four year span in Sun City West where he currently lives. The program also includes a short movie of a dancing hummingbird in his Arizona backyard and a trip to New Mexico where he attended the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival.

Come out and see this interesting program through the eyes of Len Boeder and his photography.

President's Corner

HELLO FROM HAYLIE:



I hope everyone had a chance to pick up a copy of SAS's new West Valley Bird Watching brochure. The brochure lists 10 sites, some of which I had visited previously with birding classes or Audubon trips. See page 8 of this newsletter for more information about this brochure.

A friend and I decided to try a place we had never been before – the Lakeside Pavilion at Sun City Grand (#4 in the brochure). The Sun City Grand community is easy to find and on the short drive from the entrance sign to the Pavilion itself, we passed a golf course and spotted a Harris's Hawk. It was on the ground enjoying a meal. As the hawk hopped out of sight, several Killdeer called and ran along the edge of the lake.

We drove on and parked in the almost-empty Pavilion lot. Within just a few yards of the car we saw House Finches, a Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Mockingbird, Verdin, Cactus Wrens, Mourning Doves, Inca Doves and Great-tailed Grackles. Then we headed toward the water's edge where several Northern Rough-winged Swallows were flying around a rocky bank. We also saw a Flicker, but couldn't get a complete identification on it.

The Sun City Grand neighborhood is really nice. We saw a grandfather and grandson fishing, a couple of dog obedience classes in session and residents playing tennis and bocce ball. My friend and I were the only bird-watchers, though, and our next stop was the large pond just across from the Pavilion. We saw a few American Coots, Ring-necked Ducks and a Northern Shoveler.

Our last sighting was a Harris's Hawk, possibly the one we saw when we first arrived. It flew up into a palm tree to join another Harris's Hawk, and they appeared to be an adult and a juvenile. That ended our very pleasant visit to the Lakeside Pavilion at Sun City Grand.

This trip was a good example of a place to see a variety of birds without doing a lot of driving. I'm sure I'll be checking out the other nine areas in the brochure soon.

See you at the membership meeting November 13th!

Sonoran Audubon Society

Board Meeting Synopsis

October 2, 2013

The Board members that were present were John Arnett, Dan Bohlmann, Tim Cullison, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Gail Bliss, Andrea Nesbitt, Andrée Tarby, Jerry Theis. Karen LaFrance attended as the SAS consultant and Tom Lazzelle was a guest. Absent Board members were Darnell Kirksey and Jim Consolloy.

The total membership of SAS stands at 869 total National members. Of those there are 145 people that support SAS by also being Friends and 82 that are Friends only.

Karen presented a report on the trip to Mababi, Mexico, saying the participants felt the ranch could not have been more delightful and it was a fun adventure. The number of birds seen at the ranch was 93 with 107 total for the whole trip. The net profit to the SAS was \$675.06. The trip showed that SAS can host longer trips successfully.

It was reported that some changes had been made to the Web site and more would be made in the future.

Topics for the upcoming Board Retreat on October 19 were also discussed.

Haylie reported on the meeting with Sarah Porter of Audubon Arizona and other Arizona Chapter leaders. In the future, more use of Skype will be used to "green" the meetings. There was also a discussion of the grant money that is available.

Reported by
Gail Bliss, Secretary

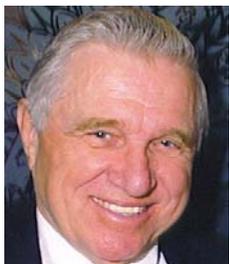
At our last Membership Meeting, we were blessed with 76 attendees who saw Dr. Ross Hawkins give an outstanding presentation. It was truly one of the more interesting programs in recent memory.

Welcome and Thank You

Sonoran Audubon Society welcomes the following new members of our chapter and they are Mary Ruth Ansager, Julia Antioie, Mary Arthur, Carol Bergman, Alexander Boyd, Shirley Brandon, Jeanne Butler, Douglas Coates, Jeanette Coates, Douglas Cobb, Hilda Ferba, Thomas Ferranti, Cheri Hauser, Janet Herbert, Sidney Hollander, Robert Huendorf, Laura and Fred Hules, Lynn Kelly, Nancy Little, Pearl Markowitz, Martha Regan, C. Respoli, Clifford Schwahn, Carol Seipel, Manuel Silva, Pat Smith, Diane Sprinkle, Doris Steeves, Marcia Thias, Richard Weidner and Afton Wilkinson.

Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

Editor's Comments



I was asked about the **AT** or **at** in the e-mail addresses. Scammers, advertisers, and others can't just scan your address into the "To" field of e-mails and send you unwanted trash without first changing the **AT** or **at** to an @ sign. This takes too much time for them.

Most organizations are starting to use this idea including the National Audubon Society. To use the e-mail addresses in this newsletter, you can't just click on an address to use it, you need to "cut and paste".

Don't forget to look for **Caleb's Corner** on our website at www.sonoranaudubon.org.

2013 Field Trips—Fall and 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. Anyone can do these trips and if a novice, you'll get plenty of help.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Estrella Mountain Regional Park

Leader: Joe Ford 623-792-8154 lford25 AT cox.net

We will explore four habitats: the human-altered park grounds with huge gum trees and mesquite bosque; a desert scrub region with paloverde and salt bush; a riparian area along the Gila River with mud flats; twin lakes area to the east on a mitigated sand and gravel operation with two relatively large bodies of water. This trip is an easy walk of approximately a mile and a half on good trails which will take two to three hours. We hope to encounter raptors, shorebirds, warblers, woodpeckers, and gnatcatchers. Bald Eagles have been seen in these areas along as well as falcons, large flocks of ibis, vireos and Western Grebe.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at the Visitors Center at 8 a.m. Note: There is a \$6 entry fee per car.

Friday-Saturday, November 15-16, 2013

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge and local areas in the Colorado River valley.

Leader: Kathe Anderson

Contact: Barb Meding
barbameding AT yahoo.com

Cibola is famous as a wintering ground for ducks, geese (Canada and Snow) and Sandhill Cranes. We will drive the two mile Goose loop and walk the Cornfield Nature Trail. We will spend the night in Blythe and will explore other areas along the Colorado River which is a migratory flyway. Who knows what we will find? In one November I found 60 species just at Cibola. This trip is limited to 8 people.

Friday, November 22, 2013.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Leader: Andrée Tarby (602-421-9425) awtarby AT gmail.com

This late fall outing will be to a favorite local site. There may be a few tardy migrants moving south or species settling in for the winter (sparrows, thrushes). A lot depends on the weather and there may or may not be any fall color left.

Difficulty: 1, but remember the hill (you can always walk around). Bring a lunch if you want to eat in the picnic area, which I intend to do. BTA also has a list of local restaurants.

Meeting places and carpools can be arranged when we know where people are coming from. We plan to be there when it opens at 8 AM. Admission is \$10 (it is a State Park!) unless you are a member or can score guess passes.

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Glendale Recharge Ponds

Leader: Joe Ford 623-792-8154 lford25 AT cox.net

This area is one of the top birding spots in the West Valley and we hope to see numerous species of shorebirds and ducks, plus the usual cormorants, herons and egrets. Some of the passerines will inhabit the adjacent canals and agricultural areas. It is not unusual to see around 50 species or more. The trail is graveled and easy walking, around a mile or so. There is no shade, so if you are sunburn prone, prepare. We'll be there one to three hours depending on the number of birds.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at McDonald's, Olive and 91st street at 7:30 a.m. for rides, or meet at the north end of 107th going north from Camelback. There are several places to park in the area just as it makes a curve onto gravel on the south side of the six basins. Bird walk will start at 8 a.m.

FAMILY BIRD WALKS 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.

Join the Sonoran Audubon Society for an easy two hour hike in the park and along the Gila river. Over 150 different species have been observed at the park. We have a Saturday and Sunday walk each month. Bring water and your own binoculars and books if you have them though a limited number will be available. Rain cancels the walks.

SATURDAYS: These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. The next walk will be **November 9th**. Meet at the visitors center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The walk will last approximately two hours. For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 [lford25 AT cox.net](mailto:lford25@cox.net).

SUNDAYS: These walks are held on the fourth Sunday of the month. The first one after the summer break will be on **November 24, 2013** starting at 8.00 a.m. Follow the signs to the dirt parking lot on the east side of the park—the Navy North Parking Lot. For further information contact Bob McCormick at 602-373-2952 [mcbobaz AT aol.com](mailto:mcbobaz@aol.com) or Andrée Tarby at 602-421-9425 [awtarby AT gmail.com](mailto:awtarby@gmail.com).

The bird walk held on Saturday, October 12th, led by Joe Ford and Caleb Strand, attracted 14 birders including the leaders. They were from Buckeye, Goodyear, Thunderbird Park, and Surprise. They walked the park, the trail along the Gila River, and ended up at the two mitigated lakes at the east end of the BLM area, itself east of Estrella Mountain Regional Park.

With the Gila River still dry and the few areas with water, it was amazing that they saw or heard 58 different species. Some of the good birds that were seen included the Western Grebe, Belted Kingfisher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Orange-crowned Warbler and a Greater Roadrunner.

What was really nice was all the raptors that were seen—Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel and a falcon species either the Peregrine or Prairie.

Another highlight was seeing several flocks of White-faced Ibis flying west. They counted between 600 and 700 altogether.

Gila River Indian Community Bird Count

Charles Enos has been coming to our meetings for many years encouraging us to join in the bird count they perform every year on the reservation. This is a fine time of the year to get out in the open air and you'll see some interesting birds as well as a different culture.

He'll be at our meeting this November 13th with a sign-up sheet. There are several different areas you can sign up for and all are worthwhile.

This bird count is on Saturday, December 7th and is prior to the Christmas Bird Count that starts later in the month.

If you have never attended one of these counts, now would be a good time.

Care Centers for Birds

Fallen Feathers
Handles & 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.
Cave Creek
480-595-5047

Liberty Wildlife
All wildlife
Located in Scottsdale
480-998-5550

Three Captive-reared Endangered Condors Fly Free

Article from the Wildlife News of the Arizona Game and Fish Department

More than 300 spectators had the unique opportunity to see endangered California Condors fly into the wild after previously being captive. Three birds were successfully released during the event at the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument on October 4th.

This was the 18th annual public release of condors in Arizona since the condor recovery program began in 1996.

As of June 30, there were 71 condors in the wild in the rugged canyon lands of northern Arizona and southern Utah. The world's total population of endangered condors is 431, with more than half of them in the wild in Arizona, Utah, California, and Mexico. The wild California Condor population declined to just 22 individuals in the 1980s when the program was begun to save the species from extinction.

Condors were added to the federal endangered species list in 1967. The condor is the largest flying land bird in North America. The birds can weigh up to 26 pounds and have a wingspan of up to 9 1/2 feet.



California Condors at Vermilion Cliffs National Monument

Lead poisoning is the leading cause of death in condors and the main obstacle to a self-sustaining population in Arizona-Utah. A number of scientific studies collectively provide strong evidence to support the hypothesis that spent ammunition is the primary source of lead exposure in condors. Condors ingest the lead fragments from carcasses and gut piles.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department started offering free non-lead ammunition in 2005 to hunters drawn for hunts in the condor's core range. Annually 80 to 90 percent of hunters take measures to reduce the amount of lead available to condors by using non-lead ammunition or removing lead-tainted gut piles from the field.

For more information on the California Condor, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor.

What did you folks do this weekend?

By Bob McCormick

About 10:30 am my dog Jax was making an odd noise...standing in front of him, with wings spread, was a Red-tailed Hawk. Jax is about 75 lbs. so I have no idea if the hawk tried to get him or if it had flown into the fence. Jax decided to leave it alone as it was doing more than holding it's own. My other dog, Daisy the hound, was having nothing to do with it...maybe she had a previous encounter? The hawk flew to the fence and appeared to have a broken wing. Then it went into the Mesquite Bosque by the fence.

I called Liberty Wildlife at 480-998-5550 and about an hour later, Jim with Liberty Wildlife came to collect the hawk.

Liberty Wildlife, located in Scottsdale, has a great website - libertywildlife.org. They are currently in the process of expanding their facility. This will allow them to be open to the public and provide greater and easier access for the entire community needing help with wildlife issues and concerns.



Photo by Bob McCormick

Anywhere a Feathered Thing is Flying or Calling

Member Spotlight: Rosemary Abrami

By Jacklyn Anderson



Rosemary Abrami

Rosemary was trained as a teacher but worked in the computer world starting as a programmer in 1966. She started on an ICT 1900 and worked for International Computer and Tabulators where she used a language called PLAN. Later she learned COBOL but says she is totally obsolete and antiquated now!

Some of her activities include bookbinding, woodworking and community work. She restores books, mainly Bibles and once worked on an Irish bible from 1785. She has also worked on other books including one about birds that was illustrated with pictures made of actual feathers.



Great Horned Owl—Photo by Rosemary Abrami

I got a sense that Rosemary had a lively sense of humor when she sent me a picture of Canada geese on a frozen pond in Denver, and called them her “Jesus” ducks because they looked as if they were walking on water. Her father was keen on birds and sparked her interest as a child. She says she is not really a “birder” because she never goes out in the wilds with binoculars, but she just likes looking at and hearing about birds. I think that would describe many birders very well!

Rosemary loves the way the Lilac-breasted Roller tumbles when it flies. I had never heard of the Lilac-breasted Roller before so I had to look it up. I found out that this colorful blue, violet, and green bird with a lilac breast, comes from South Africa just like Rosemary. She lived there until 1991 when she came to America because of her husband's calling as a Rabbi. In 1998 they moved to Tucson and then to Sun City West in 2002. After attending a few meetings and lectures she finally joined the Sonoran Audubon Society in 2012.

Rosemary was trained as a teacher but worked in the computer world starting



Canada Geese—Photo by Rosemary Abrami

In her spare time she volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Sun City West Posse, Hadassah, The Association of Condominiums and Home Owners Associations, and the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival.

One day she was walking through her neighborhood when she saw one of those “fake” Great Horned Owls high up in a tree. She was wondering how someone got it up so high when it turned its head around and looked at her as if to say, “I’m not a fake. I’m the real thing!” That was a thrill of a lifetime, she said! She ran back home, grabbed her camera and was able to capture a nice picture of the owl.

She has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East. One of her favorite places is the Chobe Nature Reserve in Botswana which is full of zebras, crocodiles, hippos as well as a “gazillion” kind of birds and butterflies and just about anything else you can imagine!

Most of all, she likes to travel anywhere a feathered thing is flying or calling. We would like to welcome her to the Sonoran Audubon Society!

My Favorite Thrush

By Dr. Jerry Theis

Thrushes are plump, soft-plumaged, small to medium-sized birds, inhabiting wooded areas, and often feed on the ground. The smallest are the Forest Rock Thrush and the shortwings and the largest is the Blue Whistling Thrush. Most species are grey or brown in color, often with speckled underparts. They are insectivorous, but most species also eat worms, land snails, and fruit (spreading the seeds and contributing to the dispersal of many species). Many species are permanent residents in warm climates, while others migrate, often over considerable distances. The songs of some species are considered to be among the most beautiful in the avian world. Thrushes make up **Turdidae**, a family of passerine birds that occurs worldwide. The genus **Turdus** contains 65 species.

My favorite **Turdus** species is the La Selle Thrush, an endangered species found in the Dominican Republic and Haiti on the island of Hispaniola (in Sierra de Baoruco, Sierra de Neiba and the Cordillera Central in the Dominican Republic and La Visite National part in Haiti). Its natural habitat is subtropical or tropical moist montane forests, being considerably threatened by habitat loss. It is named after the place of its discovery, the Massif de la Selle, Haiti. The La Selle Thrush is a rather secretive bird of highland forests and is unmistakable in appearance, being distinguished by its striking, beautifully patterned markings. It is a relatively dark, large-bodied forest thrush, slate-black on the head, upperparts and upper breast, becoming deep red-brown to chestnut on the rest of the breast and flanks, and white on the belly. The throat is streaked with white and the cheeks and ear-coverts may be flecked silver-grey. The wings and tail are a glossy black and the undertail coverts are white. The bill and eye ring are orange to yellow. Its song is a long, loud series of slow, deliberate, fluty notes, described as bubbly and rollicking, often given at dawn and dusk. As most thrushes, the La Selle Thrush is largely terrestrial, foraging for earthworms, insects and fruit.

In April, 2008, I made my first attempt at seeing the La Selle Thrush on a FONT tour to the Dominican Republic. The vehicle we rented seemed adequate until we bottomed out on boulders on the way up the steep mountain road, the only reliable place to see this elusive thrush. It was akin to *driving* up the river bed in Sycamore Canyon in southern Arizona, a canyon I hiked in June 1987, to see the Fan-tailed Warbler. Therefore, in March, 2011, I again attempted to see the La Selle Thrush with Field Guides Nature Tours. A high clearance vehicle allowed us to reach the desired area of the mountain and we soon heard and saw the La Selle Thrush, foraging on the road we just travelled. It truly is a beautiful thrush, superficially resembling the American Robin. At this site, we also saw White-winged Warbler, Ashy-faced Owl, and Greater Antillean Elaenia. Because the La Selle Thrush is restricted to elevations above 1300 meters and is most active early in the morning, a long drive is required, meaning a 2 a.m. departure!

The local people said “a high clearance vehicle was necessary,” to see the La Selle Thrush. Always believe the locals. My Sycamore Canyon hike and my “Sycamore Canyon drive” were both adventures, but both well worth the effort involved.



La Selle Thrush
Illustration taken from BirdLife International

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

By Eleanor Campbell

The Christmas Bird Count is the longest running Citizen Science survey in the world. Every year since 1900 tens of thousands of participants....bird-watchers, conservationists and friends spend one day from mid-December through early January counting birds.

Christmas Bird Count began at the turn of the last century when people gathered for a tradition going afield on Christmas day with guns. Whichever group brought in the biggest pile of feathered quarry won. Bird feathers and stuffed birds themselves were important adornments for ladies hats at that time.

Conservation was just beginning early in the 20th century and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. In 1900 Frank Chapman, an officer in the budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition....a Christmas Bird Count rather than a hunt. So Christmas Bird Count (CBC) began. Twenty-five counts were conducted by 27 individuals that Christmas at 25 locations from Toronto, Canada, to California.

In the 2011-12 CBC, the 112th year of the count, 50,000 participants counted in 2,000 locations. The number of birds counted reached 36,139,768. The data are today compiled by the Audubon Society and the collected information allows researchers and conservation biologists to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America and other continents.

In the 2012-13 count, the 113th, 2291 counts were completed resulting in 62,834, 240 birds counted. Locally a count was held at the Hassayampa River where 36 participants counted 94 species. This count is centered near Wickenburg and offers undeveloped land at the Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve. At the Phoenix-Tres Rios area 44 participants, in 133 hours spent, 147 species were counted including such high numbers as 29 American Wigeons, 429 Northern Shovelers, and 630 Neotropical Cormorants. The count takes in the three major rivers found here--the Gila, the Salt, and the Agua Fria as well as Estrella Mountain Regional Park and the Tres Rios Wetlands. The count typically records about 140 species.

Another nearby one, the Carefree CBC includes the towns of Carefree and Cave Creek and the north end of Scottsdale. Cave and Camp Creek, both sometimes flowing streams, Spur Cross Ranch Conservation area, and Cave Creek Regional Park are found here. The count typically records about 100 species. The latest, the 21st year of this CBC, a record high number of 109 was found according to Walter Thurber who has conducted this count for years and is instrumental in coordinating all CBCs of the area.

Other nearby counts included the Salt-Verde Rivers count that encompasses Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, portions of Fountain Hills, and McDowell Mountain Regional Park. It includes Saguaro Lake. About 140 species count is typical here. Also local is the Gila River CBC which covers unincorporated Arlington, Palo Verde and part of Buckeye. The Gila River winds through and Robbins Butte Wildlife Area is an added feature. Here, too, about 140 species are counted.

CBCs are a great opportunity to spend a day (or more) in the field observing birds....but they're more than that. The protocol for conducting a CBC has been standardized and the data are a rich source of information about avian populations and behavior. With other surveys, such as the Breeding Bird survey, the CBC provides a picture of how the continent's bird population has changed in space over the past 100 years. For example it can indicate habitat fragmentation or signal environmental threats such as water contamination. Scientists look at the changing habits of birds in drought which will predict future needs as the climate gets warmer and drier.

Recently, using 40 years of CBC information, they examined changes in range of 305 species. Linked with temperature data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a pattern emerged. There was a northward shift of species abundance of more than 30 miles. Average winter temperatures in the same time frame have increased. So....the Christmas Bird Count can be fun, but is scientifically functional. The combined efforts of many volunteer observers have provided a powerful tool for scientists.

West Valley Birding Brochure: Now Available!

by Karen LaFrance

Sonoran Audubon Society teamed up with Tommy De Bardeleben, a birder with extensive experience documenting birds in Maricopa County, and a local advertising agency to produce a four-color brochure that highlights bird-watching spots in the West Valley. You may find this brochure in your favorite visitor's center or library or you may look for the PDF version on the Sonoran Audubon website (www.sonoranaudubon.org).

ARIZONA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE (2013 - 2014)

By Walter Thurber

The National Audubon Society has conducted Christmas bird counts since 1900. Volunteers from throughout the Western Hemisphere go afield 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. There is no longer a participation fee. 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	Sa	Ajo-Cabeza Prieta NWR	Kim Veverka	520-387-4987	kim_veveka at fws.gov
12/14	Sa	Avra Valley	Mary Lou Cole	520-578-0114	birdingnana at msn.com
12/14	Sa	Martinez Lake-Yuma	Henry Detwiler	928-247-3098	henrydetwiler at earthlink.net
12/14	Sa	Mormon Lake	Elaine Morrall	928-526-1022	morrall.em at gmail.com
12/14	Sa	Nogales	Michael Bissontz	520-577-8778	seetrogon at comcast.net
12/14	Sa	Santa Catalina Mtns	Bob Bates	520-296-5629	batesd at cox.net
12/14	Sa	Timber Mesa	Mary Ellen Bittorf	928-367-2462	mcbitt30 at cableone.net
12/15	Su	Grand Canyon	Brian Gatlin	928-638-7968	brian_gatlin at nps.gov
12/15	Su	Jerome	Julie Wills	928-300-9775	jwills282 at hotmail.com
12/15	Su	Saint David	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom at sabo.org
12/15	Su	Tucson Valley	Rich Hoyer	520-325-5310	birdernaturalist at me.com
12/16	Mo	Chino Valley	Russell Duerksen	928-925-5567	duerksen at msn.com
12/16	Mo	Pipe Spring NM	Andrea Bornemeier	928-643-7105	andrea_bornemeier at nps.gov
12/16	Mo	Salt Verde River	Kurt Radamaker	480-837-2446	kurtrad at mexicobirding.com
12/18	We	Prescott	Carl Tomoff	928-778-2626	ctomoff at prescott.edu
12/19	Th	Patagonia	Abbie Zeltzer	520-604-6320	amindajar at gmail.com
12/20	Fr	Elfrida	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom at sabo.org
12/20	Fr	Phoenix-Tres Rios	David Powell	602-441-5508	vireo at vireos.com
12/21	Sa	Ramsey Canyon	Ted Mouras	520-803-0221	tedmouras at mindspring.com
12/22	Su	Atascosa Highlands	Jake Mohlmann	610-390-2424	mohlmann2 at yahoo.com
12/22	Su	Camp Verde	Bea Cooley	928-526-5069	bea.cooley at gmail.com
12/22	Su	Hassayampa River	Vanessa Montgomery	623-465-0012	hassayampacbc at yahoo.com
12/26	Th	Superior	Cynthia Donald	480-283-4515	planres at earthlink.net
12/28	Sa	Flagstaff-Mount Elden	Terry Blows	928-774-8028	terence.blows at nau.edu
12/28	Sa	Green Valley-Mad. Can.	Clark Blake	520-625-1015	mdblake at nas.com
12/28	Sa	Portal	Jackie Lewis	520-558-2287	winjac12 at vtc.net
12/29	Su	Bill Williams Delta	Kathleen Blair	928-667-4144	kathleen_blair at fws.gov
12/30	Mo	Gila River	Troy Corman	602-482-6187	aplomado at cox.net
12/30	Mo	Havasu NWR	DeeDee DeLorenzo	928-758-2707	poncho at citlink.net
1/2	Th	Carefree	Walter Thurber	480-483-6450	wathurber at cox.net
1/4	Sa	Appleton-Whittell	Robert Weissler	520-234-1792	weissler at aves.org
1/4	Sa	Dudleyville	Doug Jenness	520-909-1529	d_jenness at hotmail.com
1/4	Sa	Glen Canyon	John Spence	928-608-6267	john_spence at nps.gov
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EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

Audubon's Birds 'n Beer is being offered on November 21st from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is held every third Thursday of the month sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery. Proceeds from the sale of beer go to Audubon Arizona. Local professionals will present a program and give you a refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center is located at 3131 S. Central Avenue in Phoenix and their regular hours except for special events are Tuesday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 602-468-6470 or e-mail [riosalado AT audubon.org](mailto:riosalado@audubon.org) for more information about their programs and events.

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday of each month from October through May starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. Gerry Horton will do a Power Point presentation at the November 15, 2013, meeting.

There will be a field trip on November 20th led by Jim Consolloy to the Hassayampa River Preserve. They'll leave from the Church of the Palms in Sun City at 7 a.m.

For further information on Birders' Anonymous meetings, programs and trips contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 [mne AT juno.com](mailto:mne@juno.com) or Shirley Fackelman at [shirleyfackelman AT vahoo.com](mailto:shirleyfackelman@vahoo.com). Better yet, come to the meeting.

Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight has bird banding programs on Sunday, November 3rd at 7 a.m. and Saturday the 9th at 7:00 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at [birdannabelle AT hotmail.com](mailto:birdannabelle@hotmail.com).

Begin the fascinating hobby of birding with Kathe Anderson's basic birding class, Birding 101, on Sunday, November 24th, from 9-11:30 a.m. Learn about bird types, binoculars and field guides. Find and recognize different kinds of birds on a short, guided walk around the preserve.

On Saturday, November 30th, from 8:30-10 a.m. there will be an Interpretive Tour in an easy-paced walk along the trails with a docent to catch sight of resident and migrating birds and other wildlife surprises.

Hassayampa 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. Fee for members of the Nature Conservancy is \$3.00.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum



Ayers Lake—Boyce Thompson Arboretum—photo by George Wall

How about going on a bird walk with Kathe Anderson? Learn to identify resident birds and look for seasonal migrants on a two-hour walk starting from the Visitor Center and included with \$10 daily admission. November walks are lead by Cynthia Donald & Pete Moulton Nov. 2nd, Kathe Anderson Nov. 10th; a powerhouse birding trio including Troy Corman, Marceline VandeWater & Anne Leight Nov. 16th, Cindy West & Cindy Marple Nov. 24th.

Desert Botanical Garden

Each week on Mondays there is a bird walk. The bird walks for November will be starting at 8 a.m.

See their website at www.dbg.org for further information on admission prices and special events.

AZFO Christmas Bird Count workshops **Multiple locations, December 7, 2013**

If you enjoy participating in Audubon's Christmas Bird Counts and would like to learn a few bird counting skills, you are welcome to attend one of Arizona Field Ornithologists' workshops on December 7. Workshops will be at Phoenix, led by Troy Corman, Tucson, and Flagstaff. Visit the AZFO website www.azfo.org for more details as they become available.



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.

Upcoming Schedule:

November 13, 2013: Len Boeder—His Best Bird Pictures

December 11, 2013: George Wall—Big Island of Hawaii

January 8, 2014: John Arnett—Cuba

February 12, 2014: David and Diane Reesor—Brazil

March 12, 2014: Dominic Sherony—Attu

April 9, 2014: Caleb's Birds—Joe Ford and Caleb Strand

May 14, 2014: Namibia—Carol Beardmore

Other Dates of Interest: November 6, 2013, 7 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting at above location. Members are invited to attend as guests.

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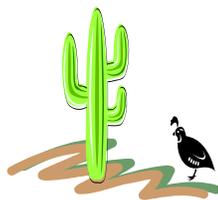
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