



Gambel's Tales

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7 p.m.

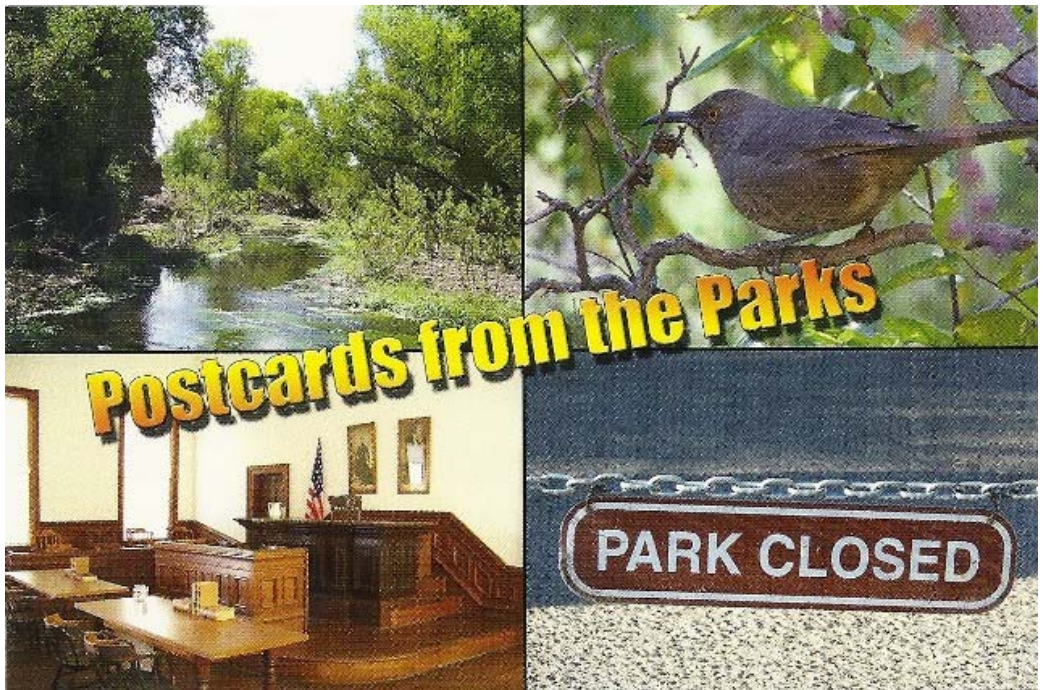
Postcards from the Parks presented by Janice Miano

Postcards from the Parks is a 40 minute movie concerning Arizona's 27 parks. The Arizona Heritage Alliance has taken on the tremendous task of speaking out for these parks. Many were slated to cut back hours, raise fees or just close.

Janice Miano will be presenting this program. She has been the Director of Administration at Arizona Heritage Alliance since 2004. She is also a volunteer coordinator at Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center in Phoenix, AZ.

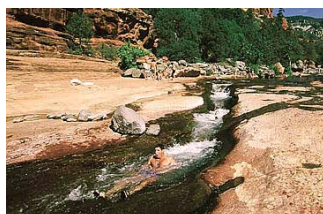
Her other past experiences include Treasurer of Desert Rivers Audubon Society, Treasurer of the Arizona Heritage Alliance, President of the Arizona Audubon Council, President of Rutland County Audubon and President of the Rutland Business and Professional Women. She was also a Grassroots Coordinator at National Audubon Society for 5 years from 1989-1994 (International Program and Population Program).

She graduated from Castleton State College with a BA in Business in 1988. Some of her honors were the Roy Pilcher Environmental Achievement Award in 1994 while in the Rutland County Audubon Society and Vermont Women Making A Difference honors from Castleton State College in 1992.



Come out and watch this great movie that has been shown in theaters, organizational meetings and other venues. You decide what is best for Arizona and what you can do.

Slide Rock



Patagonia Lake



San Rafael



What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

As you saw in last month's newsletter in this column, our chapter is really busy and the coming month will be no exception.

On August 26, 2010, there was a training session at Rio Salado for the coming Girl Scouts events. Desert Rivers, Maricopa and the Sonoran Audubon Societies attended. Our chapter had the biggest turnout with seven attendees. They were Tim Cullison, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Chuck and Loretta Richards, Rich and Carol Schooler.

The board meeting was held on September 1, 2010, with eleven attendees.

The committees gave their reports and numerous topics were discussed.

Dick Fogle and Nancy Woods will have a table at the Sun West Exposition on October 30.

A March 26, 2011, date was set for our annual picnic.

A roster of who will host the upcoming membership meetings was set: George Wall for September, Tim Cullison for October, Darnell Kirksey for November and Dick Fogle for December.

Rich Schooler had picked up the 2011 Calendars from Audubon Arizona. They will be available at the General Membership meeting.

Karen LaFrance gave an update on the Audubon Roundup 2010. We now have Pay Pal on our website that can be used to register and pay for the event.

The Trip Committee met on September 2, 2010, to plan trips up to December; however, only two people showed up. This made the planning hard, but trips are scheduled through November. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010, the General Membership Meeting was held at our new location. There were a couple of complaints (hard to see the screen from the very back of the room), but overall, people seemed satisfied. We would suggest that you fill up the seats at the front first.

Dr. David Pearson's program "Alaska North to South" was a smashing success. 53 people showed up for the meeting and program.

The "Retreat" was held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Hassayampa River Preserve. See the full summary write-up in the November newsletter.

2010 Field Trips—Fall and Winter

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.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Leader: Rich Schooler 623-930-8904

raschooler@cox.net

This is where they have the Verde Birding and Nature Festival every year. Lots of trails and great birding. For a list of the birds seen there go to:

<http://www.birdyverde.org/>

Difficulty: 1—Bring a lunch.

Meet at the McDonald's at I-17 & Carefree Highway at 6 a.m. Limit of 12 people (3 car loads). Note: there is an admission charge of \$7 per vehicle.

Thursday, October 14, 2010

Granite Mountain Rec. Area, Prescott

Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244

dansbohlmann@prodigy.net

This is a forested area northwest of Prescott that has a campground, a small pond and lots of trails, one of which goes to the top of Granite Mountain. I have hiked a lot in the area and it is a beautiful spot with lots of typical forest birds such as chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, jays and woodpeckers. October is usually a slightly tough time to see lots of birds that have already migrated south, but there maybe some ducks that are migrating through in the pond. We probably will visit some of the other lakes in the area such as Granite Dells, Watson Lake and Lynx Lake to see what birds are hanging out there. This is a special trip for those folks who would like to go to some new areas and check it out.

Difficulty: 2—Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of the 101 on Thunderbird at 6:30 a.m. and then at Fry's Electronics at 7:00 a.m. which is near 31st Ave and Thunderbird (NE corner of the parking lot).

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Gila Bend Ponds

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

rms15247@cox.net

Expect to see Burrowing Owls along the roadside and some shorebirds in the flooded fields and ponds.

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Difficulty: 1—Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King on Thunderbird near 101 in Peoria or at the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium located at 16501 W. Northern Ave. in Litchfield Park. Meet in the parking lot by the aquarium.

Monday, November 8, 2010
Cordes Junction/Big Bug Creek
Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057
gwall5@cox.net

We plan to bird the upper Agua Fria River area among the cottonwoods, mesquite and other growth along the river. We have never had a birding trip to this particular spot; so, who knows what we'll find. If the birding is bad or we have time, we'll go and bird Big Bug Creek.

Difficulty: 1-2—Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King on Thunderbird near 101 in Peoria at 7 a.m. or meet at the McDonald's at I-17 & Carefree Highway at 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2010
Estrella Community Ponds and Gila River
Leaders: Donna Smith 623-556-9535
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Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244
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These are beautiful ponds right in the middle of the Estrella Community that are usually included in the Tres Rios Christmas Count. Every time we have been there, we seem to come up with some unusual bird that you don't usually see in this area. One year it was a Greater White Fronted Goose and the next it was a Cackling Goose. Another time there were small flocks of Ross's Geese and Snow Geese and lots of Canada Geese. We found a few unusual ducks like a Greater Scaup and a Bufflehead along with the more common ring-necks, pintails, shovelers, teals, wideons, ruddys and Mallards in groups of 30 to 50 and the ever present coots in flocks of hundreds. We even had a Common Loon show up one year and in the shoreline trees a Lewis's and Acorn Woodpecker. But they were there in the middle of December and we are going in the middle of November – so we shall see the early arrivals, whoever they are?

After checking out the ponds, Donna is going to take us to a new area along the Gila River that has its own paved parking and trails along the river. We are going to see if we can scare up any Soras or Rails that live in this area or maybe find a flock of White-faced

Ibis. In fact we may go here first to see if the early birders can catch the early birds catching that early worm.

Difficulty: 2 – Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Bell Recreation Center parking lot near Boswell and Hutton in Sun City at 7:30 a.m.

FAMILY BIRD WALKS AT ESTRELLA
Sponsored by the Sonoran Audubon Society

Estrella Mountain Park is located on the south side of the Gila River in Goodyear at Bullard Ave. and Vineyard Rd.

SATURDAYS: These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. The next walk will be on **Saturday, October 9, 2010.** Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The walk will last approximately 2 hours. For further information, contact Rich Schooler at 623-930-8904, raschooler@cox.net.

SUNDAYS: These walks are held the fourth Sunday of each month. The next walk will be on **Sunday, October 24, 2010,** at 8:00 a.m. Follow the signs to the dirt parking lot on the east side of the park (Navy Area). For further information contact Bob McCormick at 602-373-2952 mcbobaz@aol.com or Andrée Tarby at 480-948-1074 atarby@cox.net.

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



SEE YOU THERE

Audubon Round Up 2010
Audubon Chapters' Learning Conference
Hosted by Arizona Audubon Council
November 11-14, 2010

Consider yourself invited!

Join other Auduboners for an unusual learning experience in the high Sonoran Desert along the beautiful Salt River. We will gather at Saguaro Lake Ranch (www.saguarolakeranch.com), a full service guest facility 30 miles east of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Event Purpose: Learning opportunities to benefit your chapter's projects and your chapter's sustainability, networking, "down time" for fun and relaxed friend-making and excellent Sonoran Desert birding.

Invitees: Audubon Chapters in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Colorado.

Key Participants: Audubon Chapter Members!

Costs: Your costs INCLUDE ALL MEALS: \$140 per person, per day plus tax, single occupancy (8 units or cabins); \$130.00 pp per day plus tax, double occupancy (20 units or cabins); \$120.00 pp per day plus tax, triple occupancy (2 units); \$115.00 pp per day quadruple occupancy (2 units). There is a three-day minimum stay (arrive November 11th, leave on the 14th) for these special event rates. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!** If the Ranch is fully booked when you call, you will be referred to the Comfort Inn in Fountain Hills. **You must call Saguaro Lake Ranch to make reservations at: 480-984-2194 and mention "Audubon".**

Camping: Information on camping and RVs at Regional Parks is available.

Registration and Meals: If you are not staying at the Ranch overnight, you may pay for Meal Packages on line. Cost for Complete Three-Day Meal Package: \$168.00 per person.

Registration Fee is \$65.00 per person. Go to www.sonoranaudubon.org and click for paying options with your major credit card or your Pay Pal account. Checks also accepted. Transportation costs to and from the Phoenix area are not included in the above costs. Transport to/from the airport will be offered.

CONTACT: Karen LaFrance, Sonoran Audubon Society, Glendale, AZ, Together Green Fellow and Event Coordinator; klaf@cox.net or 602-809-0947 (cell and voice).

For Further Information and pre-Round Up Updates, go to www.sonoranaudubon.org for links.

Underwriting by Together Green, a program of National Audubon Society

Long-whiskered Owlet

By Jerry Theis, Ph.D.

From June 25-July 12, 2010, I, along with three others, took a customized birding tour with Chupaflo Nature Tours. This wasn't the first time I've taken a trip with them and I knew it would be another good trip. The trip was led by Jim Black along with a local guide Eduardo Ormaeche. We had several target birds and the Long-whiskered Owlet was high on our list.

The Long-whiskered Owlet is a tiny owl that is endemic to a small area in the Andean mountains in Amazonas and San Martin in northern Peru. It is restricted to cloud forests with dense undergrowth and epiphytes at about 6200-7200 ft. above sea level. This endearing owl was discovered in Peru on 23 August, 1976. The genus named *Xenoglaux*, meaning strange or foreign owl, reflects its unusual character. This is most noticeable in the facial feathers, especially those beside the eyes, which splay out like a wispy ruff. The bristles around the bill are also well developed, including those that grow up between the eyes like a narrow brown fan, separating the two broad "eyebrows" of pale creamy-yellow. Like the pygmy-owls, it has a rounded head with no real trace of feathered tufts, but, unlike both pygmy-owls and the Elf Owl, it has unfeathered legs and bare, pinkish toes. The owlet is mainly brown with a whitish belly. Its large wild-looking eyes are orange-brown. With a total length of 13-14 centimeters, it is among the smallest owls in the world. It probably feeds on insects.

Very little is known about this species. It has been captured in mist nets on three separate occasions. It had never been observed under "normal" circumstances until early 2007 when rangers and researchers working in the Area de Conservacion Privada de Abra Patricia-Alto Nieva encountered it three times during daylight hours and recorded its calls during the night. Due to its rarity, restricted habitat, and ongoing deforestation within its tiny range, it is currently considered endangered by Birdlife International. The recently established Area de Conservacion protects an important site for the owlet and other species restricted to this region, including Johnson's Tody-tyrant, Royal Sunangel, Ochre-fronted Antpitta, and Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey. Until recently, the owlet's key habitat was completely unprotected.



This picture was taken from the following website

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/03/070323-owl-picture.html>

In January, 2010, the Long-whiskered Owlet was filmed for the first time by an Israeli birder and a local guide in La Esperanza, Peru. Despite all efforts by researchers and birders alike, no Long-whiskered Owlet had been seen since the 2007 sightings. Its call was thought by some to be a frog!

Our group stayed for several nights at the ECOAN lodge (Owlet Lodge) in June and July, 2010, in Abra Patricia. What a treat. Guests individual bars of soap were encased in boxes with the owl pictured on the cover and our bathroom had an "owlet-shaped" mirror! An owl had been heard in "owlet canyon", close by the trail, by another group just prior to our arrival in Abra Patricia, so some of us took a long, difficult hike on July 4 (no fireworks in Peru) to be positioned at dusk. We soon heard a pair of owlets calling from separate day roosts about 60 meters away. We had no path to pursue the calls and they didn't respond to taping, so we had to settle for a "heard" bird, albeit a good one. However, on July 11, Rich Hoyer, a Wings leader scouting for a future tour, SAW the owlet, just a week after our attempt and took some pictures.

Even just hearing such a rare, enigmatic bird like the Long-whiskered Owlet was extremely satisfying. When I left the lodge, I took one last look in the mirror!

NEW BIRD SPECIES

Edited by George Wall

I try to keep up with new bird species found each year, but here is one I missed. This article and picture appeared in the Science Daily on December 24, 2009.

A diminutive, colorful bird living in the rocky forests of Laos and Vietnam has been discovered by a team of scientists from the Wildlife Conservation Society, Lao PDR Department of Forestry, Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Swedish Museum of Natural History, BirdLife International and other groups.

Named the "limestone leaf warbler" because it breeds in Laos's limestone karst environments -- a region known for unusual wildlife -- it is similar to other warblers in this area of Southeast Asia, except for its distinct vocalizations and slight morphological differences. The tiny bird is greenish-olive with a yellow breast and striped crown. Although it looks similar to other warblers, it is smaller with shorter wings and a larger bill than its closest relative the sulfur-breasted leaf warbler.



"The discovery of this new species is very exciting and underscores the importance of this region of Indochina for conservation," said Colin Poole, Executive Director of the Asia Program for the Wildlife Conservation Society. "With increased attention from biologists, the Annamite mountain range of Laos in particular is revealing itself as a Lost World for new and unusual wildlife."

According to the study, the bird has a loud and distinct call, which is what first alerted the authors that the bird may be new to science.

Scientists presume there are many limestone leaf warblers in this region. But its habitat isn't without threats. Many parts of the species' native forests have been cleared as a result of wood collection. WCS is continuing to work with the Lao Government in an effort to reduce the threats limestone leaf warblers and other wildlife face in this region.

Financial Trial Balance Report
Accrual Basis as of August 31, 2010
 Submitted by Carol Schooler

	Debit	Credit
Meridian Bank	4,074.52	
Meridian Savings	8,562.56	
RESTRICTED ASSETS	0.00	
Unrestricted Net Assets		15,721.05
DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT: Friends of SAS		75.00
INVESTMENTS: Interest Income		5.86
OTHER TYPES OF INCOME: Books, Tees, Etc.		116.00
CHAPTER OPERATIONS: Chapter Expenses	213.85	
CHAPTER OPERATIONS: Office Supplies	230.71	
Hospitality	101.69	
Mileage Reimb-ASGF (.44)	643.68	
Mileage Reimb-SAS	213.37	
Newsletter	88.27	
SAS Outside Memberships	410.00	
TG Fellowship Expense	543.73	
Together Green Planning	318.03	
Website: Web Master	517.50	
TOTAL:	15,917.91	15,917.91

Aesop's Fable?
From an Old Newspaper Clipping

In the Aesop fable, a crow proves how smart it is by adding stones to a pitcher of water so its beak can reach far enough in for a drink. A team of scientists from the University of Cambridge and Queen Mary University of London tested the theory and proved it's no fable. Rooks were shown a clear glass with a worm in the bottom, floating in some water. A pile of stones was nearby. When the rooks discovered they couldn't reach the worms, they added the precise number of stones to raise the water level and get at the worm. Nathan Emery, one of the researchers, said the experiment showed how clever and efficient the birds are.

Amazing Facts

Smallest Bird in the World: Cuban Bee Hummingbird weighs in at less than 2 grams with a length of 2 ½ inches. It is one of the smallest vertebrates known.

The Biggest Bird: In terms of wing span, the Malibu Stork of Africa and the Wandering Albatross have wings that stretch almost 12 feet.

The Heaviest Bird: When you look on the internet, the current heaviest bird is the Ostrich weighing in at 350 lbs.

The Tallest Bird: The Ostrich also has the distinction of being the tallest up to 9 feet.

The Heaviest Flying Bird: This is the Mute Swan. One male weighed in at 50 lbs. Another notable is the Great Bustard at 46 lbs.

For more amazing facts, go to: <http://www.trails.com/arts/amazing-bird-records.aspx>

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

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

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

The Enchanted Trail (evening event for families focused on nocturnal animals) October 22,23,28,29 and 30th from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Kathe Anderson's Bird Walk — October 24, 2010, 7-10 a.m. This is a Birding 102 Bird Walk followed by a slightly more advanced class.

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, October 15, 2010, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City. The program will be Postcards from the Parks.

George Wall will be leading a birding trip to Gilbert Water Ranch on October 20, 2010. Depart from the Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave. near Peoria Ave. at 7 a.m.

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

Hassavampa River Preserve

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

Bird Banding: Saturday, October 16, 2010, starting at 6:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome. However, if you want to help band, you must contact Anne Leight at birdannabelle@hotmail.com at least two days beforehand.

Gilbert Water Ranch

Audubon Family Walks - Desert Rivers Audubon leads bird walks for beginners and families on the third Saturday of each month, through April running from 8 a.m. until noon. Free, no registration required. 260 species of birds have been recorded at this great place.

The Gilbert Water Ranch is located on the SE corner of Greenfield and Guadalupe Roads in Gilbert, Arizona. From the Superstition Freeway (US 60) exit at Greenfield Road and drive S. on Greenfield for 1.5 miles. Turn east (left) on Guadalupe. The entrance to the parking lot for the Water Ranch is the third driveway on the right. See <http://sites.google.com/site/birdsofthegilbertwaterranch/>

Arizona Field Ornithologists

The fourth annual state meeting will be held October 8-10, 2010, at Prescott College in Prescott this year, and we invite both members and nonmembers to attend this enjoyable and educational event. Saturday's program will feature several expert presentations on Arizona's birdlife and field research in the state, plus reports and future plans for the many AZFO activities. An evening dinner will feature Carl Tomoff, Professor at Prescott College, as keynote speaker. Tomoff, who has four decades of field experience in Arizona, teaches classes in Environmental Studies. On Friday afternoon and Sunday morning you can participate in workshops or mini-field expeditions to lesser known birding areas in and around Prescott. See their website at www.azfo.org.

Sportsman's Club of Sun City West

The Sportsman's Club and The Rec Centers of Sun City West are co-sponsoring an Outdoor Expo on Saturday, October 30 at the Johnson Rec Center. There will be 40 exhibitors including Cabela's, Arizona Game and Fish, and the World Wildlife Zoo. A featured speaker will share his story of Life in the Grand Canyon for 30 years. Other presentations are planned including the Eagle Program at Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Admission is Free. Sportsman's Club group leaders will be on hand to discuss the club activities including hiking, fishing, off-road trail riding, birding, rafting, shooting and horseback riding. The Sonoran Audubon Society will have a table.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Boyce Thompson Arboretum opens at 8:00 a.m. \$7.50 for adults, \$3 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

Every Monday, October-April at 8 a.m., join expert birders for a morning bird walk along the Garden trails. Everyone is welcome, including first-time birders. Wear a hat, sunscreen and comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars if available.

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$15.00 (\$13.50 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member.



Membership is \$75 a year. When special events are held, the entry fee could be higher. See their website at www.dbg.org for further information

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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Desert Rivers Audubon Web Site: 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 Souper Salad

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Fallen Feathers
Handles and cares for all birds
9532 W. Cielo Grande
Peoria
Jodie Kieran 623-533-2348
623-566-5302

Adobe Mtn. Wildlife Center
Cares for all wildlife including birds
I-17 & Pinnacle Peak
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Wild At Heart
Raptors only
31840 N. 45th St.
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Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

Location: West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale — **Time:** 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program.

Tentative Schedule for the Year:

October 13, 2010: Janice Miano of AZ Heritage Alliance—Postcards from the Parks

November 10, 2010: Mark Siegwith—Namibia and South Africa-Plants & Birds

December 8, 2010: Rick Taylor-Mexico Marauders

January 12, 2011: Carol Beardmore—Alamos Bird Survey Expedition

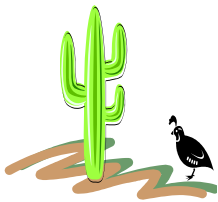
February 9, 2011: David Reesor—Birds of Bhutan

March 9, 2011: Doug Alexander—Birds of New Zealand

April 14, 2011: Amy Leu—Feathered Hearts (live birds)

May 11, 2011: Joe Ford—The Wonder of Plants and Flowers

Other Dates of Interest: October 6, 2010, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale. – all SAS members, friends and guests welcome.



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