



# Gambel's Tales

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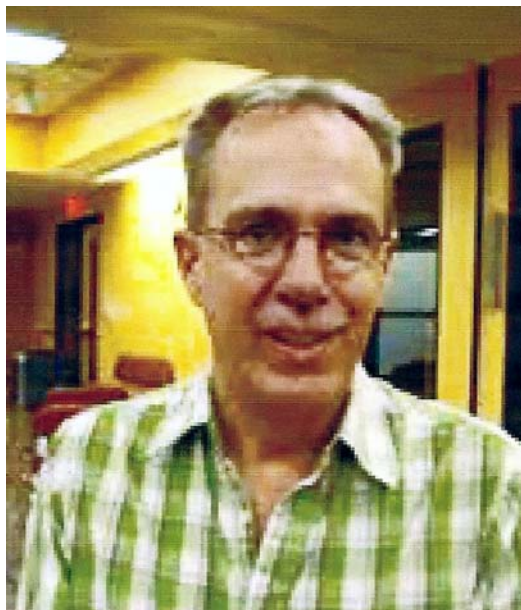
October, 2011

**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 7 p.m.  
Tom Gaskill—Birds of India**

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 two long trips to India, under the guise of attending academic conferences and doing research (but really to go birding). He has birded in eight Indian states, from Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh south to Tamilnadu and Kerala. 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, and assisted with many research programs.



**Pheasant-tailed Jacana**



**Tom Gaskill**

Because of its unique geography, India is both a major wintering area for many Eurasian birds and a home to a vast variety of local breeding species. India's total avifauna exceeds 2,000 species. He'll introduce some of his favorite birding areas and some of the most significant bird families (and their conservation status). Such a huge avifauna requires some selectivity, so he has emphasized the species likely to be of most interest to American birders (e.g., storks, cranes, sunbirds, rollers) and endemics.

There will also be an emphasis on practical birding information: how to get to India, how to travel for birding, what strategies are successful, etc.



## What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

At our board meeting held on September 7, 2011, we had our usual committee reports. There were a couple of trips changes which are included in the Field Trip section of this newsletter. Programs have been scheduled through February 2012.

A lapel microphone system was approved to be purchased to make it easier for our speakers at our meetings.

Hosts for our meetings were set with Darnell Kirksey for September, George Wall for October, Joe Ford for November, Andrée Tarby for December, Eleanor Campbell for January, Tim Cullison for February and Hailey Hewitt for March.

At our general membership meeting on September 14, 2011, 35 people attended which included seven guests. All seemed to enjoy the program on Alamos and beyond which had several of our members pictured.

## Book Review

"The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior"

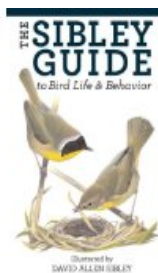
Submitted by Eleanor Campbell

This is a great companion to our familiar field guide, "The Sibley Guide to Birds", prepared with David Sibley's inimitable skills and style. It takes the birder beyond identification into bird behavior: how birds live and what they do.

Divided into two sections, Part One delves into "The World of Birds" covering flight, form and function, evolution, behavior, habitats, and distribution. It explains such complexities as feeding, feather care and migration.

Part Two covers the 80 families of North American birds revealing the unique features of each: breeding, foraging, food, habitats, nests and eggs and conservation.

Sibley's full-color illustrations highlight the text making the birds' behavior and taxonomy come alive. As the book jacket says, "The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior" is an indispensable source of information on the avian life around us." It is available at Amazon for less than thirty dollars.



## 2011 Field Trips—Fall/Winter

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

**Saturday, October 1, 2011**

**Hassayampa River Preserve**

**Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057 [gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net)**

This is the day of our annual retreat in which everyone is welcome to participate. We'll have a bird walk starting at 7 a.m. prior to our breakfast and meeting at 8:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to show up for the bird walk even if they don't attend the retreat.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at the Hassayampa River Preserve at 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

**Dead Horse Ranch State Park**

**Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244**

**[dansbohlmann@prodigy.net](mailto:dansbohlmann@prodigy.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 Fry's Electronics (31st Ave. and Thunderbird—NW corner of parking lot) at 7 a.m. or at McDonald's at I-17 & Carefree Highway at 7:30 a.m. Note: there is an admission charge of \$7 per vehicle.

**Thursday, November 3, 2011**

**Badger Springs**

**Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057**

**[gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net)**

Enjoy both desert and a unique riparian habitat at one of our national monuments. Petroglyphs enhance the scenery of the site. Badger Springs is a part of the Agua Fria National Monument with a variety of habitats there including a desert and mesquite area, a cottonwoods stand, and a trail leading down to the Agua Fria River where the river runs all year long at this location.

Difficulty: 1-2 We'll be eating lunch at the Roadrunner Restaurant & Saloon in New River. They have great hamburgers.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird in Peoria to leave at 6:30 a.m. or at McDonald's at I-17 & Carefree Highway at 7 a.m.

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## **2011 Field Trips—Fall/Winter**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2011**

**Gilbert Water Ranch**

**Leader: Rich Schooler, 623930-8904**

[raschooler@cox.net](mailto:raschooler@cox.net)

Visit the Gilbert Water Ranch located at the SE corner of Guadalupe Rd. and Greenfield Rd. (go east on US 60, then south to Guadalupe Rd.) and park in front of the library. A bird list of more than 140 species has been compiled there including more than 50 species of water/shorebirds including Black-necked Stilts and American Avocets.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot at Northern and 55th Ave. to leave at 7 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**Tres Rios Hayfield Site**

**Leader: Vera Markham, 623-974-1110**

[vjmsaint@cox.net](mailto:vjmsaint@cox.net)

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

Difficulty: 1

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

**Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2012**

**Brown Canyon Ranch & Area**

**Leader: George Wall, 623-875-7057**

[gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net)

This is a special trip that we have arranged with Buenos Aires National Wildlife Preserve. We have reserved the Brown Canyon Environmental Education Center. This is a 7 bedroom ranch house that sleeps 14 on the second floor. This means there will be room mates. It has 2 bathrooms on the upper floor and a bathroom on the bottom floor. There is a large kitchen with refrigerator and oven and a very large meeting room with a huge table to seat everyone.

This ranch house is located on a dirt road quite a distance from the paved road. A canyon wash (sometimes with water) leads up into the mountains. to an archway. Birds abound especially if there is water. Not only will

we bird here, but also at nearby spots like the preserve and Arivaca.

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

I've stayed there 3 times in past years; so, I'll do all the planning and preparation for this trip. Once I have commitments, I'll request the \$40 which will only be refundable if we can get someone to fill your spot. I anticipate this trip to be a sellout. More details will be sent to participants at a later date.

## **Arizona Field Ornithologists (AZFO)**

AZFO is having its state meeting October 21-23, 2011. It will be held at the AZ Game and Fish Department office at 5000 W. Carefree Highway in North Phoenix just west of I-17. Both members and non-members are invited to attend this enjoyable and education gathering.

The Saturday session will feature presentations on changing bird status and field research in Arizona, plus reports and future plans for the many AZFO activities. The featured speaker for Saturday nights dinner is Richard Glinski, editor of *Raptors of Arizona*, speaking on "Arizona Raptors: Off and On the Radar".

On Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, you can participate in workshops or mini-field expeditions to lesser known birding areas in northern Maricopa and southern Yavapai counties led by local experts.

This is a chance to meet new friends and visit with old ones and learn a lot.

Keep updated by visiting their website at [www.azfo.org](http://www.azfo.org).

As in the past, they are planning on having a **used book sale**. If you have any used birding or conservation books that you no longer need, please bring them

## Ridgway's Hawk

Submitted by Dr. Jerry Theis

Did you guess correctly in the September newsletter? The bird we saw nesting on a Palmchat nest in the eastern end of the Dominican Republic in April, 2011, was a Ridgway's Hawk, named after the ornithologist Robert Ridgway. Ridgway's Hawk is endemic to Hispaniola and is critically endangered due to clearing of its forest habitat and persecution by local farmers, who erroneously believe this hawk preys on domestic fowl, even though reptiles comprise up to 90% of its diet. Ridgway's Hawk has an estimated population of 80-120 pairs, making it, along with the Bay-breasted Cuckoo, the most threatened bird of Hispaniola.

Ridgway's Hawk is a bird of prey in the family *Accipitridae* and is the size of a Broad-winged Hawk. It has dark brownish-gray upperparts, under-parts gray washed with brownish-red, thighs reddish-brown, and tail barred black and white. Its habitat is forested foothills, wet limestone forest, and mixed savannah-woodland-palm. It feeds on small mammals, birds, lizards and snakes. It nests in the crowns of tall trees, with nest-building in February through March and egg-laying in March and April. Both sexes incubate.

Once commonly distributed throughout the island, the Ridgway's Hawk is now confined to less than 208 sq. km. of native rainforest in the Dominican Republic's Los Haitises National Park. In 2004, the Peregrine Fund, York University, and the Sociedad Ornithologica de la Hispaniola began monitoring nests and educating residents. Human disturbance was found to be the main cause of nest failure. The park's boundaries exist only on paper and habitat is lost annually from clear-cutting and burning for agriculture. Research is now focused on the village of Los Limones in the NW corner of Los Haitises National Park, with the assistance of community leaders. One of them is Timoteo (Timo) Hernandez, who took our group on a 100 yard hillside hike into a valley where a perched female Ridgway's Hawk was on its nest, on a Palmchat nest, in the crown of a palm tree. As we left the local farm, we passed pigs, turkeys, chickens, and geese, and were shown a Vervain Hummingbird nest by the local farmer. Just then the male Ridgway's Hawk flew by, carrying a snake, NOT a chicken!



Ridgway's Hawk—photo by Dario Fernandez Bellon

## 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. I am going to start including their names in this "Thank You" column. New members are Goeta Bird, Richard Fawcett, Mike Foley, Joyce Fritschle, Arthur Hauptert, Anita Karpola, Avis Kringien, John Leng, Henri Maillefer, Marsha Middleton, Ruth Skarr, Maridee Triplett, Connie Turner and Gerald Walls. Also joining our chapter through the Friends program is Jessica Hoss.

If I misspelled any of the names from the National Audubon Society, you can blame them. Anyhow, welcome to you all and I hope you'll consider coming to our programs on the second Wednesday of each month.

## Burrowing Owl Project

Greg Clark, who is in charge of reestablishing Burrow Owls throughout Arizona, sent a request for help. Our board met and discussed the situation. Since we are involved in so many projects, we are going to leave this particular project to you – our members and readers. Here is the gist of the message.

Wild At Heart is going to start installing 400 artificial owl burrows at a farm Northwest of Gila Bend on October 15th and November 19th—other dates may be established. Sonoran Audubon Society members would sure be welcome on those dates. Unlike most of my large installations such as this one, there is no local base of community organizations that I can call on to ask for installation help. Also, a farmer near the new site has installed 200 burrows this year and has another 200 to go and he is using some volunteers for that project. So, I need to ask for help from any group or person that might be able to help between October 2011 and January 2012. The farmer will be creating the trenches we need to install the burrow materials, the volunteers will be hooking up the tubing to the burrows and putting some soil back in to stabilize everything so a machine will do the rest. I can create a work day that fits into the volunteer's schedule (or more than one work day if you were so inclined!). I will need 6-8 work days to complete this project, such as 2 per month between October and January. Once we get to the end of February it is time to put up release tents and put the owls inside. Also something we would need help with, but now the habitat is the focus. The farm is located near Painted Rock Dam, not too far from Gila Bend, and there is a paved road to the farm. – Greg Clark



Burrowing Owl—Photo George Wall

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project, contact Greg Clark at [gsc.rai@earthlink.net](mailto:gsc.rai@earthlink.net)

## 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 8, 2011**. Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The walk will last approximately 2 hours. For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 [lford25@cox.net](mailto:lford25@cox.net).

**SUNDAYS:** These walks are held the fourth Sunday of each month. The next walk will be on **Sunday, October 23, 2011**, 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](mailto:mcbobaz@aol.com) or Andrée Tarby at 480-948-1074 [atarby@cox.net](mailto:atarby@cox.net).**

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

We thank Rich and Carol Schooler for handling the Saturday bird walks for the past few years. They provided excellent leadership in planning and organizing the walks. Joe Ford who handled the summer bird walks at Estrella Mountain Park has willingly stepped in to take over where they left off. Joe also provides excellent programs at the visitors center when the Saturday walk is completed.

On the Saturday bird walk held on September 10, 2011, 19 people participated including 10 Cub Scouts from the Buckeye area. 27 species of birds were seen. Three hawks flew overhead and as they were trying to identify the species, one flew directly overhead and then it was easy to identify them as Swainson's Hawks. Sad to say, no Great-tailed Grackles were sighted.

## Member Spotlight

by Eleanor Campbell

Gail Bliss has been interested in the environment and birds throughout her life and began birding as an adult when she moved from Ohio to this part of the world in 1964. She says she's a "nearly native Phoenician." She has been a member of Sonoran Audubon Society since its beginning and belongs to the National Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy, and Sierra Club. Currently she's training to hike the Grand Canyon--from the North Rim down and back--in April, 2012.

Gail graduated from Arizona State University and earned an MS from ASU in Hazardous Materials Management. For 17 years she worked for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in the Pollution Prevention Unit and has now retired.

Recently she was the lucky winner of a Silent Auction at Harkins Theater. The prize was a night at the Audubon's Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch which she'll enjoy in October. This busy retiree is an inveterate volunteer ushering at the Herberger Theater and walking dogs at the Sun Valley Animal Shelter. She is now "foster mom" to four Desert Tortoises which were "rescued from a semi-abandoned house" and is waiting to determine their sex and their future beyond her yard which is a Certified Backyard Habitat. Yes, she feeds the birds.

Her interest in travel has taken her to the Galapagos islands, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Alaska. She will soon be exploring China with a cohort from China who knows her country so, for sure, she'll see more than birds.

SAS is fortunate to have Gail as a member who comes regularly to membership meetings.



Gail Bliss

## Have You Got a Story?

We are planning on having a program in April, 2012, featuring you. All you have to do is submit a true story of how you got into bird watching or a personal reminiscence of something that happened to you with nature. Send them to Darnell Kirksey at [dkirk38338@aol.com](mailto:dkirk38338@aol.com) and Haylie Hewitt at [haylie.hewitt@cox.net](mailto:haylie.hewitt@cox.net).

They will review the entries (hopefully a lot) and chose the ones that would interest us most in the April meeting. They would then talk to the winners, take a video of them and prepare the program.

## Why the Color Difference?

You see it all the time while watching birds—the color difference between males and females. The males usually more colorful and may have a crest or some other oddity.

Most everyone will say, “the males must attract or lure the female by showing his strength and desirability”, and that is true up to a point. Until I read up on this subject, I said the same thing. However, something I never thought of before was brought to my attention. The female lays the eggs and then usually incubates them. This means they sit on the nest and are vulnerable to predators. In order to remain unseen females have evolved to nicely blend in. Voila!

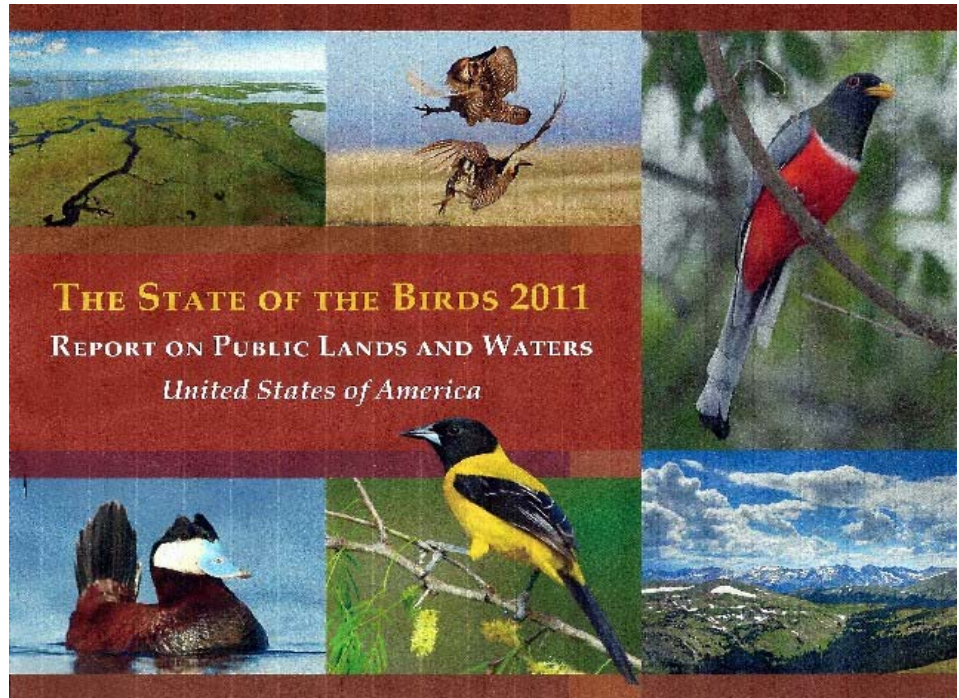
## The State of the Birds 2011

A 48 page report on the State of the Birds 2011, has been released from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

There is a lot of information concerning birds on public lands and waters. There are also colorful pictures of birds on just about every page.

You can download and view this interesting and informative report by going to the following website:

[www.stateofthebirds.org/](http://www.stateofthebirds.org/)



## The Big Year

David Yarnold, President of the National Audubon Society, sent all chapters the following information on a motion picture soon to be released.

On October 14, 2011, Audubon will have an exclusive opportunity to preview "The Big Year", a major motion picture devoted to birding at the studios of Twentieth Century Fox.

The film stars [are](#) Owen Wilson, Jack Black, and Steve Martin. And, as you probably know, the movie was inspired by Mark Obamskik's best-selling chronicle of three colorful and obsessive birders as they compete for the biggest "Big Year."

Audubon served as a resource for the filmmakers, contributing both expertise and Audubon branded materials for set-dressing. You'll be pleased to see Audubon make a few appearances in the movie itself. After our exclusive preview, our take is that it's a positive, engaging look at birding and birders. It even presents a fairly accurate version of Audubon's founding and its history.



L-R: Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson

## EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

### Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

Audubon's latest program, Birds 'n Beer, offers local professionals a fun and refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife while networking with fellow nature-lovers. Once a month, professionals from all over the Valley come to the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center to enjoy a cold Four Peaks brew while enjoying an enlightening and lively presentation on Arizona nature.

Stop into the Audubon Center every third Thursday of the month, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for this popular event. Generously sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery.

October 27-20, 2011, from 5:30 - 8 p.m., stroll the Enchanted Trail and experience a magical evening along the Audubon's beautiful nature trail, where families will encounter activities and entertainment about all nocturnal animals of the Sonoran Desert.

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](mailto:riosalado@audubon.org). for more information about their programs and events.

### Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, October 21, 2011, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City.

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

### Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight will have a bird banding program on Saturday, October 15th at 6:30 a.m. There will be another banding session on Sunday, October 30th at 7:00 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at [birdannabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:birdannabelle@hotmail.com).

On October 16, Sunday, from 8-9:30 a.m. you can capture your birding experiences with a personal Birding Journal. Professional bird tour leader Kathe Anderson will give you some pointers and lead you on an easy walk along the trails and around the pond to practice your new skill.

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.

### Arizona Field Ornithologists

See the article on page 3 of this newsletter.

### Gilbert Water Ranch

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 the website <http://sites.google.com/site/birdsofthegilbertwaterranch/>

### Boyce Thompson Arboretum

How about going on some fall bird walks? They begin with Pete Moulton and Cynthia Donald as guides on October 1, Troy Corman October 9, David Pearson October 15, and Kathe Anderson October 23. These October walks start at 8:30 a.m.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum opens at 8:00 a.m. \$9.00 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 5-12. For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>

### Desert Botanical Garden

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$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](http://www.dbg.org) for further information.

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

### Festivals

#### **Sandhill Crane Festival**

Lodi - CA, November 4-6, 2011

Viewings of the state's largest concentration of greater Sandhill Cranes; workshops, exhibits, children stories, dancing, face painting, live wild animals and fine art. (916) 683-1700, e-mail [info@lodichamber.com](mailto:info@lodichamber.com)

#### **Central Valley Birding Symposium**

Stockton - CA, November 17-20, 2011

The Central Valley Birding Symposium Speakers: Ornithologists of International Renown. Field trips, workshops, panel discussion, and birding camaraderie. (209) 369-2010, e-mail [cpillsbury@softcom.net](mailto:cpillsbury@softcom.net)



## 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

All monthly issues of *Gambel's Tales* are free from the chapter website <[www.sonoranaudubon.org](http://www.sonoranaudubon.org)> or by mail for \$10.00 per year.

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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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## Care Centers for Birds

**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  
623-582-9806

**Wild At Heart**  
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## Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

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

### Scheduled Programs:

**October 12, 2011: Tom Gaskill—Birds of India**

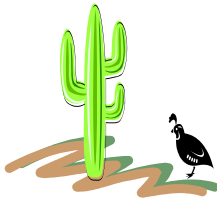
**November 9, 2011: David and Diane Reesor—Botswana**

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

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

**February 8, 2012: Kendall Kroesen—Gardening for Birds**

**Other Dates of Interest:** October 5, 2011, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of 59th Ave. and Cholla in Glendale. October 1, 2011, Retreat at Hassayampa River Preserve starting at 8:30 a.m. All SAS members, friends and guests welcome at both meetings. There is a bird walk prior to the retreat starting at 7 a.m.



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