



# Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 7 p.m.**

**Joe Ford—Canaries in the Coal Mine**

Bird populations are decreasing throughout North America and locally in the southwest. This program discusses the reasons associated with that decline. Habitat loss and alteration, the effects of chemicals in the environment including the continuing increase of carbon emissions and the resulting alteration of atmospheric gas composition are discussed. Arizona birds of concern are a large part of this program. Ways we can improve the success of bird populations and help are emphasized. This is a power point presentation by Joe Ford.

Joe Ford has taught earth and life science at high school and college levels for 42 years. He is a member of the Sonoran Audubon Society Board of Directors. He also leads geology and birds walks at Estrella Mountain Regional Park.

Back a few years ago, we had a photo contest concerning birds in decline. The winning pictures were published in the September 2009 Gambel's Tales. We then used them for our Brochure, Arizona Desert Birds in Decline fact sheet and some for bookmarks. Since this program concerns some of these birds, it's only appropriate that we show them again.



The above pictures are of a Black-throated Sparrow by George Wall, Burrowing Owl and Cactus Wren by Shirley Ramaley, Costa's Hummingbird by Tres Lamatta, Gilded Flicker by George Wall, Phainopepla by Dave Bixler, Elf Owl by Julie Stromberg/Matt Chew and Verdin by Vera Markham.

## What's Happening in our Chapter

By your Editor, George Wall

The Board met for monthly meetings during May, June, and August. Here are the highlights of these meetings.

New Board members Gail Bliss as Secretary and James Consolloy as a Director-at-Large were welcomed.

Tim Cullison reported that for the coming year, the Girl Scouts have eliminated the wildlife and birding badges. However, because of the feedback from the scouts, a waiver has been put in place to create a birding badge. A check for the previous work on Girl Scout badges was received from them in the amount of \$362.

The Board had been working with Karen LaFrance on hiring her as a consultant. She had submitted a contract proposal to the Board and it was voted on and approved. The contract goes for one year (June, 2012, through May, 2013) for \$275 per month. Some of you know that Karen has been writing all of our proposals to get money for projects, sending in reports and many more things far beyond a normal board member. However, since she is no longer a Board member and has many other projects not associated with SAS, we wanted her to continue to do the many things she had been doing plus a lot more. The only way this could be done was to hire her as a consultant which we did.

The Education /Conservation Committee has met a couple of times during the summer and they tasked Karen LaFrance with a couple of projects. One was getting a Facebook page for the Sonoran Audubon Society. This is now done as you can see on page three of this newsletter. Another was to get the word out and work on letting everyone know about Backyard Bird Habitats which will be an on-going project. The committee is also looking to get a Speakers Bureau going. Lots of ideas will be forthcoming from this committee.

The Sunland Visitors Center requested 100 of the Arizona Bird Checklists. We were getting low; so 500 revised Arizona Bird Check Lists were printed. Eleanor Campbell mailed 100 checklists to the Sunland Visitors Center.

It was voted on to participate in the Black Canyon Heritage Park's November 10th Grand Opening Event as a sponsor and exhibitor. \$100 is being sent to them as a sponsor. You'll be hearing more on this later on.

It was announced that there will be a fall Tres Rios Festival at the B&M area near the P.I.R. (Phoenix International Racetrack). Information is in this newsletter.

Our yearly Retreat had been scheduled for the Has-sayampa River Preserve in October, but because many

conflicts in dates, the Retreat was changed. It will now be held on October 3, 2012, from 5—9 p.m. at the West Valley Universalist Unitarian Church, 5904 W. Cholla St. (corner of Cholla and 59th Ave.) in Glendale.

George Wall, Haylie Hewitt, Joe Ford and Tice Supplee met with Alice Valenzuela who owns Rancho Mababi in Sonora, Mexico, located about 50 miles from Douglas, AZ. She was here visiting representatives from some of Audubon societies in Arizona hoping to drum up some bird watching trips to her ranch. After a lengthy discussion, she offered to have some of us stay at the ranch to get an idea of what she has to offer. George Wall, Karen LaFrance, Joe Ford and Tice Supplee went there on August 29th and come back on August 31st and there was no charge as everything was provided.

## 2012 Field Trips—Fall

**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, 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 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.

**A Trip Committee meeting will be held September 10th to plan trips for October through December and will appear in the October newsletter, but go onto FaceBook after September 15th for a faster update on these trips.**

## Opportunities are Offered

If you want to get more involved with the Sonoran Audubon Society, here are some opportunities for you where we need some help. Please take some time to think about what we are asking for. We want to continue to make our chapter grow, but to do so we need your assistance.

**Database Manager:** This is a task that involves about six-eight hours a month right after the first of each month. The National Audubon Society puts out a list of new members, deleted members and modifications on the first of each month on the Internet. You would sign in, download the data in Excel, manipulate the data, store it off and then use it to update our chapter's database. Our database is maintained using a program called Filemaker. To update, it requires a person to type in new members, update modifications and send a letter to members being deleted. The program is easy to use and you would be trained. It would be best if the person was retired as getting the information to the membership chairperson in a timely manner is essential. The membership chairperson then sends out a welcome letter along with a copy of the monthly newsletter. Any ideas of doing the database differently or with a different program would be considered.

**Field Trip Committee Members and Field Trip Leaders:** Based upon the attendance of our field trips, we know there are people qualified to be on the **Field Trip Committee**. The committee has a meeting about three times a year to plan where to go on field trips. You don't have to be an expert bird watcher to do this – just be able to attend the meetings and give suggestions or your support. Once trips are decided upon, a leader is then picked to plan and lead the trip. This is the other thing we need - **Field Trip Leaders**. Again, you don't have to be an expert birder as there are usually extremely good birders on trips that help out. All you need to do is to plan the trip – where to meet, what time, carpooling, etc. It is not that difficult.

**Board Member:** We are currently short one board member. Board members attend the board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and participate in lending their voices to the agenda items. The items could be current issues, planning, setting dates for events, etc.

**Speakers Bureau Coordinator:** We have some people on the board who have made PowerPoint programs on various subjects. They would be willing to give a program to groups like the Lions Club, Elks and others; however, we need a coordinator to contact the groups and make the arrangements. Our chapter would charge a fee for the program which would go into our treasury as it takes money to operate our chapter.

If you would like to get more involved in any of the Sonoran Audubon activities listed above, contact George Wall at 623-875-7057 or [gwall5@cox.net](mailto:gwall5@cox.net).

## We are on Facebook

We are pleased to let you know that Sonoran Audubon Society is now on FACEBOOK on line! You can enjoy SAS on FACEBOOK and get up-to-the minute changes to trips and news WITHOUT ever having to log into FACEBOOK or even have your own an account!

You can read up-to-the-minute news and updates about trips RIGHT ON OUR FRONT PAGE!

Here is what you do: Just open in your browser window: "Sonoran Audubon Society Facebook". You click on that and in the lower left hand corner will be the most recent post and updates on trips. You can scroll down for past posts. You can also go direct to our website from this page (look on the right hand side of the page for the Hot Link!). Of course if you want to post or communicate back to us at SAS, you can log into your FACEBOOK account and talk to us....

So, please enjoy Sonoran Audubon Society on FACEBOOK! Welcome to our new page! George Wall, President

P.S. If you have any comments about this, feel free to send them back to me or to Karen LaFrance at [klaf@cox.net](mailto:klaf@cox.net)"

## Tres Rios Fall Nature Festival Saturday, October 27, 2012 B&M Area

The river is again opened at the B&M area where in some past years there were some excellent festivals. This is a one day festival and the tentative plan is to have a river clean-up from 8—10 a.m. Then from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. will be the mini festival featuring:

- Fishing on the river
- Kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding
- Bird watching
- Guided trail hikes
- Agency booths
- Walking photography class
- and more



## **Birding and Mental Health**

**Submitted by Gerry Horton**

I live in the Sun Cities area. Periodically the Sun Health Research Institute offers free memory screening to residents. The Institute studies Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and related diseases. I signed up with some trepidation - I'm 76 years old and have had my share of "senior moments".

I won't give the whole test away, but one of the questions was to name all the animals I could in one minute. After pets and farm animals, I paused. Then I started on birds and talked as fast as I could just recalling the last couple of field trips. The tester had a problem keeping up the count.

The person evaluating the completed test was impressed and said it was one of the higher numbers on that question! The rest of the test I was average with no problems. Read up on the suggestions given for mental health:

- Learn a new skill and mental challenge and practice regularly
- Socialize and enjoy the interaction with peers
- Exercise regularly

Doesn't that sound exactly like birding? It works for me.

## **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, September 10, 2012**. Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 7 a.m.

For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 [lford25@cox.net](mailto:lford25@cox.net).

**SUNDAYS:** The Sunday bird walks in October. The first one of the fall will be on October 28th starting at 8 a.m. Follow the signs to the dirt parking lot on the east side of the park—the Navy Area. For further information contact Bob McCormick at 602-373-2952 [mcbobaz@aol.com](mailto:mcbobaz@aol.com) or Andrée Tarby at 602-421-9425 [awtarby@gmail.com](mailto:awtarby@gmail.com).

## **Welcome and Thank You**

Since our last newsletter, there were a lot of people who joined or rejoined the National Audubon Society that live in our designated area. There were also some national members who transferred into our area. This automatically makes all of them a member of our chapter. These members are Kent Brewster, Sue Camp, John Carl, Susan Caywood, Jeffrey Coolidge, Don Derebey, Patricia Dickey, Rebecca Dobash, Elaine Eldowney, Joyce Fairchild, Sue Gilbert, Sue Gima, Carolyn Gordon-Loebig, Paulette Griffith, Bobbi Jagow, Margaret Johnson, Lucy Killeen, Opal Kirschman, Barbara Knowles, Charles Landia, Nancy Lee, Katrina Lomax, Nancy Long, Kari Mather, Dorothy McComas, Joan McCutcheon, Carolyn McFarlane, Nel Melville, Olin Miller, Kirsten Murphy, Pam Norton, Deborah O'Grady, Gary Olmstead, Suzanne O'Malley, Eric Paderi, Diane Rasmussen, Nova Reed, Richard Reed, Barbara Rhoades, C. Robertson, Mary Lynn Roholt, Helen Scarriot, David Schulstad, Joan Sherman, Donna Snow, Lois Strohmeier, Gerald Svendsen, Charles Tansey, F. Tweedy, Betty Vachon, Buddy Walker, Courtney Waterbury, Darrell Westen, Ellen Wilson, Jane Winn, Mary Yaskowitz and Dorland Yellowega.

We welcome all of you to our chapter and we hope you will take part in the activities that we have going on. Take a look at our web-site at [www.sonoranaudubon.org](http://www.sonoranaudubon.org) and you'll see that we do a lot.

## WHAT MAKES A BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT?

By George Wall

When I first started to write about backyard bird habitats, I kind of generalized and I wrote up two backyard bird habitats from among our members. Since then, I have studied the subject and found out I knew very little.

One of the first things I did was scan through my library of bird books looking for the topic. I found the Bird Garden by Stephen Kress published in 1995. A little old, but the gist of some of the subjects was there. I then got on the Internet and browsed for such things as backyard landscaping, bird habitats, and a host of other things. Pretty soon, I had more information than I needed.

Here in our area of the west valley, we have some pretty dry conditions unless you're lucky enough to be by a stream or close to woodlands or the hills; so, many of us have to really work to make a backyard habitat. In this month's article, I am going to try and cover two of the typical backyard bird habitats. In future articles I will cover more habitats, food, water and cover.

The size of a backyard can really control what you can do. If you have a very small backyard, you can only have so many plants and other things to attract birds. If you have a very large backyard or tract of land, you can really do a lot. For the sake of this article, we'll use two different backyards with about the same amount of space.

Here in the valley, many of the backyards and front yards are made of gravel or small rocks of various sizes and color. This type of yard was created to save water. Most of these yards have cacti, various types of palms, shrubs and trees which don't require much water or if they do, they have a timed watering system perhaps for citrus trees. If you have such a yard, it is easy to add native plants that enhance bringing birds to your yard.

Some backyards like the ones featured below have gravel or a combination of grass and gravel and can be quite attractive to birds. Even though we want native plants as much as possible, sometimes when we move into a home, there are already non-native plants and you end up keeping them because of their beauty or the way it enhances the yard. Then again, you might not have thought of native plants. You might use a small space for attracting birds like the picture of the one on the left submitted by Kathe Anderson who lives in Scottsdale or you might have an area like the one on the right that brings in the birds because of the plants and attractive small fish pond at the home of Chris and Marilyn Cute who live in Sun City.

The habitat with gravel on the left doesn't look large, but it is and the surrounding area may look barren in this picture, but it isn't. There is a little stone arrangement containing water and there's also a pool with a rock ledge. The cover is in the bougainvillea and other shrubs and trees beyond the wall and at the other side of the pool fence. As you can also see, there are a lot of feeders of various types located in a small area of actually a regular sized yard.

The habitat on the right shows a larger picture of a backyard with gravel, grass surrounding citrus trees and water. Their yard borders a golf course which can also bring in birds. This backyard had only two citrus trees when they moved in. They did all the landscaping and backyard work over several years. Everything is native except what looks like pampas grass which is native to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. At the time they planted the pampas grass, they weren't thinking native like they do now.

Both yards are nice in their own way and both provide food, water and cover—the three main ingredients of a bird habitat.



Photo by Kathe Anderson



Photo by George Wall

## Spotted Rail

By Dr. Jerry Theis

In July, 2010, I was in NW Peru with guides Jim Black and Eduardo Ormaeche with Chupaflor Nature Tours. We were birding near the community of Jaen, the hottest area of the entire trip. Our location for the pursuit of the Spotted Rail was the rice farm of Mrs. Maria Fernandez and her trusty rail-flushing dog, Princesa. Per Jim, this is a must-do experience for any birder who desires to see this rail up close. Once Maria cues up Princesa to go to work, the trusty bird-dog continues her dashes through the rice chacras (paddies) until she has satisfied each birder with great views of the rail.

The Spotted Rail is a widespread species of bird in the Rallidae family. It's global population is estimated to be 10,000 individuals. However, it is relatively poorly known and is curiously distributed in widely disjunctive patches. It is found in South America from Venezuela to Chile, as well as Central America, some Caribbean Islands and Mexico. There is a specimen record from SW Pennsylvania, the only U.S. record.

Spotted Rails are long-billed, with blackish-brown, heavily streaked white foreparts, barred on the flanks. The undertail coverts are white, and the bill is yellow-green with a prominent red base. This rail inhabits marshes, swamps, and irrigated land like rice fields. Its nest is a cup of grass or rushes, low in marsh vegetation, often over water. There are two to seven eggs. Spotted Rails feed on invertebrates, insects, small fish and pond weeds. They forage along water edges, probing in mud, not often venturing into the open.

Upon entering this rice farm, call for Maria outside her home and tell her you want to see the "pollos en las chacras." Princesa will follow birders and listen for their whistles and calls as she dashes through the paddies. With her ears sliced and bleeding from the saw-like rice grass, she asks only for a pat on the head at the end of the chase! She flushed one Spotted Rail which flew directly across the group, allowing splendid views of the spotted body and yellow-green bill, including the red base.

It is important to offer Maria at least 10 soles per person. She asks for nothing but she is quite poor and the gesture keeps her friendly with birders and Princesa well trained and well fed.



Spotted Rail—Photo by Roger Allman copied from pbase.com

## Insana Researches Unique Mexico Site

By Eleanor Campbell

Using his extraordinary skills in identifying birds, plants and essentially most inhabitants of the natural environment, Frank Insana has recorded the species found in a tract not previously surveyed. He spent two months this winter researching and cataloging the flora and fauna of about 30 acres in the southeast state of Puebla, Mexico. There, friends of his mother operate a farm growing organic vegetables. The pesticide-free property is notably more life-supporting than the surrounding land where pesticides are used.



**In the distance was the volcano Popocatepetl**

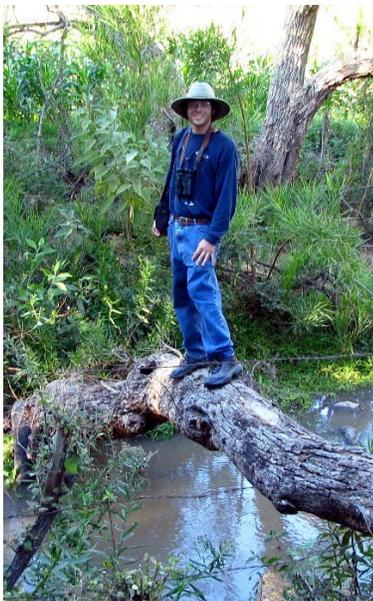
There were cacti 60 feet tall, strangler figs, kapok and wild papaya trees that added to the tropical scene. Although it was the dry season he saw amphibians. His culture emersion included help from the local farm workers with language translations and wonderful organic food provided by the Mexican cooks. His accommodations included an adobe building and compost toilet.

The owners were anxious to know what actually lived on their land so Frank spent his days searching this part of the Balsas Tropical Dry Forest. He uncovered new species every day. He found that the West Mexican Chachalaca, Russet Crowned Motmot, Lesser Ground Cuckoo, and Golden-crowned Emerald Hummingbird nest on the property. He used a game camera which gave him candid pictures of the Chachalaca, the endemic Black-chested Sparrow, the Stripe-headed Sparrow, Squirrel Cuckoo, armadillos, and opossums.



**The Mata Rata tree only grows in volcanic soil**

He cataloged his findings and recorded the results on a flash drive which the land owners will share with the people of the area. Frank says enthusiastically he could have spent a year investigating this exotic countryside.



**Frank Insana is on a precarious bridge, but this shortcut bridge from the ranch to the village takes all.**

## EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

### Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

Audubon's Birds 'n Beer, is being offered on September 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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 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@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.

For further information on Birders' Anonymous 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 has bird banding programs on Sunday, September 9th and on Saturday, September 15th starting at 6:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at [birdanna-belle@hotmail.com](mailto:birdanna-belle@hotmail.com).

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.

### Desert Botanical Garden

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

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. DBG Membership is \$65 a year (\$75 for Families). 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.

### Gilbert Water Ranch

This is one of the best places in the valley to bird watch. There are nice easy trails that you can walk that take you around numerous ponds. There is also a nice visitor center.

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 has their 2012 State Meeting at Lake Havasu City, AZ, October 26-28, 2012. Join them this fall on Arizona's legendary "west coast", for the sixth annual state meeting of Arizona Field Ornithologists.

Friday afternoon and Sunday will be dedicated to several mini-Field Expeditions to various parts of this greatly under birded region.

Saturday's sessions, held at the Hampton Inn, will focus primarily on the work of the late Gale Monson and his contributions to ornithology in Arizona. Other presentations will include current research on Arizona birds and updates on AZFO activities.

The Saturday evening banquet will be followed by keynote speaker Ken Rosenberg, Applied Conservation Scientist at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and senior author of *Birds of the Lower Colorado River Valley*, presenting "A Half Century of Avifaunal Change on the Lower Colorado River".

See their website at [www.Azfo.org](http://www.Azfo.org) for more details.

### Boyce Thompson Arboretum

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/>.

### Festivals & Other Events

**Fall Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival**—See Page 3.



## 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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[www.desertriversaudubon.org](http://www.desertriversaudubon.org)  
Maricopa Audubon Web Site:  
[www.maricopaaudubon.org](http://www.maricopaaudubon.org)  
Arizona Field Ornithologists: [www.azfo.org](http://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 Super Salad. Ph: 623-773-3000  
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## Care Centers for Birds

**Fallen Feathers**  
Handles and cares for all birds  
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623-566-5302

**Adobe Mtn. Wildlife Center**  
Cares for all wildlife including birds  
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623-582-9806

**Wild At Heart**  
Raptors only  
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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:**

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

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

**November 14, 2012: Larry Arbanas-Program to be determined**

**December 12, 2012: David Dise/George Wall—Brown Canyon & Area Adventure**

**Other Dates of Interest:** September 5, 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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