



Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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**At our next meeting.... Wednesday, March 9, 2011,
at 7 p.m.**

George Wall—Costa Rica and Nicaragua

George Wall started bird watching in April of 1997, when he went to Fort Morgan, Alabama, to watch bird banding. It intrigued him so much, that he joined the Hummingbird Society and then the National Audubon Society. He put up lots of feeders in his backyard and also a Purple Martin house. When he moved to Arizona in 1999, he found it was a birder's paradise.

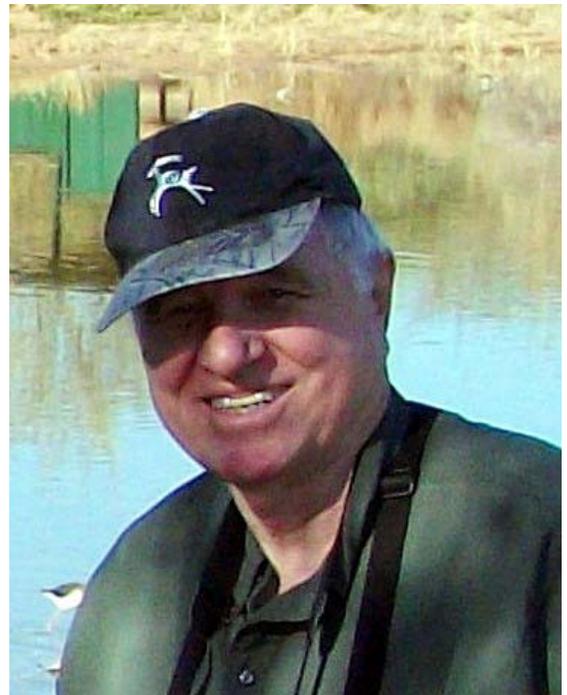
He first joined Birders' Anonymous and was soon the leader of that group which he led for 8 years. When the Sonoran Audubon Society came into existence, he also joined them. In 2004, he became a board member. In September of 2005, he became the editor of the monthly newsletter and in June of 2009, became the president of the Sonoran Audubon Society. He's planned and led birding trips both small and long ones like to Alamos, Mexico.

As a world-wide bird watcher, he's birded parts of the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Nicaragua, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Guatemala, and Australia. His next big trip will be

the entire month of April 2011, to Kenya, Africa, where he expects to see over 800 species.



Crimson-fronted Parrot



George Wall

He is extremely active in his church – Church of the Palms in Sun City. He is the Moderator, a member of the Finance and Personnel Committees, purchases all the kitchen supplies, drives the bus once a month, does the cooking for them and helps with anything else they require.

The program he is presenting is about the Windjammer Cruise he took in 2007 to Costa Rica and Nicaragua sponsored by Audubon Arizona. Besides seeing one of the oldest cities in the Americas (Granada), there were trips to several nature preserves in Costa Rica. Since this wasn't a birding trip, he became their guide for the birds seen on their walks. He had prepared himself by studying what he might see.

**What's Happening in our Chapter?
By Your Editor, George Wall**

Your Board met on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, with 11 members. It was a short meeting and the following was reported or discussed:

There are currently 874 members - 117 are "Friends".

The new Program committee (George Wall, Jerry Theis and Darnell Kirksey) are starting to work on programs for September 2011—May 2012.

Education committee reported that 60 Girl Scouts will be attending the training for badges on March 19. There are several upcoming events where SAS will have tables set up.

In finance, it was reported that SAS currently has \$3,200 earmarked to help with the purchase of Horseshoe Ranch.

45 people showed up for the General Membership meeting. Nominations were made for the board. See page 4.

**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, March 12, 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 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, March 27, 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 or Andrée Tarby at 480-948-1074 atarby@cox.net.

There is a \$6.00 per vehicle charge for entering the park;

2011 Field Trips—Winter and Spring

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-Sunday, March 5-6, 2011
Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival at Estrella Mountain Park - See Page 5**

**Monday, March 14, 2011
Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057
gwall5@cox.net**

This unique state park near Superior remains a special birding and hiking area. The diverse flora and permanent water here attract many birds. There are a great many trees that are labeled and the terrain offers a great variety of habitats.

Difficulty: 1 - Bring a lunch.

Meet at the Burger King just off of 101 on Thunderbird in Peoria to leave at 7 a.m. Entrance fee is \$7.50 per person

**Saturday, March 26, 2011
Robbins Butte (Annual Bird Walk & Picnic)
Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057 gwall5@cox.net
See page 6 for details.**

**Monday, April 4, 2011
Seven Springs
Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net**

We'll take a nice drive up to Seven Springs birding along the way. At Rackensack Gulch, we will look for sparrows and maybe see a Crissal Thrasher or possibly a Sage Thrasher. Seven Springs campground has a stream with water in it and we should see a lot of birds—flycatchers, warblers, tanagers and orioles.

Difficulty: 1 - Bring a lunch.

Meet at McDonald's just off Carefree Highway taking exit 223 off Rte. 17 to leave at 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10, 2011
Madera Canyon
Leaders: Melody Kehl & Donna Smith
623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net**

Get away to Madera Canyon and see what birds are migrating through. Melody will be our leader on Sunday, April 10th. We will leave on Saturday, 9th, and do some birding along the way. We will stay in Tucson for one night and come home late Sunday. More details later.

**Saturday, April 23, 2011
Page Springs
Leader: Rich Schooler 623-930-8904 raschooler@cox.net**

Page Springs is a fish hatchery where water also attracts many birds. There are Arizona Sycamore and cottonwoods surrounding the water. Bridled Titmouse is a resident and Common Black Hawks nest regularly. There is a birding trail that is part of the Page Springs Important Bird Area.

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2011 Field Trips—Spring

Difficulty: 1 - Bring a lunch.

Meet at McDonald's just off Carefree Highway taking exit 223 off Rte. 17 to leave at 6 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Clear Creek Campground

Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244

dansbohlmann@prodigy.net

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.

Some of the birds I've seen are Blue Grosbeaks, Cardinals, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Spotted and Green-tailed Towhees, Song Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Bullock's Oriole, Western and Summer Tanagers, Lesser Goldfinches, vireos, warblers and Scrub 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.

Monday, May 16, 2011

Prescott Area

Leader: Kathe Anderson

Contact: Barbara Meding 623-266-1847

barbarameding@yahoo.com

We'll make a quick stop at Fain Park in Prescott Valley, then head to The Highlands Center for a nice walk in the woods. Depending on timing, we'll visit one or more lakes, and probably the Watson Lake Riparian Preserve. We should get a nice collection of higher elevation birds such as Acorn and Hairy Woodpeckers, and colorful summer residents like Yellow Warblers, Blue Grosbeaks, and Summer Tanagers.

Friday-Sunday, May 27-29, 2011

St. David/California Gulch

Leaders: Melody Kehl & Donna Smith

623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net

This is a two night trip coming back on Sunday. We'll

be birding along the way. We'll probably stay in Tombstone which is central to the birding areas of St. David and California Gulch. We'll bird St. David first and hope to see the White-tailed Kites. Next we'll bird California Gulch to see the Five-striped Sparrows and the Buff-collared Nightjar. There will be more on this trip later.

Arizona Council of Arizona Chapters

Just what is this organization? There are nine Audubon chapters in Arizona – Sonoran, Maricopa, Desert Rivers, Huachuca, White Mountain, Tucson, Prescott, Northern Arizona and Yuma. The council is made up of representatives from each of the chapters. They meet each quarter to take up issues that are pertinent to conservation. If it is a controversial issue, the representatives will take the issue back to their chapters for discussion, action or whatever is needed. This keeps the chapters in the know of what is happening in Arizona concerning conservation and related subjects. Audubon Arizona also attends and provides important input to the council.

After the Council meeting on February 5, 2011, the Arizona Council of Arizona Chapters was formed as a 501c (3) non-profit organization. Tricia Gerrodette was elected President, Karen LaFrance Vice President and Secretary and Ruth Russell Treasurer.

The new National Audubon Society president, David Yarnold, attended the meeting and provided information on what he and National are trying to do. It was also a question and answer session and a lot was learned. He seemed very knowledgeable and had a great personality as well as a good speaking voice. The National Audubon Society did well in acquiring him.



David Yarnold—National Audubon President
Photo by George Wall

Biographies of the Nominees for Officers and Directors at Large for the Sonoran Audubon Society

The selections below were nominated by the Nominating Committee

- George Wall (For President): This will be his second term as President. See page 1 for information on him.
- Tim Cullison (For Vice-President): This will be Tim's first term as Vice-President. He is a retired CPA, resident of Phoenix since 1974, member of Audubon for more than twenty years, became active in the chapter after retirement, currently spending retirement doing community service with a special interest in kids including planning Girl Scout events about birds. He IS the Publicity Committee and is on the Education Committee.
- Dr. Jerry Theis (for Director-at-Large): This will be Jerry's second term as a Board Member. He is a native Minnesotan, moving here after receiving his B.A. Degree in Biology at St. Cloud State College. He attended graduate school at A.S.U., receiving his M.S. Degree in Microbiology. After a few years at Phoenix General Hospital, he transferred to Boswell Hospital in Sun City, directing the Microbiology labs for both Sun Cities hospitals for 27 yrs. He then pursued and received a Ph.D. in Health & Human Services from Columbia Commonwealth University. He is now employed at Banner Boswell Hospital as an Oncology Data Specialist, as well as a contract Research Assistant for the Sun Health Research institute in the Center for Healthy Aging. He also has served as a national science fair judge and laboratory inspector. His interests have allowed him to travel to nine foreign countries as a medical consultant for People to People International. He has been birding since childhood. After birding Arizona, then the U.S., he now concentrates mostly on South America, having birded parts of Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela. He also has birded Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Mexico, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic (and Belize and Puerto Rico in a few weeks). His favorite bird groups are hummingbirds and owls.
- Darnell Kirksey (for Director at Large): This will be Darnell's second term. She has been a member of Sonoran Audubon Society since it was founded. For two years she helped develop programs for the membership meetings, and she is a member of the Education Committee. Darnell volunteers at the Hassayampa River Preserve where she regularly birds. Her love of birding began about 22 years ago after she bought an introduction to bird-watching trip at a service auction. She is a retired elementary school teacher.
- Eleanor Campbell (for Director at Large): This will be Eleanor's third term on the Board. She has been an Audubon member for at least 28 years starting with New Jersey Audubon. She has been with Sonoran Audubon since its organizational meetings. She was Field Trip Chairperson for many years and has led innumerable field trips since day one. Currently she's a member of the Education Committee and has been instrumental in acquiring recent programs for the membership meetings. Her interest in birds began as a child on her farm in upstate New York and took her to Cornell University where she avidly studied ornithology and conservation education. She was a biology teacher and the Executive Director of a New Jersey Girl Scout Council where she strived to integrate appreciation of the natural environment into the Girl Scout camping programs. She's a proud contributor to the relatively new building that is the home of Cornell Lab of Ornithology and is a longtime member of the Lab.
- Richard Schooler (for Director-at-Large): This will be Rich's third term as a Board Member. Rich retired from the engineering consulting business after a 35 year career. He has lived in Arizona for the past 29 years and has been an active birder for about 25 years. Rich had his first introduction to ornithology while an undergraduate some 40 years ago, but didn't get serious about birding until moving to Arizona. He joined the Maricopa Audubon Society in the mid-1980s and transferred his membership to Sonoran Audubon Society when the group was formed in the early-2000s. Rich is involved in the IBAs and is involved with the Education Committee and is on the Field Trip Committee.
- Andrée Tarby (for Director at Large): After a hiatus, Andrée has come back to join the board once again. Andrée is retired but still keeps doing the accounting for her husband's business. She's been birding for over 33 years and joined the Maricopa Audubon Society in the late 1980s. When the Sonoran Audubon Society formed, she switched to them. She has been the program chairperson and has assisted in the Tres Rios Nature Festival. She has led field trips and is especially knowledgeable about California Gulch where the Five-striped Sparrow and the Buff-collared Nightjar are found. For many years, she has been a volunteer at the Desert Botanical Garden where she leads bird walks on Monday mornings.

Sonoran Audubon Society Ballot

The Chapter bylaws require that an election ballot is to be included in the March newsletter. If the member is unable to attend the April meeting send this completed ballot to:

Sonoran Audubon Society
P. O. Box 8068
Glendale AZ, 85312-8068

The following members are nominated to fill a two year term for the respective officer position:

_____ George Wall, President
_____ Tim Cullison, Vice-President

The following members are nominated to fill a two year term as a board member for Director at Large:

_____ Eleanor Campbell
_____ Darnell Kirksey
_____ Rich Schooler
_____ Dr. Jerry Theis
_____ Andrée Tarby

The following people were selected and need to be voted on for the coming year's nominating committee:

_____ Andrea Nesbitt _____ Tom Lazzelle

Put a check mark in front of each officer and board member nominating committee person to indicate your approval. There is two openings for officers and 4 openings for Director at Large.

Non Sonoran Audubon members who receive this newsletter, please ignore this ballot.

Your name and address _____

This ballot is in accordance with the Bylaws of the Sonoran Audubon Society and should be made available to as many members as possible.

Annual Sonoran Audubon Society Picnic

March 26, 2011

This will be our Annual SAS Picnic. This picnic is open to all members, friends, guests, etc. All we ask is that you sign up either at a meeting, e-mail me at gwall5@cox.net or call me at 623-875-7057. We will furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs and all the condiments for them. Just show up and bring a small salad, casserole, veggie or dessert of your choice.

At the same time, for those who want to, there will be a bird walk. The bird walk will start at 7 a.m. at the Robbins Butte picnic area. The walk is about 2 miles round trip and it will take us maybe 2 hours to walk the trail. The difficulty is a 1. We should see a lot of birds at this time of year.

The picnic will start at around 11 a.m. and go until 1-2 p.m. There will be door prizes.

Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (RBWA) is administered by the Arizona Game & Fish Department. We've had trips here twice before and always had a good time. There are 4 large picnic tables, a serving table, grill, and several other places to sit. However, if you have those nice folding chairs, it would be a good idea to bring them just in case the tables are full. There are porta potties close by. Phil Smith, who works for Arizona Game and Fish and who manages Robbins Butte, has done an amazing job in the last five years getting the place fixed up to where it is now.

Directions: Robbins Butte is exactly 7 miles from I-10 on Hwy. 85. It is on the right hand side of the road. The dirt road runs about two miles to the Ranger's house. There will be signs for parking, etc.

Thank You

More members who joined or renewed as a "Friend": Mathew Alderson, Diane Aubry, Fran Baughman, Dan & Wilma Bohlmann, Lauren Bosch, Marshall Esty, Dock Farmer, and Melba Garret, Maureen Platt and Les & Sharon Sell.

TRES RIOS NATURE AND EARTH FESTIVAL

Dates : March 5-6, 2011 Times: 9:00 - 4:00 Both Days - FREE ADMISSION!

Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival is an annual two-day outdoor event that focuses on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and culture of the Gila River drainage. This is an opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage, ecology, history and wildlife of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria Rivers! It is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a beautiful spring day in Arizona and learn something about the place we call home.

Tours and Educational Programs: Educational programs and tours will be offered throughout the weekend. From displays of our famous venomous reptiles, canoe trips looking for wildlife and birds, fishing clinics, to hikes to Petroglyphs – there is something for everyone!

Children's Activities: An extensive children's area will have hands-on crafts, live animals, up-close encounters with critters, educational displays, storytelling and more!

Wildlife Enthusiasts and Bird Watchers: The Festival offers in-depth classes on identifying those tricky sparrows, the impressive wetland birds, tips on wildlife photography and our region's unique Southwestern avifauna. There will also be **bird walks**.

Fun, Food and Entertainment: Vendors of local favorites to whet the appetite and entertainment to delight the senses!

To reach the Estrella Mountain Regional Park: From central Phoenix, take I-10 west to Estrella Parkway exit, travel south to Vineyard Ave. , turn east on Vineyard Ave. to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park entrance on the south side.

See the website at www.tresriosnaturefestival.com for all the activities, vendors, etc.



**Gila River at Estrella Mountain Park - Tres Rios Festival
March 10, 2010—Photo by George Wall**

WAY TO GO AUDUBON SOCIETY!

The Sonoran Audubon Society sent a letter to Larry Voyles, Director of the Arizona Game & Fish Department, concerning our raising \$3,200 toward the purchase of Horseshoe Ranch. The information was given in turn to the Arizona Antelope Foundation who has invested a great amount of money for this project. Shane Stewart then sent this letter to us.

“What an amazing showing of true conservation. Your membership deserves a pat on the back. We are extremely excited about the prospects this acquisition brings. The Arizona Antelope Foundation believes this will be a true center of learning and cooperation that will protect and preserve a piece of Arizona's high desert for generations to come. I would like to thank you and the Audubon Society for joining with us in this conservation effort. I am ecstatic!!”

Shane Stewart, Arizona Antelope Foundation President

Sulphur Springs Valley Trip Report

February 12-13, 2011

What a trip! Barbara Meding did an outstanding job of putting it together. We had beautiful weather and great camaraderie. We met at Benson's Sewage Treatment Ponds at 10 a.m. There was a chain link fence around the ponds; however, there were birding portals cut into one area which gave us good views of the many ducks and 2 immature Snow Geese. After scanning the nearby fields, we ended up with 33 species.

After lunch, we headed to St. David and the Holy Trinity Monastery where we walked the trails around the ponds finding many sparrow species. We saw 35 species and the best birds were the Rufous-backed Robin and the Gray Flycatcher. After an excellent dinner, we spent the night at the Best Western in Tombstone.

In the morning after breakfast, we all traveled to Whitewater Draw Wildlife Preserve (WDWP) where we met our leaders Tom Wood and Sheri Williamson, co-founders of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO).



Northern Flicker—Yellow-shafted

We first observed some Sandhill Cranes. Then they showed us around WDWP. We were all surprised when Sheri identified a Yellow-shafted Flicker. In that short walk we saw 16 species. We then boarded their small bus to look for birds on the back roads of the Sulphur Springs Valley. We had two nice surprises – a Great Horned Owl sitting in a tree only a few feet from the bus and a Bendire's Thrasher which appeared long enough for everyone to get good looks. At one point we stopped to observe thousands of Sandhill Cranes heading back to WDWP. Lurking above them were a Bald Eagle and a Ferruginous Hawk. On the bus tour we saw 21 species.



Great Horned Owl

When we got back to WDWP, we took some time to walk around on our own. Sandhill Cranes were everywhere. We were told that the estimated count was 21,000. As we birded the area, we saw several more species including a Sora and Virginia Rail.



Sandhill Cranes

After lunch, we headed out to the Kansas Settlement area. We stopped at the large Faria Dairy pond where we observed several ducks, but the treat was a Ross' Goose. We then continued on down a side road where we were treated with several hawks – a Red-tailed, Ferruginous and a great look at a Rough-legged Hawk that soared directly over us. Our last stop was at Willcox Ponds where we observed a flock of Chestnut-sided Longspurs. We then



Rough-legged Hawk

went our own way to go home. We had a total of 91 species for the trip.

The attendees were Barbara Meding (leader), Chuck Kangas, Donna Smith, Carol Sharplin, Dominic Verony, Cheri Laude, Paul Soame, Fran Baughman, Stan and Darnelle Dunn and George Wall.

Photos by George Wall

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

1. A stream stroll every Sunday from 10-11 a.m.
2. Saturday bird walks free of charge.
3. Arizona Animal Encounters—2nd Saturday of every month at 11 a.m.
4. Beginning Birder Classes

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

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous has their monthly meeting on Friday, March 18, 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 presented by Jason Pollack on Falconry in Arizona. The monthly birding trip will be on March 11th to Tres Rios/Glendale Recharge Ponds leaving the Church of the Palms parking lot at 7 a.m.

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

Hassayampa River Preserve

Bird Banding: Sunday, March 6th and Saturday, March 12th, 2011, 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.

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.

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

See their website at www.azfo.org.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Bird walks starting at 8:30 a.m. Leaders scheduled are Jim Burns and Kathe Anderson for March 5th. Troy Corman for March 13th. Marceline Vanderwater for March 19th. Cindy Marple for March 27th.

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

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.

Festivals:

Tres Rios Nature Festival. Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6, 2011. See Page 5.

Hassayampa Nature Preserve Festival. Saturday, April 16, 2011. There will be walks, talks and vendors. More on this later. The Sonoran Audubon Society will have a table there. See their website at <http://www.nature.org/hassayampa>

Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival. The festival will again be held at the Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood, AZ, from April 28 to May 1, 2011. The guest speaker will be David Sibley who has written numerous books. For more information, see the website at <http://www.birdyverde.org>.

Grand Re-Opening North Mountain Visitor Center and Spring Trek, Saturday, April 2, 2011, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (7th Street south of Thunderbird). Sonoran Audubon Society Bird walk, plant walk, hikes for people, people on horses or on mountain bikes and a super cool Helicopter Mountain Rescue Demonstration. Go to <http://www.saveourmountains.org/category/events/> for flyers and registration forms. For information, call Karen LaFrance at 602-809-3360.

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> or by mail for \$10.00 per year.

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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. Ph: 623-773-3000
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Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

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

Tentative Schedule for the Year:

March 9, 2011: George Wall—Costa Rica and Nicaragua
April 13, 2011: Joe Ford—Bird Wierdness
May 11, 2011: Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
& What is Happening There

Other Dates of Interest: March 2, 2011, 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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