

## Audubon Round Up

By George Wall

The Audubon Round Up was made possible by a Together Green Fellowship, a program of the National Audubon Society. Karen LaFrance of the Sonoran Audubon Society became a Together Green Fellow and the Audubon Round Up was her Fellowship Project. According to attendees, it was a smashing success. Saguaro Lake Ranch was an excellent choice for the Round Up. The ranch was established in 1930 and has retained its rustic charm with its unique 4-sided stone fireplace, wagon wheel lights and many historic artifacts. The ranch is in the Tonto National Forest on the banks of the Salt River with beautiful mountains in the background.

Some arrived on Thursday to set things up and do a little birding. From Friday through Sunday, there were bird trips to Granite Reef, Phon D Sutton, Coon Bluff and Butcher Jones. The workshops commenced after bird watching and breakfast with around 35 attending each day.



Carol Schooler, Darnell Kirksey & Eleanor Campbell  
Welcome Committee



Speaking is Sean A'lee Bevell from Saguaro Lake Ranch  
And next to her is Tice Supplee of Audubon Arizona



The View

Some of the subjects discussed were Organizational Development, Member Retention and Expansion, Strategic Planning, Finding Partners for Projects and Initiatives and there were plenty of interactive opportunities.

After the workshops on Saturday there was an Important Bird Area (IBA) dedication for the Salt & Verde Rivers Riparian Ecosystem. Tice Supplee, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Arizona handled this IBA dedication. She introduced several guests who spoke on the area's history and how these rivers became dedicated as an IBA.



Karen LaFrance & Kathie Satterfield

At the Saturday night dinner, there were more honors. Dr. Robert Witzeman, who has had a long career with the Maricopa Audubon Society as one of that chapter's strongest conservation advocates, was honored with a special award. 60 people attended this dinner and awards ceremony. Some of the people who made the Audubon Round Up happen and some of the many volunteers were also recognized. The food was excellent as it had been for the entire event.

The Audubon Round Up concluded on Sunday with a critique of what was accomplished and ideas on how to make something similar to this happen again.

The Sonoran Audubon Society was well represented with the following 16 people either attending or assisting in one capacity or another: John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Tim Cullison, Anne Durning (Audubon Arizona Board), Dick Fogle, Joe Ford, Haylie Hewitt, Barbara Kalman, Darnell Kirksey, Karen LaFrance, Dusty Lovelady, Stephanie Prevost, Carol Schooler, Tice Supplee (also Audubon Arizona Staff), Andrée Tarby and George Wall.

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National Audubon was represented as well by Mary Ford, Lynn Tennefoss of staff and Joy Haynes Hester, new SW representative to the National Board .



Mary Ford



Lynn Tennefoss



Joy Hester

There were representatives from other states: Bob Wilkin, Red Rock Audubon in Las Vegas; Bruce Heath from Salt Lake City Audubon and Garry George, Audubon California. From our own state Desert Rivers Audubon was represented by Eileen Kane, Joy Dingley, Krys Hammers (Audubon Arizona Board), Marcus Watson, Dr. Charles and Marion Saffell and Susan Vaught. From Maricopa Audubon Society were Herb Fibel, Dr. Robert and Janet Witzeman, Emily Morris (also Audubon Arizona), Mark Larson, Frank Welsh, Gilbert Venable, Chris Locke, Carolina Butler, Walter and Fran Thurber. From the Northern Arizona Audubon Society were Anita MacFarlane (Audubon Arizona Board), Kathie Satterfield and Zack Zdinak. Representing Huachuca Audubon Society was Tricia Gerrodette. From the Tucson Audubon Society were Ruth Russell (Audubon Arizona Board) and Mary Walker (Audubon Arizona Board). Others from Audubon Arizona were Sam Campana, Sarah Porter and Kayleigh Bauer (Intern). Some other Audubon Arizona Board members present were Roger Ferland, Mary Lou Stevenson and David Howell. Attending as non-Audubon speakers and panelists were Tom and Kristan Hildebrandt and Bob Broscheid from Arizona Game and Fish, Kristine Uhlman from University of Arizona, Linda Raish of McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Dr. Pierre Deviche of Arizona State University, Mary Hoadley from Acrosanti and Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership and Sam Richard of the Arizona Nonprofit Alliance. From the ranch itself were Saguro Lake Ranch owner Stephen and Susan Durand along with John and Sean A'lee Bevell.

Every morning at 7 a.m. the birding started. The attendees who had signed up were carpoled to the various sites for some good birding and there were a lot of birds. One of the other pleasures was seeing the Bald Eagles flying over the ranch all during the Round Up.

There were 75 different species of birds seen over the Round Up period. They were Mallard, Northern Pintail, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Neotropic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Harris's Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Mourning Dove, Inca Dove, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Gray Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Phainopepla, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Abert's Towhee, Brewer's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch and House Sparrow. Also seen were Javelina.

