



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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

Joel Pearson—Lesser Nighthawks Renew Life

Do you know what a Goatsucker is? If you don't, I'm sure you are not alone. Nighthawks and another group called Nightjars are collectively known as Goatsuckers. The name comes from an erroneous belief by farmers who suspected them of flying into their barns at night to suckle the goats. Nightjars include the Whip-poor-will and a couple of other species. Nightjars will perch near the ground and fly up to catch insects flying overhead at night. Nighthawks on the other hand fly in lazy circling patterns searching for insects on the wing also at night. Their coloration makes all of these birds difficult to find during the day as they are only active during the twilight hours of dawn and dusk.

This presentation is a slide and video program that will capture the entire period of life on the ground where these birds raise their young. They are fascinating and amazing when seen.



Lesser Nighthawk with young—Photo by Joel Pearson

Joel Pearson is a wildlife photographer, but for his presentations, he does something different. He only uses photographs taken within the borders of Phoenix Mountains Park.

It may seem a small point to some, but he feels that it is important to appreciate the lives of the birds that live year round in a single city park or that travel through at different times of the year.

After getting a BSIE (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engi-

neering) degree from ASU, he worked at a variety of jobs during the next 40 years. He always had a creative side and he would satisfy that need with a camera on vacations. His most enjoyable times were photographing nature at every destination. Now that he is fully retired, he is able to satisfy his love of photography and the natural world by capturing images of the life of a city park. He figures it will take him at least 10 years to make a significant dent in uncovering all of the mysteries of life in Phoenix Mountains Park!

What's Happening in our Chapter

By George Wall

There was a Board Meeting on November 7, 2012. Attending were George Wall, Tim Cullison, Haylie Hewitt, Gail Bliss, John Arnett, Jim Consolloy, Joe Ford, Darnell Kirksey, Jerry Theis and Andrée Tarby.

Committees gave their reports: Total membership was reported at 848 with 122 "Friends" among them. Programs are set through May of 2013. A Trip committee meeting is set for December 10th to finalize trips up through the summer. Tim Cullison of the Education Committee reported that the Girl Scout badge earning sessions are set for Saturday, March 2, 2013, and Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the Glendale Library. The next Education Meeting is December 14, 2012. The financial report was reviewed and approved.

Other items of interest included a discussion of where and when to have the annual picnic. It was unanimously approved to have it at Horseshoe Ranch. Two dates were proposed and sent to Karen LaFrance in order for her to see if Game and Fish will approve one of them.

The Board discussed dues once again and it was unanimously approved to raise the dues up to \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors and \$15 for Students starting January 1, 2014. Dues requests for the coming year will remain the old amount. It was also decided to send out "Friends" dues requests to all 848 members via regular mail except for those who have e-mail addresses. They will be sent e-mails along with the appropriate forms.

Jim Consolloy reported on the Tour de Birds that he went on that was sponsored by Desert Rivers Audubon Society. It was a great idea, but would take some outside sponsors for our chapter to do.

Jerry Theis gave a report of the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival (YRARF) in Louisiana that he attended.

George Wall and Andrée Tarby gave a report on the mini Tres Rios Earth and Nature Festival. It wasn't well attended due to a number of reasons including an Avondale parade at the wrong time for our festival.

Haylie Hewitt and I attended the Black Canyon Heritage Park Opening on November 10th. We had a table and filled it with information about the Sonoran Audubon Society and other things. It was very cold with a strong wind blowing. I was going to lead a bird walk, but nobody wanted to do it—too cold and windy.

Membership meeting night was a smashing success as Larry Arbanas presented gorgeous videos of Florida, California and Alaska. The 55+ attendees oohed and aahed the entire presentation.

As an add on to What's Happening, the dates for the annual picnic will have to be further discussed because of conflicts.

The Trip Committee meeting was changed from the 3rd to the 10th of December.

2012-3 Field Trips—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. Anyone can do these trips from novice to experts. If a novice, you'll get plenty of help.

Saturday, December 15, 2012

Arlington Valley

Leader: Donna Smith, 623-556-9535 rms15247@cox.net

Arlington Valley west of Phoenix and south of Arlington with its fields, ponds, canals, a dam, and a desert butte provides a variety of habitats to search for birds. Earlier in January of this year, 58 species were seen with the best being a Smith's Longspur. You are also always guaranteed to spot a Burrowing Owl along the roadside.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch

Meet in the parking lot of the Wildlife Zoo on Northern Ave. near the aquarium to leave at 8 a.m. Northern Ave. was being heavily worked on in November. Instead of using Northern Ave., you can use Olive Ave. up to Sarival and then turn left straight to the zoo.

Friday, January 4, 2013

Glendale Recharge Ponds

Leader: Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 lford25@cox.net

This is a repeat of the November 7, 2012 trip, but there should be more wintering ducks. The Glendale Recharge Ponds are included in the top 10 birding spots in Maricopa County. These six basins (two or three may have water) have been beacons for migrants and winter residents. Many rarities show up from time to time including gull species, grebes, terns, raptors, ducks and shorebirds. Once, there was a Roseate Spoonbill. You never know what may show up at this site.

Difficulty: 1 Morning trip only

Meet at the east end of the basins at 8 a.m. Take the west 101 to Camelback in Glendale, turn west to 107th Avenue (light), turn north until you hit gravel, then go east to end of the road. If you want to car pool meet at McDonald's on the southeast corner of Olive and 91st Ave. just off of 101 at 7:30 a.m.

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2013 Field Trips

Sunday, January 20, 2013

Santa Cruz Flats

Leader: Claudia Kirscher

Contact: Barb Meding 623-266-1847

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Our first stop will be the Dave White Golf Course in Casa Grande before exploring the agricultural fields in Santa Cruz flats. This is a reliable place for wintering raptors including Ferruginous Hawk, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Merlin, and hopefully Crested Caracara. We will scope the sod farm areas for mountain plover and the fields for Horned Larks, Meadowlarks, Bendire's Thrasher, and Sage, Vesper, Lincoln's, Brewer's, Song and Savannah Sparrows. On one January trip we had over 50 species. There are no facilities in the flats so bring water and a scope if you have one. This trip is limited to 3 cars.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch

Call the contact for the meeting place and other info.

Saturday-Monday, February 9-11, 2013

San Rafael Grasslands

Leader: Melody Kehl

Contact: Donna Smith, 623-556-9535

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The Valley's beautiful wide-open high grasslands are best known for wintering raptors, pipits, sparrows and longspurs. Located east of Patagonia, the valley is the headwaters for the Santa Cruz River. In the winter, Savannah, Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows are common; less common are Baird's and flocks of Chestnut-collared and McCown's Longspurs.

Melody Kehl will be our leader on Saturday for the valley. We will leave Friday for the Country Inn in Tucson and bird Sweetwater on the way down. We will be close to Madera Canyon and we can bird there on Sunday morning before heading back home. There is a limit of 7-8 people.

Difficulty: 1

Call the contact for the meeting place and other info.

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Estrella Mountain Regional Park

Leader: Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 lford25@cox.net

See the write up for the Saturday Family Bird Walks on the other half of this page.

Difficulty: 1

Meet at the Visitors Center parking lot at 8 a.m.

Thursday-Saturday, July 11-13, 2013

Surf and Birds

Leader: Kathy Anderson

Contact: Barb Meding 623-266-1847

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Huntington Beach, California has some of the nation's best

birding areas. We should see gulls, terns (Forster's Least, Elegant, Caspian nest here), Black Skimmer, plovers (Semipalmated, Black-bellied and Snowy nest in the area), sandpipers (including Long-billed Curlews, Ruddy Turnstones and Marbled Godwits), Allen's Hummingbird, Red-shouldered Hawks, White-tailed Kites, and possible California specialties such as the Nuttall's Woodpecker, Wrentit, California Towhee and California Quail. We leave early Thursday, making stops on the way and plan to arrive in time to stroll the beach before dinner. Friday we will explore our main destinations of Bolsa Chica Wetlands and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Saturday we will possibly return to a Friday site we missed in the morning, or explore a couple of parks in the vicinity. On the way home, we will make another stop before arriving late back in Phoenix. This trip is limited to 2 cars and reservations should be made early by February so we can book hotel rooms.

FAMILY BIRD WALKS 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

SATURDAYS: These walks are held the second Saturday of each month. the next walk will be on **December 8, 2012**. Meet at the visitors center parking lot at 8 a.m. The walk will last approximately two hours. For further information, contact Joe Ford: 623-792-8154 lford25@cox.net.

SUNDAYS: These walks are held on the fourth Sunday of the month. The next one will be on **December 23, 2012**, 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 or

Welcome and Thank You

Since our last newsletter, more people joined or rejoined the National Audubon Society that live in our designated area. This automatically makes all of them a member of our chapter. These members are Stephen Adams, William Adams, Alicia Alarcon, Maria Aranda, The Baloghs, Louis Baremeyer, Kent Brewster, Mildred De Jong, Edward Dempsey, Colleen Fogarty, Ty Fritz, Richard Funari, Susanne Hazelett, Sandra Kehs, Shirley Kinter, Carolyn Lewis, Fred Kuhne, P.M. Lloyd, Louis Marano, Mary Martinez, Betty McDonald, Donald Miner, Judith Nordstrom, Dianne Ramentol, Mary Ridgley, Jim Robinson, Dennis & Karen Slater, Barbara Street, Christophe Tulumello, Nancy Winne and Susan Young. If I misspelled any names, this is the what National sent me.\

Our new "Friends" are: Mary Woszczyna, Gery Berger and Kathy Heyman.

We welcome all of you to our chapter and we hope you will take part in our activities. Look at our web-site at www.sonoranaudubon.org and you'll see that we do a lot.

What Makes a Backyard Bird Habitat?

By George Wall

One of the things that help make a habitat for birds is plants. They can provide food, cover and some are very attractive. The following are native plants that are low, very low and no water plants. I tried to list the best and most common for our area.

Baja Fairy Duster – This plant produces red-tufted flowers that mature into little seedpods enjoyed by quail. The plant also attracts hummingbirds. This 4-foot-tall, 4-foot-wide shrub is hardy.

Desert Globe Mallow - There are several types of mallows. This one is the most common and has bright orange or apricot, 5-petaled flowers that bloom year round. These cup-shaped flowers grow along upper stems to 1 1/2 inches wide. In some forms, petals can have white, pink, purple or bluish hues. A good cover bush for birds.

Brittle Bush - This is a plant that grows everywhere in the desert area. It flowers late winter through spring. It can brighten up a backyard. This bush attracts birds and can provide cover.

Desert Honeysuckle – There are numerous species of Desert Honeysuckles but most all are shrubs that can get to 5 ft. x 5 ft. This plant has red to orange tube-shaped flowers in summer and fall. It attracts hummingbirds and butterflies and is great cover.

Woolly Butterfly Bush – This bush is a striking shrub with velvety, ash-gray foliage that sets off the eye-catching orange flowers from spring to fall. It attracts butterflies.

Sages & Penstemons – There are numerous types of these shrubs and flowers that attract birds and butterflies and some provide excellent cover.

Desert Willow – This is a 15-40 ft. small tree or large shrub. The blossom is funnel-shaped, 1–1 1/2 inches long, spreading at the opening into 5 ruffled, petal-like lobes. It has several names including the Trumpet Flower. It attracts birds and butterflies.

Four-wing Saltbush – This a hardy desert evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves that bears seeds with foliage coming off of them, creating wings for distribution. It can grow 4-5 feet tall with wide with dense branching. It is an ideal cover for birds.

Red Yucca – This plant produces several flower stalks each year with abundant tubular flowers that bloom in spring and well into summer. The stalks can grow up to 9 feet high, but most are 3- 5 feet. Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers.

Desert Lavender - This shrub can get up to 15 feet. The flowers are lavender to violet and blooms in spring, summer and fall. Butterflies like this plant and so do people who like tea as the leaves are edible and can be used to flavor tea. The leaves have the strong fragrance of lavender when crushed. The flowers have a faint aroma of honey. Birds often nest in it.

Desert Hackberry - This plant can be called a tree or shrub as it can grow to 10 feet. It flowers during the summer with inconspicuous white flowers which are followed by orange berries that birds love and are even edible to us.

Prickly Pear - This cactus represent about a dozen species of the Opuntia genus in the desert. All have flat, fleshy pads that look like large leaves. The pads serve several functions like water storage and photosynthesis and flower production. Birds love the fruit.

Cholla - There are several species of cholla and they make perfect nesting places for Cactus Wren and Curved-billed Thrashers.

Ocotillo - Drive through your neighborhood and you'll see this plant everywhere. It can grow to 20 feet and has beautiful red flowers that bloom in the spring and late summer. This plant attracts hummingbirds and orioles.

Saguaro – This is the largest cactus in the U.S. which can unbelievably grow to 70 feet and live for 150 plus years. Woodpeckers love to make holes in it for nesting. When they leave, owls or other birds will use it as a home. The buds and flowers on the top and limbs also attract birds.

The above are just a very few of the plants that fall into the category of low, very low and no water plants. You can find more at such websites as <http://www.amwua.org/shrubs.html>, http://azgfd.gov/w_c/landscaping_desert_wildlife.shtml, and this one <http://athome.audubon.org/>.

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Desert Marigold



Baja Fairy Duster



Brittlebush



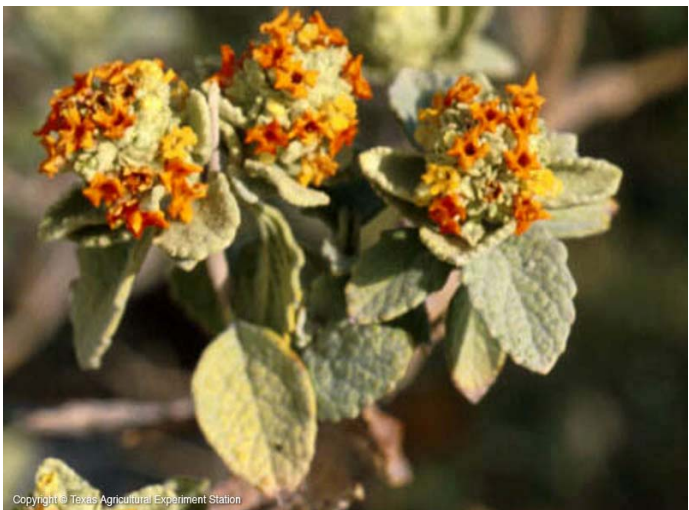
Desert Honeysuckle



Four-wing Saltbush



Desert Globe Mallow



Woolly Butterfly Bush



Desert Willow

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Desert Lavender



Desert Hackberry



Ocotillo



Prickly Pear



Teddy Bear Cholla



Saguaro



Purple Sage

ARIZONA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE (2012 - 2013)

By Walter Thurber

The National Audubon Society has conducted Christmas bird counts since 1900. Volunteers from across North America and beyond will take to the field during one calendar day between December 14 and January 5 to record every bird species and individual bird encountered within a designated 15-mile diameter circle. These records now comprise an extensive ornithological database that enables monitoring of winter bird populations and the overall health of the environment.

Participants are typically assigned to teams based on their bird identification skill level and endurance. Many counts hold a compilation dinner at the end of the day where results are tabulated and stories shared. There is no longer a participation fee. Help is needed on most of these counts, so find one or more of interest to you and contact the compiler for information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Count Name</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
12/14	Fr	Buenos Aires NWR	Bonnie Swarbrick	520-823-4251	bonnie_swarbrick@fws.gov
12/14	Fr	Pipe Spring NM	Andrea Bornemeier	928-643-7105	andrea_bornemeier@nps.gov
12/14	Fr	Salt Verde River	Kurt Radamaker	480-837-2446	kurtrad@mexicobirding.com
12/15	Sa	Ajo-Cabeza Prieta NWR	Kim Veverka	520-387-4987	kim_veveka@fws.gov
12/15	Sa	Avra Valley	Mary Lou Cole	520-578-0114	birdingnana@msn.com
12/15	Sa	Martinez Lake-Yuma	Henry Detwiler	928-210-6474	henrydetwiler@earthlink.net
12/15	Sa	Mormon Lake	Elaine Morrall	928-526-1022	morrall.em@gmail.com
12/15	Sa	Nogales	Michael Bissontz	520-577-8778	seetrogon@comcast.net
12/15	Sa	Payson	Dave Hallock	303-258-3672	eldoradh@rmi.net
12/15	Sa	Santa Catalina Mountains	Bob Bates	520-296-5629	batesd@cox.net
12/15	Sa	Grand Canyon	Brian Gatlin	928-638-7968	brian_gatlin@nps.gov
12/16	Su	Jerome	Julie Wills	928-300-9775	jwills282@hotmail.com
12/16	Su	Saint David	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom@sabo.org
12/16	Su	Tucson Valley	Rich Hoyer	520-325-5310	birdernaturalist@me.com
12/17	Mo	Chino Valley	Russell Duerksen	928-636-4916	duerksen@msn.com
12/17	Mo	Phoenix-Tres Rios	David Powell	602-441-5508	vireo@vireos.com
12/19	We	Prescott	Carl Tomoff	928-778-2626	ctomoff@prescott.edu
12/20	Th	Patagonia	Abbie Zeltzer	520-604-6320	amindajar@gmail.com
12/21	Fr	Elfrida	Tom Wood	520-432-1388	tom@sabo.org
12/22	Sa	Atascosa Highlands	Rich Hoyer	520-325-5310	birdernaturalist@me.com
12/22	Sa	Camp Verde	Bea Cooley	928-526-5069	beacooley@aol.com
12/22	Sa	Hassayampa River	Vanessa Montgomery	623-465-0012	hassayampacbc@hotmail.com
12/22	Sa	Ramsey Canyon	Ted Mouras	520-803-0221	tedmouras@mindspring.com
12/22	Sa	Timber Mesa	Mary Ellen Bittorf	928-367-2462	maryellen12@cableone.net
12/26	We	Superior	Cynthia Donald	480-283-4515	planres@earthlink.net
12/27	Th	Bill Williams Delta	Kathleen Blair	928-667-4144	kathleen_blair@fws.gov
12/27	Th	Gila River	Troy Corman	602-482-6187	aplomado@cox.net
12/28	Fr	Green Valley-Mad. Can.	Malcolm Chesworth	203-798-0223	malcolmsc@yahoo.com
12/28	Fr	Havasut NWR	DeeDee DeLorenzo	928-758-2707	poncho@citlink.net
12/29	Sa	Flagstaff-Mount Elden	Terry Blows	928-774-8028	terence.blows@nau.edu
12/29	Sa	Portal	Jackie Lewis	520-558-2287	winjac12@vtc.net
12/30	Su	Sedona	Rich Armstrong	928-282-3675	richarmstrong@q.com
1/2	We	Carefree	Walter Thurber	480-483-6450	wathurber@cox.net
1/3	Th	Glen Canyon	John Spence	928-608-6267	john_spence@nps.gov
1/5	Sa	Appleton-Whittell	Robert Weissler	520-803-0794	weissler@aves.org
1/5	Sa	Dudleyville	Doug Jenness	520-909-1529	d_jenness@hotmail.com

Nearby New Mexico Count

12/30	Su	Peloncillo Mountains	Nicholas Pederson	505-417-8665	npederson4088@hotmail.com
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EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Audubon Arizona Rio Salado Habitat

Audubon's Birds 'n Beer, is being offered on December 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is held every third Thursday of the month sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery. Proceeds from the sale of beer go to Audubon Arizona. Local professionals will present a program and give you a refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife.

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 rio-salado@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. The meeting on December 21, 2012, is their annual Christmas Party with lots of food, entertainment and just plain fun. Anyone is welcome even if you haven't signed up for this event.

There is a trip scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2012, to the Chandler Veteran's Oasis Park in Chandler. This will be led by Vera Markham. Meet at the Church of the Palms parking lot in Sun City to leave at 7 a.m. Bring a lunch if you want.

For further information on Birders' Anonymous meetings, programs and trips contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 mne@juno.com or Shirley Fackelman at shirleyfackelman@yahoo.com. Better yet, come to the meeting.

Hassayampa River Preserve

Anne Leight has bird banding programs on Saturday, December 1st and on Sunday, December 9th starting at 7:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome; however, if you want to help bird band, you must contact Anne Leight at birdanna-belle@hotmail.com.

There will be an Interpretive Tour on Saturday, December 29th from 8:30-10 a.m. Enjoy an easy paced walk along the trails with a docent to catch sight of resident and migratory birds.

The annual Christmas Bird Count is Saturday, December 22nd. Contact Vanessa Montgomery at 623-465-0012 or hassayampacbc@hotmail.com if you are interested in assisting.

Hassayampa 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.

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/>

Desert Botanical Garden

Each week on Mondays there is a bird walk. The bird walk for December will be starting at 8 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 for further information.

Arizona Field Ornithologists

See their website at www.Azfo.org for more details.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

There is a Christmas Bird Count on December 26, Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To volunteer with this count and get more information call Cynthia Donald at 480-283-4515 or email planres@earthlink.net

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

Wings Over Willcox in Willcox, AZ

Birding and nature festival January 16-20, 2013. Tour for birds, geology, local history, and botany. Free seminars, free nature expo with live animals, wildlife art, crafts, children's activities.

Keynote speaker and banquet: 2013 speaker is Kenn Kaufman. Wings Over Willcox is celebrating its 20th anniversary. For more information go to their website at <http://www.wingsoverwillcox.com>.

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.

Upcoming Schedule:

December 12, 2012: Joel Pearson—Lesser Nighthawks
Renew Life

January 9, 2012: Mike Quigley-Arizona Desert
Heritage

February 13, 2013: David & Dianne Reesor—
Antarctica

March 13, 2013: Michelle Wiznitzer—Arizona Birding
from a Non-birder

April 10, 2013: Thomas Gaskill—Jays, Nutcrackers
and Pines

May 8, 2013: David Dise/George Wall—Brown
Canyon & Area Adventure

Other Dates of Interest: December 5, 2012, 7 p.m.
Monthly Board Meeting at above location. Members are
invited to attend as guests.

SAS Web Site: www.sonoranaudubon.org
Arizona Audubon Web Site: www.az.audubon.org
Desert Rivers Audubon Web Site:
www.desertriversaudubon.org
Maricopa Audubon Web Site:
www.maricopaaudubon.org
Arizona Field Ornithologists: www.azfo.org
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Fallen Feathers
Handles and cares for all birds
9532 W. Cielo Grande, Peoria
Jodie Kieran 623-533-2348
623-566-5302

Adobe Mtn. Wildlife Center
Cares for all wildlife including birds
I-17 & Pinnacle Peak
623-582-9806

Wild At Heart
Raptors only
31840 N. 45th St.
Cave Creek
480-595-5047

Friends of the Sonoran Audubon Society provide the principal financial support for the chapter and its activities. SAS operates with a minimum overhead (chapter administration and insurance) in order to make revenues go as far as possible. All Friends contributions are fully tax-deductible.

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st each year. Keep your membership current.

THE FRIENDS

☐ I would like to become a Friend of the Sonoran Audubon Society. Indicate your choice of level:

- ☐ **Verdin (Adult)** \$20.00 to \$49.99 per year
- ☐ **Burrowing Owl (Seniors)** rate \$15.00 to \$49.99 per year
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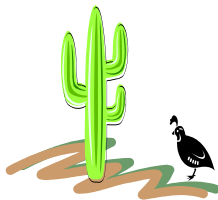
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