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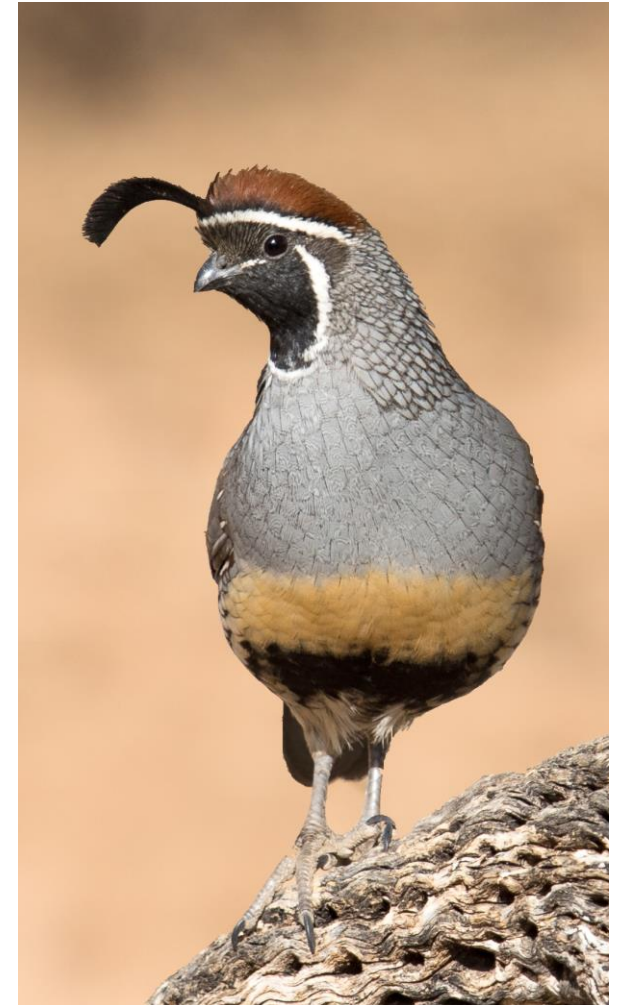
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## IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

# Arizona's Important Bird Area Program





## What is an Important Bird Area (IBA)?

### ARIZONA'S IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

- Are sites that provide important habitat for birds.
- Are selected through a rigorous, data-driven process involving careful bird monitoring and documentation
- Are as diverse as the populations of birds they support. Some are habitat for threatened or endangered birds. Others are used by significant numbers for breeding, wintering, or migrating birds. Still other sites support rare and unique habitats for birds.
- Can be public or private lands and can just be a few or thousands of acres.
- Are non-regulatory. IBA designation elevates the profile of an area as being important for birds and acknowledges the stewardship of the landowners and managers.
- Represent a diverse array of habitats and bird species. These are vital to birds and deserve special attention and conservation.

## What is the IBA Program?

### THE IBA PROGRAM

- Is a global effort to identify area that are most important for birds.
- Involves community members in projects at IBAs to benefit birds
- Partners to protect, conserve and enhance habitat within Arizona's IBAs

### BIRD CONSERVATION IN ARIZONA

The IBA program is sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Arizona Bird Conservation Initiative, which places high priority on identifying and conserving special bird habitats.

The National Audubon Society recognizes over 2,500 sites nationwide. This network of IBAs benefits birds, their habitats and tall those who visit these special places.

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## Supporting Arizona's IBA Program

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support the IBA program through community science and stewardship.
- For experienced birders, this may include participating in bird surveys at IBAs.
- Those with less birding experience can help by volunteering for a site clean-up, habitat project, or assisting land and resource managers.
- Visit Arizona IBAs. Public awareness of these magnificent places is vital to their long-term preservation.

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