

Sonoran Audubon at the 2023 Tres Rios Nature Festival

Saturday at the nature festival was beautiful and sunny. It was also very busy! The 7:30am hike was well attended but strangely, not with the folks who signed up. Only one of the 13 registrants showed but, we had 13 anyway! Many **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, and **Yellow-rumped Warblers** were observed along with a few **American Robins**! The **Cliff Swallows** are also back already and swarming about their mud homes. We led several hikes during the day and gave out almost all of our prizes on day one to the scavenger hunt participants. They were to identify a bird by it's unique feature, an introduction to bird identification!



Sunday began cold windy and with a few sprinkles. Five layers didn't seem to help much. The early hike was still well attended but sightings were hard to come by. The day at the booth started slow but by the end it was busy again. The wind brought out soaring birds such as the **White Pelicans**, a **Bald Eagle**, an **Osprey**, and several **Black Vultures**. We were the first booth this year and we had a front row to the stage and great music but, it was a little too loud to talk to the guests.

Thanks to all of our volunteers as we could not do this without you! Kathy Dashell, Helen Pugh, Sandy Kehs, Andre Tarby, Peter Herstein, Andre Tarby, Joe Ford, Bob McCormick

2023 Festival Bird List – 50 species

Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Pied-billed Grebe, Common Gallinule, Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon), Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's hummingbird, American Coot, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Neotropic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Common Raven, Black Phoebe, Common Raven, Verdin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Marsh Wren, Northern Mockingbird, American Robin, House Finch, White-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Abert's Towhee, Great-tailed Grackle, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Common Yellow-throat, Red-winged Blackbird, Lesser Goldfinch, Northern Cardinal