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Audubon Society Plans Nature Center

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The National Audubon Society has signed a deal with Phoenix to lease 4 acres adjacent to the Rio Salado for its first nature center in Arizona.

When it is finished in 2008, the center will feature classrooms and laboratories, exhibit and discovery areas and outdoor experiences for children and adults.

"We are excited about being part of the city of Phoenix's Rio Salado Project," said Sam Campana, a vice president of the society. "Not only are we partners in this groundbreaking endeavor, we will have the opportunity to reach a large audience with our educational programs.

The deal was signed recently during a riverside luncheon for 150 business leaders hosted by Valley Forward, a non-profit organization committed to improving the environment and quality of life in Valley communities.

Because the center will be close to an urban area, it will be an ideal location for schoolchildren and others to explore nature in the revitalized Rio Salado, officials have said.

In June, Campana told the Phoenix City Council that the group planned to raise \$4 million to \$6 million for a six-year budget that would include the cost of planning, construction, and the first two years of operation.

Phoenix will kick in \$318,000 to help design the center. The council worked with Audubon Arizona for several months to come up with the agreement.

Rio Salado officials say 44 species of birds have been spotted in the area of the \$100 million Rio Salado Project nearing completion between 28th Street and 19th Avenue. The birds are being attracted by wetlands carved into that five-mile stretch of river bottom, which was once marred by dumps.

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At our next meeting....

March 9, 2005

**Carol Beardmore,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:
"Sonoran Joint Venture"**



Carol will talk about what the Joint Venture concept is, how they work with avian conservationists in northwest Mexico, what some of their projects are, and how SAS could help with some of their projects. Joint Venture works closely with Audubon on a number of topics including, IBAs, bird monitoring, and Watch List species

Carol is an Ornithologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Phoenix. She works out of the Migratory Bird Office in Albuquerque for the Sonoran Joint Venture program. She is the former Partners in Flight Western States Coordinator and is still involved through the PIF International Science Team. Previous to coming to Arizona, she worked on Golden-cheeked Warblers in Texas for the FWS and her M.S. Her son, David, now thinks all Arizona birds are brown and therefore boring, but will still accompany his mom on tropical birding trips (although he thinks SE AZ is pretty cool, being an expert trogon finder).

The Second Annual Tres Rios Nature Festival

In cooperation with Maricopa County Parks and
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Bring in the Spring and enjoy a beautiful Arizona spring day learning about this place we call "Tres Rios", the place where three rivers: the Agua Fria, Salt and Gila meet. This two-day event is a great excursion that is close to home! This Festival celebrates the rivers, wildlife, history and heritage of our community!

Listen and talk to experts about wildlife, the outdoors and the rich history of the area!

Take a beginning bird walk or pre-register for a more advanced wildlife watching tour (early Saturday and Sunday mornings).

Busses will take you to three of the most incredible wildlife viewing spots in the Phoenix area.

Explore the many display booths and vendors.

Enjoy a meal from our diverse food booths and listen to local entertainers!

Free Fishing Clinic for kids and youth.

Come experience our extensive children's area with hands-on crafts, live wildlife, educational displays and activities, storytelling and more!

Location: Estrella Mountain Regional Park - 14805 W. Vineyard Ave. Goodyear, five miles south of I-10 on Estrella Parkway.

Date: March 12-13, 2005

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Sunday)

Cost: Festival admission is \$10 per car – so bring your family and friends (a few classes and tours require an additional fee).

For more information contact:
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The project was to open in April, but officials say December's heavy rains may delay that. When it is completed, the restoration project will include 10 miles of trails for cycling, skating, running and walking.

Field Trip - Arlington Valley

February 4, 2005

By Eleanor Campbell

Rural Arlington Valley southwest of Phoenix with open fields, canals, disappearing ponds and the Gila River gave 19 eager birders ample habitat to explore. Led by Joan and Dean Luehrs, the group stopped numerous times to see such specialties as a White-tailed Kite hovering close to the road, a Bendire's Thrasher singing persistently in a tree top and many a Eurasian Collared-Dove.

They scoured the site of the former Arlington elementary school, now just grass and pine trees, and found the Prairie Falcon, several Vermilion Flycatchers, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco, and flushed a Great Horned Owl.

One mud hole with a little open water supported Least Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dunlin, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Gadwall.

Some even caught sight of a Wilson's Snipe and a Least Bittern. Several Swainson's Hawks were seen.

Although not everyone saw every species the bird count reached 70 including those seen by the leaders in Sun City at the end of the trip. Everyone enjoyed picnicking on a hillside above Gillespie Dam golden with wildflowers.

In addition to birds mentioned the following were seen: American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Black Vulture, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Gambel's Quail, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Horned Lark, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Phainopepla, Abert's Towhee, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Redwinged Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, and House Sparrow.

Other participants were: Don Samuels, Donna Smith, Vera Markham, Ian Jeffrey, Kathy and Jerry Hobbs, Marshall Esty, Shirley and Marty Fackelman, Eleanor Conant, George Wall, Liz Morris, Bob Cirillo, George Drew, Dick Fogle, Barb Meding and Eleanor Campbell.

Economic Impact of Birding in Arizona

Bird watching is the fastest growing outdoor activity in America. And for Arizona, bird and wildlife watching and eco-tourism mean big dollars and big business. In 2001 alone:

- \$1.4 billion in statewide economic impact
- 17,939 jobs in the state
- \$93.5 million in taxes for state and federal government
- One of the top ten states ranked by economic impact of nonresident bird and wildlife watchers
- 22% of Arizona residents participate in bird watching, the third highest state for number of birders in the country, over 1.1 million people
- There are an estimated 46 to 70 million bird watchers nation-wide

(2001 National and State Economic Impacts of Wildlife Watching, USFWS Report 2001-2; Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis, USFWS Report 2001-1)

SAS Web Site: www.sonoranaudubon.org

Join the National Audubon Society

New adult or family membership: \$20.00

Seniors and students: \$15.00

Renewal fee for seniors and students: \$15.00

These fees cover membership in the National Audubon Society and a subscription to Audubon magazine. An application form for National membership may be obtained from the chapter at the regular meeting or by contacting <chuckkan@mindspring.com>.

Each year all National members in the Sonoran Audubon chapter area receive the September *Gambel's Tales* that describes major chapter activities for the year. All monthly issues of *Gambel's Tales* may be obtained free from the chapter website <www.sonoranaudubon.org> or by mail for \$10.00 per year. If you wish to get the newsletter by mail or to be notified when a new issue is placed on the website, please contact chuckkan@mindspring.com or by mail to: Sonoran Audubon Society P O Box 8068 Glendale, AZ 85312-8068

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The above sign was prepared by Jak Keyser, one of our talented members, and will be displayed at our meeting refreshment table:

Thank you Trader Joe's, and Fry's Marketplace for your generosity.

Release at Alamo Dam Mimics Natural Flood - from the Arizona Riparian Council

A collaborative effort by several organizations is helping to guide operation of Alamo Dam so that water releases from the dam will improve riparian habitat along the Bill Williams River near Parker. The controlled release of water from the dam that began February 15 in response to recent rains and flood runoff will more closely mimic natural, seasonal flow patterns that enable restoration of the river's natural processes and riparian, or streamside, habitats.

"The conservation implications of this project are huge," said Larry Voyles, regional supervisor, region 4, for Arizona Game and Fish Department. "We know that dams are essential to meeting the water needs of Arizonans. This project not only will help to meet those needs, but also to restore one of the last, best remaining woodland habitats along the lower Colorado River system."

The flood release started with discharges up to 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) in response to a recent flood inflow. Releases will continue for several weeks, with a maximum discharge of about 5,500 cfs this week. Toward the end of the release, outflow will be gradually reduced to enable young cottonwood and willow seedlings within the floodplain to better tap higher groundwater levels created by the controlled release.

This controlled flood release will help to restore native trees along the corridor, benefit native fish and wildlife habitat and provide an opportunity to collect scientific data to inform future management, according to Pat Graham, state director of The Nature Conservancy in Arizona.

"The Bill Williams River corridor has been invaded by non-native tamarisk trees that have pushed out much of the native growth," Graham explained. "This flood event occurs at an opportune time, when native cottonwood trees are regenerating. Not only will the return to a natural, high river flow help establish new cottonwoods, but its timing and managed reduction of flow later should inhibit invasive species from taking hold."

According to Joe Evelyn, hydrology and hydraulics branch chief for the Corps' Los Angeles district, the Corps values the opportunity to join stakeholders in formulating solutions that are acceptable and can be implemented at all levels-locally, regionally and nationally.

"The Corps benefits from the conservation partnerships, biological expertise, community presence and scientifically based approach to resolving natural resource management issues that our partners offer," he said. "In turn, the Corps provides a multi-disciplinary staff and experience with water resources projects-especially now

that environmental protection and restoration have taken on increased importance for us."

The historic release also is part of the nationwide Sustainable Rivers Project-a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to change management of dams operated by the Corps on nine river systems nationally, including the Bill Williams River in Arizona. The project's focus is to restore essential river flow patterns as a means of improving river health. At Alamo Dam, the Conservancy and Corps also partner with members of the Bill Williams River Corridor Steering Committee to achieve common management goals.

More than 340 bird species, including two on the federal endangered species list, have been observed in the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the USFWS.

Field Trip - Thunderbird Park

February 15, 2005
By Carolyn Modeen

Eighteen early risers, Carolyn Modeen - leader, Clara Rogers, John Gottfried, Vera Markham, Liz and Stew Morris, Marge Eckman, Barbara Meding, Clara Mae Ryder, Marshall Esty, Stanley and Marty Fackelman, Carol Maroney, Chuck and Loretta Richards, Andrea Nesbitt, Chuck Kangas and Fran Baughman, left the Sun Bowl parking lot at 7am to do some bird watching.

It doesn't get any better than this at Thunderbird Park! The lush green growth promoted numerous feeding birds--one of the shrikes had the tail of a lizard swinging from its beak, as we admired he\she and the breakfast! Sorry to see the Black-crowned Night Herons are being displaced by the numerous cormorants--only two of the herons were visible--we couldn't even count all the cormorants.

Here is the list of the 33 species seen or heard: Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Common Merganser, Ruddy Duck, American Coot, Killdeer (Heard), Rock Pigeons, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker (Heard), Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Northern Mockingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, Abert's Towhee, Northern Cardinal, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch and White Crowned Sparrow.

Spring 2005 Field Trips

Sonoran Audubon strongly encourages carpooling on all outings!

Please organize your own carpool, consolidate vehicles at meeting places, and/or contact leaders for carpooling assistance. Field Trips are rated in difficulty levels one, the easiest, to five, the most difficult. It is recommended that passengers reimburse drivers at an agreed rate.

REMINDERS: Don't forget water, sunscreen, hats and insect repellent. Wear neutral colors.

March 18-20 , 2005

Salton Sea, California & Yuma, Arizona with Henry Detwiler

Contact: Chuck Kangas 623-931-6677

chuckkan@mindspring.com

Sorry This trip is full. Will take back-ups.

This will be a three day trip. We will drive to Yuma on March 18, bird the Yuma hot spots and spend the night there at the Comfort Inn in Yuma. There is a wide selection of motels in Yuma but make your reservations early. On March 19 we will drive to Salton Sea and spend the day birding the area, returning to Yuma for the night. On March 20, we will again bird the area around Yuma, then drive back to Phoenix.

Henry Detwiler is an extremely accomplished tour leader and there will be a charge of \$ 20.00 per person. Those of you who haven't been to the Salton Sea will have a pleasant surprise. Thousands of water birds winter in Salton Sea, with many other birds in the surrounding area. Henry will bring us to some of his favorite birding spots around Yuma. Call Chuck to secure a place on the trip, as it should fill up fast.

Meet at Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave just south of Peoria Ave in Sun City or meet at Denny's at the corner of I-10 and Litchfield Road. Contact Chuck Kangas for the itinerary and travel arrangements. Leave at 8:00 AM

Difficulty 2

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Estrella Mountain Park/El Mirage Ponds

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

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This regional park is an excellent birding area with easy walking. Over 100 species have been recorded at various times in this area. Afterwards, a quick trip to the El Mirage ponds should produce some water and shorebirds.

Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Avenue just south of Peoria Avenue in Sun City at 7:00 AM,

Difficulty: 1 (some easy walking) Morning only

Saturday March 26, 2005

Hassayampa River Preserve

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623-977-7639

ercamp@juno.com

This is one of our favorite places to bird. At this time of year we should have the first of the migrating species and the last of the winter residents. A good time to check out the preserve. The Preserve has been the nesting site for the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and the Red-shouldered Hawk. Meet at the south east corner of the Bell Recreation Center Parking lot at 7:00 AM.

Also you can meet at the Hassayampa River Preserve on Route 60 about 3 miles southeast of Wickenburg, about 45 miles west of Glendale at 8:00 a.m. Donation to The Nature Conservancy is \$5 per person.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only (A picnic area is available for lunching after the trip.)

Sunday, April 3

Beginning Birder Class

Leaders: Bob McCormick (602) 237-3951

McBobAZ@aol.com

We will be conducting a beginning birder class at the Thunderbird Park picnic area and the nearby Heritage Fund Pond. We will be covering the birding basics; identification, books, binoculars, etc. The first part of the class will cover the desert birds at the park and then we will drive over to the pond to view the ducks and herons. The class in November 2003 had 38 species.

Morning Only ARRIVE at 8:00 a.m. at the south end of the Thunderbird Park picnic area. We will be at one of the pagodas near the restrooms. This regional park is located about 1 1/2 miles North of the loop 101. Plan on about 3 hours of birding. Please call to register.

Difficulty: 1

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Pinal Airport Pecan Grove/Sweetwater (Tucson Area)

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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The Pinal Airport Pecan Grove on the way to Sweetwater is a nice location for hawks and woodpeckers in the scarred cottonwoods. Warblers and other birds may be seen in a few pecan trees still standing. The Sweetwater Wastewater Treatment Plant has designed an area with birders in mind. A nice easy walk around the ponds on very nice paths will provide an abundance of birds and waterfowl. 40-70 species can be seen on this trip.

Meet at Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave just south of Peoria Ave in Sun City. Leave at 6:30 am

Difficulty: 1 (easy walking) All day, bring a lunch

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Spring 2005 Field Trips

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Sycamore Creek

Leader: Eleanor Campbell 623 977-7639

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Sycamore Creek meanders on both sides of dual highway Rte. 87 going Northeast toward Payson.

At Bushnell Tanks there is a grove of old sycamores and running water where orioles, tanagers, vireos and flycatchers may be seen. Walking along old Rte. 87 where it has been closed except for local traffic expect to see Black-headed Grosbeaks, Lazuli Buntings and warblers there. On the last trip to the area the group was treated to a flock of Lark Sparrows and Western Kingbirds. The Common Black-Hawk nests here.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center at Boswell and Hutton Dr. one block south of Bell Rd. in Sun City to leave at 6:30 a.m. or call the leader to arrange a meeting place farther East.

Difficulty: 1 Bring Lunch

Saturday-Sunday, April 30-May 1, 2005

Roosevelt Lake and the Sierra Anchas

Leader: Troy Corman 602-482-6187

aplomado@cox.net

This weekend car camping trip is scheduled for the peak period for spring migration of birds in Gila County, so you never know what we might encounter. We will visit many habitats and elevations in search of a great diversity of birds. This includes water birds at Roosevelt Lake and birds of the desert, riparian woodlands, and cool mountain forests. Since this is an overnight camping trip, we may also try our luck with detecting nocturnal owls and night-jars. This field trip may include some strenuous mountain trail hiking, and higher clearance vehicles may be needed in a few areas. Please note this is a joint trip with Maricopa Audubon and space is limited to only 15 participants, roughly evenly distributed between the two Societies. Car pooling is required. Call leader for reservations and additional information.

Difficulty: 3

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Granite Reef Dam/Coon Bluff

Leader: Dick Fogle 623-584-3922

rfogle@qwest.net

These sites on the Salt River in the Tonto National Forest are good habitats for ducks, herons, hawks and Bald Eagles. The mesquite riparian area is also home to a variety of birds.

Meet at Bell Recreation Center parking lot on Hutton Dr near Boswell for car-pooling. Leave at 7:00 AM. Call leader for directions on meeting farther east and for details.

Difficulty 1 – Easy trails. Bring Lunch & spotting scope if available.

Friday May 6, 2005

Box Canyon

Leader Nancy London 928-684-5530

55407@w3az.net

Box Canyon is a high-walled canyon of the Hassayampa River located about 12 miles northeast of Wickenburg. Because of the drought there has been little or no water in recent years. But if the current rains continue, then by May we may have to walk through some water. Wear old tennis shoes and bring a change of shoes and socks to leave in the vehicles. Also bring a backpack with lunch and water. We should be back in Wickenburg by 2 p.m. The road to the trailhead is passable by a regular car, if it hasn't rained the day before.

On the drive to the Canyon we will see the usual resident desert birds, but in the Canyon we can expect to see riparian birds, residents and migrants. We will surely hear calling Canyon Wrens. The likely birds at the Box are the same as at the Hassayampa River Preserve, if we have a rainy fall/winter.

Meet at 8:00 am at the Wickenburg Community Center: as you travel northwest on Hwy. 60 entering Wickenburg you will cross the bridge over the Hassayampa, turn right immediately after the bridge and you will be looking at a large white building and surrounding parking lot.

Difficulty: 2

Tuesday-Thursday, May 24-26, 2005

Springerville, Arizona

Leaders: Dick Fogle 623-584-3922 rfogle@qwest.net

& George Wall 623-875-7057

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The migration should be in full swing at this time of year in Springerville and in that area are numerous birding spots. Here are some of the places we'll visit: (1) Becker Lake where a pair of Bald Eagles has been seen. (2) Weima Wildlife Area managed by the Arizona Game and Fish has 2 easy walking trails along the Little Colorado River through cottonwoods and reeds. Warblers and other birds should be numerous. (3) Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area with a loop trail that goes by McKay Reservoir. Bluebirds, Juncos and other birds should be plentiful. (4) The South Fork area that is in a small canyon in which lies the Little Colorado River. Birds seen here have included Veery, American Redstart, Gray Catbird & Indigo Bunting. This is also antelope and deer country and hopefully we'll see some.

This is a joint Birders' Anonymous & Sonoran Audubon Society trip. We'll be staying at the Best Western in Eager on the 24th and 25th. (Continued on Page 7)

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Spring 2005 Field Trips

Difficulty: 1-2 as these are easy trails that run anywhere from ½ mile to 6 miles depending on how much you want to walk or you can just wait at the trail heads where there are also plenty of birds.

Limit: This trip is limited to 20 people and will require a lot of coordination for rooming and car-pooling. Call one of the leaders to get your name on the trip list. Please don't submit your name as a participant unless you really intend to go.

Saturday, June 4, 2005

Yarnell City Park

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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Yarnell is a charming town that welcomes birders in the Weaver Mountains. Off route 89 northeast of Wickenburg. This is high desert valley at 4780 ft. the park has restrooms and picnic tables with well cared for trails. There is a nice restaurant in town where some of us will have lunch. The rest can have a picnic lunch in the park.

Birds that have been seen are nesting juniper titmouse, acorn woodpecker, all three towhees, warblers, vireos, and orioles.

Meet at Wickenburg Community Center at 7AM. As you travel northwest on Highway 60 entering Wickenburg, you will cross the bridge over the Hassayampa river, turn right immediately after the bridge, the road goes around a bend and you will see a large white building and parking lot on the right. It's a short scenic drive up the mountain to Yarnell.

Difficulty 1

Saturday, June 18, 2005

Pinal Mountains/Signal Peak

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

wallaby@worldnet.att.net

This is a trip to the Pinal Mountains south of Globe away from the heat of the valley and into the higher elevations of the Tonto National Forest. The beauty of the area is unmatched and birders should be awarded with views of nuthatches, woodpeckers and other high forest birds.

The last time this trip was done was in September 27, 2003. Eleanor Campbell wrote about that trip : "Wild and wonderful was the view from Pinal Mountain and Signal Peak in the Pinal Mountains south of Globe, Arizona."

Difficulty: 2 – Bring Lunch. There are several picnic grounds on Pinal Peak. This is at least a 2 hour drive; so car-pooling is a must.

Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot (107th south of Peoria in Sun City) prior to the 5:30 am departure time. We'll be stopping for breakfast at a local restaurant located just before the birding area.

Flagstaff Thursday-Friday, July 7-8, 2005

Leaders: Nancy Reed 623-876-8807

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and Jayne McNeill 623-594-2500

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Here's another summer get-away to the cooler climate of Flagstaff. Thursday we will bird the Flagstaff Arboretum and then go to Nancy Reed's house. Who can forget Nancy Reed's backyard porch where you're looking down on feeders and small pools of water. Here you are bound to see a lot of birds like the Pygmy Nuthatch, Harry Woodpecker, American Robin, and Western Bluebird frolicking and bathing right in front of you. A real treat! Nancy is scouting the Flagstaff area to select the areas to bird on Friday.

Difficulty: 1 – Bring lunch. You should make this trip an overnigher by staying at a local motel after a full day of birding on Thursday. This is another long drive and we'll be leaving the Bell Recreation center parking lot at 5:30 am; so be there a few minutes early. If you miss this pick-up spot, or will be staying in Flagstaff, we will be meeting at the Flagstaff Arboretum at 9am to start the day of birding.

California Gulch and Southern Arizona

Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 15 –17, 2005

Leader: Andrée Tarby 480-948-1074

This is a repeat of some very successful trips that Andrée Tarby has previously led . In the past we have seen almost all of the target birds we went to see, including the Five-striped Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Varied Bunting, and the Botteri's Sparrow. I believe all the target birds were seen through the scope, so all of us had good looks at them. This year we also will look for the Buff-collared Nightjar, a Mexican specialty. This is a bird that many of our members need for a life bird.

The plan is to drive to Nogales and spend the night leaving very early Saturday morning. Some of us will plan to see some birds on Friday on our way down to Nogales.

We go along some very rough roads so 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary. We hope to have enough 4-wheel drive vehicles to put in extra people who might want to drive their own cars. It's only the last few miles where 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary.

Call Andrée Tarby for details of the trip and she'll also try to arrange for car pooling.

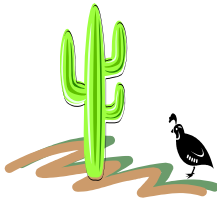
Additional field trips for July and August will appear in next month's newsletter.

Calendar of Monthly Meetings...

**Location: Auditorium, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street
(one block south of Peoria Ave. & 59th Ave. intersection) Time: 6:30 p.m.**

March 9, 2005	Carol Beardmore, US Fish and Wildlife Service: "Sonoran Joint Venture"
April 13, 2005	Kurt Rademaker: "Birding in Baja California"
May 11, 2005	Terry Stevens,: "Second Chance: Wildlife Rescue and Rehab"

Other Dates of Interest: March 2 at 6:45 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library in the small meeting room. All SAS members welcome.



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