



Gambel's Tales

The Newsletter of the Sonoran Audubon Society

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At our next meeting.... Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Kathy Sullivan: California Condors



Photo by Chris Parish/The Peregrine Fund

Kathy Sullivan has been the California Program Coordinator for AZ Game and Fish since January, 2005. She has also worked with Whooping Cranes in Florida when she was on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Sandhill Cranes in Mississippi, Spotted Owls and Goshawks in Arizona. She also engaged in marine animal research in Mexico. She graduated in 1993 from Brown University.

What do you know about one of our most endangered species of birds? Who are its enemies? What can you do to help this magnificent bird? Join us and find out the answers!

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What's Happening in our Chapter?

By Your Editor, George Wall

The Sonoran Audubon Society board meeting convened at 7 p.m. on September 3, 2008. The attendees were Bob McCormick, Karen LaFrance, Chuck Richards, John Arnett, Eleanor Campbell, Rich and Carol Schooler, Diana Barnum, Annie Teff, Andrée Tarby, and George Wall.

After review and approval of last month's minutes, the committee reports were made.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership: There are 606 active members,
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What's Happening in our Chapter?

with 42 of them new members. There are 194 expired members and 81 expired friends. Letters will be sent to them. The database was discussed as National Audubon is currently working on a new database program. Currently it is a lot of work keeping up with what they send to us. John Arnett said he would volunteer to help with the database.

B. Education: Rich Schooler reported that family bird walks will start on the 2nd Saturday of each month. See the separate article on this subject. The 4th Sunday Bird Walks at Estrella Mountain Park will also still be performed.

C. Field Trips: Trips are scheduled through December. A trip committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008, to plan trips through May.

D. Programs: Fliers for the October program were passed out in order to be distributed. Purchase of audio-visual equipment for our programs was discussed. Karen LaFrance submitted a grant request for part of this purchase.

E. Finance: The safe deposit box was terminated saving us \$75 per year since nothing of importance was kept in it. The SAS phone was also terminated. The SAS budget for next year will be looked at to see if it can be improved.

C. Conservation: Tina Bickel had submitted a Verde River Position Statement. See the statement on page 7.

Other Items of Discussion:

Bob McCormick said the 2009 calendars are ready and it was decided to again sell them for \$8.

The SAS Board Retreat was discussed. See separate article on ton page 4 on he results of the retreat.

Karen LaFrance discussed some of the grants awarded and some that will be submitted.

Karen also discussed her Hog Island Audubon Camp experience.

Bob McCormick reported that the Tres Rios Nature Festival planning has begun, but funds are very tight. No date for the festival has been set as of this meeting.

Daniela Yellan submitted her resignation from the board. A replacement will be sought.

Fall/Winter 2008 Field Trips

REQUIREMENT: On all trips, **YOU MUST** make reservations by calling. The leader can then give updated information as to the meeting place, times, etc. Also, some trips are limited in size.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Lockett Meadow

Leader: Dan Bohlmann 602-938-8244

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Lockett Meadow is a beautiful meadow in the area between the five peaks that make up the San Francisco Peaks. There is a small pond that attracts some high altitude birds along with the fir, spruce and aspen forest that surrounds the meadow. The elevation is 8,600 ft and it is reached by a gravel road that can be driven by any passenger car. Because of the high altitude I have seen Sapsuckers, Gray Jays, Clark's Nutcrackers, Mountain Bluebirds, Hermit Thrushes and Red Crossbills there.

Difficulty: 2 Bring a Lunch

Meet at Denny's near I17 and Bell to leave at 6:30. Call for reservations and alternate meeting location.

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Rio Salado

Leader: George Wall 623-875-7057

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Rio Salado is one of our newer birding areas on the Salt River in downtown Phoenix. There is plenty of water in the ponds and the river so birds should be there.

Difficulty: 1 This is a morning walk only

Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave. in Sun City just south of Peoria Ave. to leave at 6:15 a.m. or meet at the Rio Salado parking lot on South Central Ave (Northeast Corner) a little before 7 a.m.

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Arlington Valley

Leader: Donna Smith 623-556-9535

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Arlington Valley west of Phoenix and Buckeye and south of Arlington with fields, ponds, canals, open water, and desert is a good place to search for birds. In past fall field trips Sandhill Cranes were seen in fields and American White Pelicans were at Gillespie Dam. Long-billed Dowitcher, Horned Lark,

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Winter/Spring 2008-9 Field Trips

American Pipit and American Avocet have been seen. A rare bird sighting has sometimes created excitement.

Difficulty: 1 Bring Lunch.

Meet at the Sun Bowl parking lot on 107th Ave. just south of Peoria Ave. in Sun City at 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Gilbert Water Ranch

Leaders: Chuck & Loretta Richards 623-594-6554 carichards@nowonline.net

The Gilbert Water Ranch is one of the Valley's better winter birding places. The ponds attract large numbers of ducks and shore birds. There are many common permanent valley birds, plus lots of other winter migrants. The trails are well maintained, graveled and level. Fifty plus birds are usually seen or heard on trips to this site.

Difficulty: 1 Morning only.

Be sure to contact the leader to register and arrange carpooling. Meet at Lowe's parking lot on Thunderbird just west of 83rd Ave. by the Burger King. There is lots of parking available. We plan to leave at 7:00 a.m. There may be an additional meeting place designated along I-17 if needed (to join at GWR).

Friday – Sunday, February 20-22, 2009

Yuma and the Salton Sea with Henry Detwiler

Coordinator: Chuck Richards 623-594-6554 carichards@nowonline.net

We will be leaving mid-morning on Friday the 20th. Birding on the way will depend on opportunities. After lunch, we will bird the Yuma area adjacent to the Colorado River. Saturday morning we will be joined by Henry Detwiler and leave early for the Salton Sea where we will bird all day. Sunday will also be an early day with Henry. We will bird the morning in areas east of Yuma before returning to Phoenix. To insure maximum access to all Salton Sea birding locations, high clearance and all wheel drive would be preferred. There will only be 4 vehicles used for the portions of the trip guided by Henry.

Difficulty: 1

There is a limit of 15 people for the trip. The fee per person for our guide is \$35 which the coordinator

will collect. More information will be provided prior to the trip.

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Madera Canyon

Leader: Richard Kaiser 602 276-3312

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Situated in the Coronado National Forest in southern Arizona, this is one of the nation's top birding areas. The habitat varies from the grasslands of Florida Canyon to a heavily wooded area above the 5,000 foot level. We will be looking for birds from parking areas for the famous Proctor Road, Bog Springs and Santa Rita Lodge feeders. Species we will look for include Painted Redstart, Arizona Woodpecker, Yellow-eyed Junco, Ash-throated Flycatcher, and Elegant Trogon.

Difficulty: 1 Bring a lunch.

Contact the leader to confirm the expected meeting place of the intersection of Continental Road with Madera Canyon Road, and the meeting time of 7:00 a.m. This trip might be extended into Sunday morning.

FAMILY BIRD WALKS

By Rich Schooler

The Sonoran Audubon Society Family Bird Walks will start on October 11th, 2008. The Family Bird Walks will be held the second Saturday of each month starting in October and continuing through April at the Maricopa County Estrella Mountain Park located at Bullard Avenue and Vineyard Road. The bird walks will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Meet at the gravel parking lot near the northeast corner of the park. There is a \$6.00 per vehicle charge for entering the park; however, the bird walks are otherwise free of charge.

We will have loaner binoculars available for those without. In addition, books and Sonoran Audubon Society T-shirts and polo shirts will be available for purchase. Once again this year, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will be showing live birds at the Family Bird Walks. For further information contact Rich Schooler at 623-930-8904.

Sonoran Audubon Society Planning Retreat By Karen LaFrance

The yearly planning retreat was held on September 13, 2008. Attending were Chuck Kangas, Donna Smith, John Arnett, Chuck Richards, Loretta Richards, Karen LaFrance, Rich Schooler, Carol Schooler, Bob McCormick, Tim Cullison, Eleanor Campbell, Andree Tarby, Annie Teff, Diana Barnum and Christine Franson, Facilitator from Game and Fish. The theme of the retreat was "Putting the C into SAS" "C: meaning Conservation.

Morning Session: Bringing Conservation Strategies into SAS Education initiatives:

Karen LaFrance briefly explained the process she learned at Hog Island Camp this summer for determining what birds need to be focused on for Conservation purposes. The process IDs the birds, what habitats they live in, fly through or nest in, what audiences can be identified whose actions can be helpful to conservation of these identified birds and how to develop the plan. John Arnett also uses this method with the Air Force properties he is working on. The group practiced the methodology at the retreat, recognizing that the birds chosen are examples that will need to be reviewed in a more systematic way, using various studies, the IBAs and input from Audubon AZ to complete a more formal SAS birds-of-focus list. Taking the results of the retreat brainstorming, the actual plans for Conservation will be completed in the appropriate SAS committees. These plans will then be coordinated and overseen by an expanded Conservation Planning Committee which includes the chairs or co-chairs of all committees.

The group brainstormed a List of Birds of Concern which are endangered in the West Valley and Watersheds of interest to SAS. After a short discussion of criteria such as "most endangered", easiest to explain, cool looking, etc. the group picked its "Top Five List" for the day: Cactus Wren, Burrowing Owl, Costa's Hummingbird, Verdin, Gilded Flicker and one tougher bird - the Black Throated Sparrow. The attendees broke into groups and worked on Conservation issues, habitats, audiences and opportunities for their assigned birds.

Afternoon Session: Bringing Conservation Strategies into other SAS areas of interest:

These areas were Hospitality, Monthly membership meetings, SAS Friends, Program Committee, Publicity, P.R. the newsletter, etc., Advocacy and Trips.

Planning Retreat Summary Results: Education Committee, Trips Committee, PR and Publicity Committee,

Membership/ Friends Committee, the IBA Committee and Hospitality Committee all have assignments now to determine what ideas they want to implement. The expanded Conservation Committee and the Board will determine how to settle on the final list of Focus Birds to center activities of SAS on Conservation issues and initiatives. The further purpose is to engage SAS Friends and Members in pro-active, yet fun, work and documentation on behalf of saving the endangered bird species that we all like to see in favorite habitats and birding spots in the West Valley.

These committees would welcome participation from any members interested. If you would like to participate in further planning and meetings with these committees, please contact committee chairs or co-chairs (list is on the SAS website: www.sonoranaudubon.org).

Olive-backed Forest Robin

On August 18, 2008, the Smithsonian Institution released pictures and information on a new species of robin that was found in 2003 in Gabon, Africa. Release of the information had to wait while comparisons and genetic tests were performed to insure that it was a new species.

This was an accidental discovery which goes to show you that new birds are still being found even while we lose others.



Photo credit—Brian Schmidt

Oaxaca Valley, Oaxaca, Mexico

By Rich Schooler

During March, 2008, my wife Carol and I were able to go on an eight day guided birding trip to Ciudad Oaxaca in the State of Oaxaca in Mexico with Borderland Tours of Tucson, Arizona. Our trip leader was Rick Taylor, the founder and owner of Borderland Tours. One of the things we enjoyed about this trip was the fact that it was based in a single lovely small hotel in Ciudad Oaxaca, so no moving around and repacking. The grounds of the hotel were beautiful with large trees over the lush courtyard and some of the best food we have ever eaten on a birding trip. Birds seen on the hotel grounds included: Rufous-backed Robin, Clay-colored Robin, Dusky Hummingbird and what seemed like every Nashville Warbler on earth.

The birding for the week was done in the nearby pine-oak mountain habitat and the desert scrub and agricultural habitats around Ciudad Oaxaca including several Toltec and Mixtec Indian ruins. This trip concentrated on Mexican and Oaxacan endemics, many of which cannot be found anywhere else in Mexico. We were able to tally 30 life birds including 27 Mexican and/or Oaxacan endemics.



Crested Caracara—Photo by Rich Schooler

The group saw over 160 species. Some of the highlight birds for me included: at least 30 Least Grebes on one pond, lots of Crested Caracaras, Lesser Roadrunner, Mountain Trogon, White-striped and Spot-crowned Woodcreepers, Tufted Flycatcher, Golden Vireo, Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo, Dwarf Jay, Gray-barred Wren, Black Robin, Oscillated Thrasher, Blue Mockingbird, Crescent-chested Warbler, Red Warbler (a real stunner), Slate-throated

Redstart, Golden-browed Warbler, Collared Towhee, and Oaxaca Sparrow. But my favorite bird of the trip was, believe it or not, a SPARROW! The Bridled Sparrow was observed at the Mixtec ruins of Yagul in a desert scrub habitat. This bird is absolutely stunning in brown, orange and black. Don't bother looking it up in the field guides though, because they don't do this bird justice.

Airline problems aside, this was a great trip, with one of the best bird guides I have ever traveled with, awesome accommodations and food and a really great group of fellow birders. In addition to the birding, we were able to visit the pre-Spanish Indian ruins at Monte Alban, Yagul as well as the Cathedral and adjacent museum in Ciudad Oaxaca. We also stopped for lunch one day at a restaurant with a Mescal press and visited a Toltec Indian weaving cooperative (bought a rug of course).

Although a couple of the days in the mountains were rather long, this was a relatively relaxed trip since we did not have to change accommodations. Ciudad Oaxaca is an interesting and relatively clean city (except for the graffiti). Borderland Tours also has a Grand Oaxaca tour that runs the week following the Oaxaca Valley tour and goes to the tropical lowlands and coastal areas. In fact most of the people on our trip (there were seven) were continuing on for the Grand Oaxaca tour. One thing I would do differently the next time would be to go to Ciudad Oaxaca a day early to avoid/minimize issues with airlines (i.e., missed connections and late luggage).

Book Review

By George Wall

I recently finished reading a book entitled "To See Every Bird on Earth" by Dan Koeppel written in 2006.

It was a fascinating story of his father, Richard Koeppel, who is one of only a dozen or so people who have seen over 7,200 birds. It is a story of a bird lister who traveled near and far to see as many birds as possible.

What intrigued me most were the many types of bird listers in the world, how obsessed they could be and the various ways they counted their birds. When you read the book, you'll also learn interesting information about other big name bird listers.

After reading it, I realized that I too am a "lister." Even though I haven't reached the 2,000 mark yet, I will if God will let me.

Letter to National Audubon Society Concerning Hog Island Camp

By Karen LaFrance

Karen LaFrance who attended the Hog Island Camp sent the following letter to Carol Browner of the National Audubon Society. It should be of interest to many and it is shown below in its entirety.

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August 24, 2008

Ms. Carol M. Browner, Chair
National Audubon Society
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Dear Ms. Browner:

Please accept my deepest personal gratitude for the financial support that National Audubon provides so that local Audubon Chapter representatives may attend Leadership Camp at Hog Island, Maine. I attended Hog Island camp this month along with a group of 24 that included Bob Perciascepe and other Audubon staff, former Board member Hardy Eshbaugh and current Board member Alan Dolan. The experience was fabulous and very, very rewarding for this long time Auduboner! ...and for my local chapter. As a result, I feel compelled to share a thought with you, the Board and the staff.

The Hog Island property is certainly a treasure. Equally important is the curriculum--a comprehensive course on what NAS is, its vision and the practical implications for local chapters. I support efforts to engage grass roots and to increase Audubon activism consistent with NAS' history as a conservation organization. And, I commend NAS for Together Green which will help build local chapters' capacity to bring the passion for birds to the saving of landscapes.

NAS should offer more local Audubon chapter volunteers financial assistance to attend Hog Island Camp. This will serve the NAS goal to empower the grassroots and train and value volunteer conservation activists. One additional Hog Island "class" of 24 persons per year, inspired by Audubon staff and other speakers, could be significant in these times that require serious activism. In a Washington populated by well financed and trained advocates from the extractive industries, we must all work to position Audubon with numbers of willing citizen advocates equally knowledgeable and motivated.

It is strategically important for the longer term that greater numbers of Auduboners hear directly, and become inspired by, the messages put forth at Hog Island. I believe that the creative dialogue amongst NAS staff, board members and local chapter representatives starts there. As the chapters gain capacity and the Toyota grants play out, National Audubon will be changed in ways only partially contemplated now. These changes will be for the better for Audubon and for bird and wild-life habitat conservation. I wanted you to know that I appreciate NAS' role in fostering such change and that I want to see more.

My fellow board members at Sonoran Audubon Society look forward to helping Audubon Arizona and the other Arizona chapters welcome you and the NAS Board to your 2009 Phoenix area Board meeting. I hope we have an opportunity to showcase our chapter's work including the Important Bird Areas we monitor.

Sincerely,

Karen LaFrance

Cc: John Flicker, Bob Perciascepe, Alan Dolan, Hardy Eshbaugh, Seth Benz, Sam Campana, Les Corey, Lynn Tennefoss, Sonoran Audubon Society Board, Hog Island Camp 2008 attendees

The Verde River

Submitted by Tina Bickel

The Verde River is one of the last semi-arid perennial rivers in the United States. According to U.S. Geological Survey reports, the first 24 miles, also referred to as the upper Verde River, rely on springs originating from the Big Chino aquifer for at least 80% of its base flow. Without baseflow, a stream is a dry wash, flowing only during storm runoff. Hydrologists predict that pumping water from the aquifer will eventually result in a near equal reduction of flow in the Verde River.

The upper Verde River provides some of the best habitat for native fish recovery and is home to populations of other key species in an ecologically diverse habitat. The spring flow is crucial to downstream riparian habitat required by Arizona's bald eagle, western yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow flycatcher, and other important and sensitive, birds, amphibians, and reptiles.

The degradation and/or loss of riparian habitat causes serious negative and irreversible consequences for the wildlife and plant species dependent on those habitats and precludes governmental agencies and the public from obtaining cultural, social, economic, and recreational benefits. Specifically, reduction in the baseflow in the upper Verde threatens the health of many native fish and wildlife species, diminishes the recreational opportunities on the river, and reduces the availability of clean water to downstream communities and farms in the Verde Valley and in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Position

We, the undersigned, believe that as currently proposed, the Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley water importation projects, as well as planned and potential large scale development projects in the Big Chino Valley will greatly reduce the flow in the upper Verde River. These projects will reduce flow by intercepting Big Chino groundwater that currently flows to the river. The reduction in flow will adversely impact the abundant wildlife and plants that inhabit the region and the people that enjoy the river.

Protecting Arizona's scarce renewable water resources is critical to our existence and the economic viability of our future. Responsible regional planning on a local level is essential to set the proper course.

The three communities and large-scale developers must implement comprehensive plans to prevent adverse impacts to the river caused by their projects and without making the Verde an effluent dependent river. These plans must be completed prior to commencing construction of pumping or pipeline infrastructure. We strongly recommend that these communities and developers work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prepare Habitat Conservation Plans or other mitigation plans that would prevent adverse impacts.

Further, the communities and county must develop aggressive water conservation and regional water management activities in order to avoid further depleting the aquifers that supply the headwaters of the Verde River.

Working together, we can keep the Verde River flowing.

The Sonoran Audubon Society has signed on to the position statement as shown above.



EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE VALLEY

Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Project

A birders paradise awaits you just 1/2 mile south of downtown Phoenix! Discover many of the 200 species of birds that have been identified at the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area as you walk along the Salt River.

The bird walk for this month is on Saturday, October 4, 2008, led by Tom Gaskill. The walk is from 7:30-9:30 a.m. (CourseID #50717). Meet at the visitors' plaza on the north bank at Central Ave.

You need to make your reservation in advance by visiting <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS> and click on Classes and Programs and enter the course number. You can also call 602-262-6863 and leave a voice mail. Note: All of the courses above including the bird walk have a cost of \$5 for adults, \$1 for youths and seniors,

Birders' Anonymous

Birders' Anonymous, a group of birdwatchers, has their next meeting on Friday, October 17, 2008, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Palms on the corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. in Sun City in King Hall. The program will be given by Danica Norris of the Arizona Wilderness Coalition who will be talking about the West Valley projects that are currently going on.

For further information about Birders' Anonymous contact Marshall Esty at 623-977-1637 or at mne@cox.net

Desert Botanical Garden

Desert Botanical Garden entrance fees of \$10.00 (\$9.00 seniors) apply unless you're a DBG member. Membership is \$55 a year. See their website at www.dbg.org for further information.

Hassayampa River Preserve

There is an Interpretive Nature Walk on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 8:30-10 a.m. This is an easy walk along the trails to catch sight of migratory and resident birds as well as other wildlife.

On Sunday, October 26, 2008, from 8-10 a.m. there is a class on Bird Migration and following the class is a one hour birding walk around the preserve.

For those into bird banding, the dates are Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, October 25, 2008, starting at 6:30 a.m.

Entrance fees are \$5, TNC members \$3 and children 12 and under are free. For information call 928 684-2772 or e-mail www.bmccollum@tnc.org.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Visitors are invited to join our 8:30-11 a.m. guided bird walks to learn about other species. ASU Professor Dave Pearson will be guiding the October 4 walk and then Marceline Vandewater October 12, Arizona Game & Fish Department's Troy Corman October 18, "father-and-son birding team" Grant & Tyler Loomis October 26 (along with Vera Walters). You can't beat these leaders!

Boyce Thompson Arboretum is now in their winter schedule from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. except during special programs. Admission of \$7.50 for adults, \$3 ages 5-12.

For driving directions or other details, call 520-689-2811 or visit their internet website at <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>.

Festivals

Sandhill Crane Festival November 7-8, 2008, in Lodi, California

Crane tours and family activities, art show, wine reception and featured speakers. www.cranefestival.com

Festival of the Cranes—November 18-23, 2008, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Cochero, New Mexico

Always a place to see a lot of birds and it will be no exception at this festival. See their Web site at www.FriendsoftheBosque.org

15th Annual Wings Over Willcox Sandhill Crane Celebration – January 14-18, 2009.

Tours and Seminars focus on: Sandhill Cranes – thousands up close and personal, Raptors and Winter Sparrows, Geology, Southwest History and Archeology, Mining, Ranching and Farming, Beginning and Advanced Birding, Wildlife Photography, Astronomy, Bats and Reptiles, Free Seminars, Trade Fair and Silent Auction and noted ornithologist Dr. Paul Johnsgard is the Banquet speaker. Willcox, Arizona. 800-200-2272 or www.wingsoverwillcox.com

13th Annual San Diego Birding Festival—March 5-8, 2009, at the Marina Village.

The keynote speaker will be David Sibley. He will also lead a trip. <http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm>

Join the Sonoran Audubon Society

This can be done in two ways, become a friend of the Sonoran Audubon Society or by joining the National Audubon Society. The difference as a "friend", all the money goes to our chapter. As a National member, you still become a member of our chapter, but only a percentage of the money goes to our chapter; however, you get the National Audubon Society Magazine. Some people choose to do both. See our website for the applicable forms.

New adult or family membership: \$20.00

Seniors and students: \$15.00

Renewal fee for seniors and students: \$15.00

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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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. for socializing and
7 p.m. for the start of the meeting and program**

October 8, 2008—Kathy Sullivan: California Condors

November 12, 2008—Paul & Gloria Halesworth: Avian Rehabilitation—A Thousand Mouths to Feed

December 10, 2008—Rick Wright: Birds of Bulgaria

January 14, 2009 —George Wall: Birding Australia

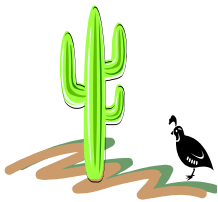
February 11, 2009—Moez Ali: Birds of Kenya

March 11, 2009—Amy & Tim Leu: Feathered Hearts

April 8, 2009—Tim Cullison—Kittlitz's Murrelet with Alaska Wildlife

May 13, 2009—Speaker from the Arizona Riparian Council

Other Dates of Interest: October 1, 2008, 7 p.m. Board Meeting at Glendale Library in the small meeting room – all SAS members welcome.



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