



## Wildlife Viewing Activities March and April 2014

### Wake Up with the Birds

**What:** Join this guided birding walk in the desert oasis of Agua Caliente Park to spot wetland birds, hummingbirds, songbirds, and raptors. Binoculars are available for use.

**Date:** Every Thursday in March and April

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

**Cost/Age:** free, all ages welcome

**For more information contact:** 520-615-7855 or [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov)

Reservations not required.

### Tucson Mountain Park Birding Walk

**What:** Join birding expert John Higgins for a guided birding walk to spot canyon towhees, rufous-winged sparrows, Gila woodpeckers, and other birds of the desert southwest. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, March 1 and April 5

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road

**Cost/Age:** free, ages 12 and up

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Reservations not required.

### Birding at Sweetwater Wetlands

**What:** Join a local birding expert on a guided walk to see a variety of ducks and shorebirds, sparrows, hawks, and warblers. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 4 and April 1

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Sweetwater Wetlands, 2667 W. Sweetwater Dr.

**Cost/Age:** free, ages 12 and up

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Reservations not required.

### Birding at Hacienda de la Canoa

**What:** Join a guided birding walk at Historic Hacienda de la Canoa to see a wide variety of sparrows, raptors, and other desert and grassland birds. Reservations required.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 11 and April 8

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Rd., Green Valley

**Cost/Ages:** free, all ages welcome

**For more information contact:** 520-877-6004 or [CanoaRanch@pima.gov](mailto:CanoaRanch@pima.gov)

Reservations required.

### Honey Bee Canyon Park Birding Walk

**What:** Join a guided birding walk in Honey Bee Canyon to spot Gambel's quail, verdins, gnatcatchers, and other birds of the southwest desert. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, March 15 and April 12

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Honey Bee Canyon Park, 13880 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley

**Cost/Age:** free, ages 12 and up

**For more information contact:** 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov

Reservations not required.

### **Spring Butterfly Walk**

**What:** Join butterfly expert Jeff Babson on a walking tour of the Molino Basin area as we look for butterflies that are on the wing early in the season. Meeting location provided with reservation. Reservations required.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 18

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Molino Basin, 12949 N. Sabino Canyon Parkway, Mount Lemmon, Arizona

**Cost/Ages:** free, all ages welcome

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Reservations required.

### **Cienega Creek Birding Walk**

**What:** Join this guided birding walk to observe the rich bird life in the diverse habitats of Cienega Creek Natural Preserve.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 25 and April 15

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Rd

**Cost/Age:** free, all ages welcome

**For more information contact:** 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov

Reservations not required.

### **Evening Owl Walk**

**What:** Join this guided walk as we explore the nighttime world of owls and other nocturnal birds. Please bring a head lamp or flashlight.

**Date:** Saturday, March 29

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road

**Cost/Age:** free, all ages welcome

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Reservations not required.

### **Nature Nights: Evening Owl Walk**

**What:** Join this guided walk as we explore the nighttime world of owls and other nocturnal birds. Please bring a head lamp or flashlight.

**Date:** Saturday, April 5

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Rd

**Cost/Age:** free, all ages welcome

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Reservations not required.

### **Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Leapin' Lizards**

**What:** We are sure to find several varieties of lizards as they hunt for insects in the underbrush and on tree trunks. Learn about the unusual habits and adaptations of lizards and other reptiles at Agua Caliente Park. Children ages 8-12.

**Date:** Saturday, April 12

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – noon

**Where:** Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

**Cost/Age:** free, children ages 8-12

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### **Outdoor Family Days: Night Bugs of the Sonoran Desert**

**What:** As the sun sets, the desert comes alive with a vast array of fascinating wildlife, many of which are insects. Some insects are attracted to light; we exploit this tendency to invite insects to our viewing site. Pima County naturalists will be on hand to help you identify and learn about these amazing six-legged creatures.

**Date:** Saturday, April 19

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road.

**Cost/Age:** free, families with children ages 5-12

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### **Dragons and Damsels**

**What:** Explore the amazing world of dragonflies and damselflies at Sweetwater Wetlands with Pima County naturalist Jeff Babson.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Sweetwater Wetlands, 2667 W. Sweetwater Dr.

**Cost/Age:** free, all ages welcome

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Reservations not required.

### **Outdoor Family Day: Up Close with Nature**

**What:** Enjoy a morning of creative nature photography at one of the premier birding spots in Arizona. Learn some basic photography techniques to turn your snapshots into works of art. Bring your own camera or we will have a limited supply of digital cameras for loan. This program is a partnership between The Udall Foundation-*Parks in Focus* and Pima County. Families with children ages 5-12.

**Date:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Sweetwater Wetlands, 2667 W. Sweetwater Dr.

**Cost/Age:** free, families with children ages 5-12

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### **Desert Butterfly Walk**

**What:** Join butterfly expert Jeff Babson on a walking tour of the Desert Discovery Center as we search for butterflies of the Arizona Uplands. Reservations required.

**Date:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road.

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