

BlackHawk Watch

Newsletter of the Northern Arizona Audubon Society

March 2022

March, 2022

Female Wood Ducks
By Dennis Tomko

Congratulations! You have just opened the second all-digital issue of the Black-hawk Watch. This replaces the paper issue which was published 5 times a year and which was mailed to you only if you were a NAAS member. Please enjoy.

BlackHawk Watch

Newsletter of the Northern Arizona Audubon Society March 2022

[CLICK TO BECOME A MEMBER](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW OUR CALENDAR](#)

[CLICK TO MAKE A DONATION](#)

In This Issue:

- March Programs
 - *Effects of drought, increasing temperatures, wildfire, and forest treatments on American Three-toed Woodpecker habitat.
 - *Reptiles Around us
- President’s Message: Birding With a Purpose
- Pinyon Jay Survey and You
- Black Vulture in Yavapai County
- Yavapai Co. Bird Notes
- Why Birds Stop Eating
- Greenwood Naturalist Fund
- Field Trips—Reports and Upcoming Trips
- No Birder Is An Island
- New and Renewing Members

The Black-hawk Watch is published monthly as the official newsletter of the Northern Arizona Audubon Society, Inc. ©

Published by The Northern Arizona Audubon Society, Inc. Organized 1972 as an affiliated chapter of National Audubon Incorporated as 501c3 Feb. 2001

Board of Directors:

- President: Kay Hawlee
- Vice-President: Dennis Tomko
- Treasurer: Joan Stoner
- Secretary: Kristine Follett
- At Large:
 - Nanette Armstrong
 - Jenny Barnes
 - Brent Bitz
 - Kristine Follett
 - Patti Greeneltch
 - Roy May
 - Rick Moore
 - Karin Slavey

Committee Chairs:

Programs & Hospitality ATR :Janet May
Programs & Hospitality BTR:
Nanette Armstrong
Field Trips ATR: Roy May
Field Trips BTR: Rich Armstrong
Conservation: Brent Bitz
Education: Patti Greeneltch
Publications: Jenny Barnes
Membership: Vacant

Sanctuary Stewards:

Bubbling Ponds: Rob Gibbs
Sedona wetlands: Rich Armstrong
Kachina Wetlands: Christina Vojta
Picture Canyon: Roy May



Please visit our website:

<https://www.northernarizonaaudubon.org>

Our Mission Statement:

“To promote the understanding and appreciation of birds and other wildlife and the conservation and restoration of their natural habitats.”

Most of the articles in this newsletter have been contributed by our NAAS members. You are invited to join us. Please submit articles or notes to:

nazaudubon@northernarizonaaudubon.org



Birding With A Purpose

Springtime is a special time not only because migrant birds are beginning to make their way to their breeding grounds which means our flyway will take them through this area, but also because it's when a small group of folks at NAAS get to "Bird With A Purpose." Several of us have attended the Arizona Bird Conservation Initiative (ABCI) meeting. <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/speciesofgreatestconservneed/abci/>

This initiative is conducted by a Professional from Partners in Flight, and the Terrestrial Wildlife Specialist and the Avian Monitoring Coordinator from Arizona Game and Fish. As part of NAAS's Conservation Program, we "civilian volunteers" get to conduct the following bird surveys that contribute to Arizona bird conservation data:

North America Marsh bird surveys: 3 surveys at each site, 2 weeks apart, beginning at the end of March through April - exact dates TBD - beginning 30 minutes before sunrise

- 3 surveys at Sedona Wetlands (7 points - takes approx. 2 hours)
- 3 surveys at Bubbling Ponds (there are only 2 points - takes all of 30 minutes)

Nightjar surveys: On dates with brightest moonlight in May or June

- One survey out Bill Gray Road
- One survey out Forest Rd 525 toward Honanki Ruins

Colonial Waterbird surveys: 3 surveys - counting birds and nests

- Oak Creek Canyon Rookery at Cave Springs Campground conducted by Rob Gibbs
- Cottonwood Rookery conducted by Julie Wills, Linda Sporrer and Kay Hawklee

Pinyon Jay Surveys: Protocol TBD. Spring.

- Great Basin Bird Observatory is standardizing protocol for surveys in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. A tentative Training date is March 19th. Survey site: Anderson Mesa – outside Flagstaff. Roy May and Anne Pelligrini head this effort up for NAAS.

If you are patient, science-minded, an early riser and want to learn the basics of bird surveys, please get in touch with me, Kay Hawklee: khawklee@gmail.com

Kay Hawklee
President of Northern Arizona Audubon Society



March 22, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86088442953?pwd=MFV6YzZXd3Vla2pJa0ZzV25tbDhmZz09>

Presenter: Joe Crouse

Title: Effects of drought, increasing temperatures, wildfire, and forest treatments on American Three-toed Woodpecker habitat.



Three-toed Woodpecker
Click to enlarge

Arizona forms the southwest extent of the American Three-toed Woodpecker. They have been reported in or near disturbed areas in nearly all of the ponderosa pine, mixed-conifer, and spruce-fir dominated forests above the Mogollon Rim. These disturbances are commonly from wind, fire, insect outbreak or drought. Joe will discuss how current forest conditions, forest thinning or restoration treatments, and warming temperatures and drier conditions, in the short term, may actually be expanding their habitat. Projections of continued warming and drying suggest that the expansion will be short lived.

Since 1997, Joe has worked as an ecologist, forester, and spatial analyst with the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University. Prior to this, he worked out of Portland Oregon where he worked for a consulting firm that was contracted to produce vegetation maps for all National Forests and National Parks in Oregon and Washington. He also was the project manager for a vegetation mapping project of the 13 million-acre Wrangell-St Elias National Park and Preserve in Alaska. Joe and his wife Susan have birded across the western U.S. and look forward to retirement and the extended birding trips it will make possible.



Joe Crouse



March 23, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
@ Sedona Public Library (in person)

Presenter: Brett Smith

Title: Sonoran Reptiles

Reptiles Around Us

March 23, 2022. 6:00 pm. Cookies & conversation 5:30



Do you know about the scaly critters that live around us here in Arizona? Come join Brett Smith, executive director and founder of Sonoran Reptiles, as he gives a fun and informative talk about reptiles. Included is hands-on time with many reptile ambassadors that will accompany him. Photo opportunities. Sedona Public Library, Wed. March 23, 2022. 6:00 pm. Cookies & conversation 5:30.

Sonoran Reptiles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 2019, in Sedona, AZ, with a goal to rescue, rehabilitate, and educate people about reptiles and their importance on our planet. These animals play an extremely important role in maintaining homeostasis in most habitats around the world. Here at Sonoran Reptiles we take in, provide sanctuary for, and rehome various species of reptiles and amphibians who are sick or injured.

Website: <https://sonoranreptiles.com/>





Participate in This Pinyon Jay Survey



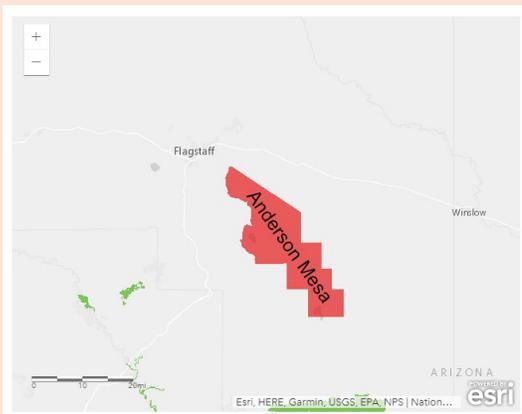
Pinyon jay fledgling near Long Lake, Coconino County
© Anne Pellegrini Click to enlarge

We are pleased to announce a survey training workshop on Saturday, March 19 from 0830 am to 1230 at the [Flagstaff AZ Game and Fish Department Office](#)

The training is free and will consist of a short classroom session followed by field practice. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today. [Please register here](#) If you have questions or need additional info, feel free to reach out.

Thanks, and we hope to see you soon!

Do you know about Pinyon Jays ? This noisy and highly social species occurs primarily in pinyon-juniper woodlands in the intermountain west, including northern Arizona. It's also a species whose population size has declined significantly since the 1970's as determined through analysis of Breeding Bird Survey data, but the exact cause of decline is currently unknown. Around Flagstaff, we are lucky to be able to find Pinyon Jays . Our closest [Important Bird Area \(Anderson Mesa IBA\)](#) was recognized as a Global IBA for Pinyon Jays in 2009. And some of the early research on the complex behavioral dynamics of this species was conducted in and around Flagstaff by Dr. Russ Balda and Dr. Russ Benford and many others from NAU. If you're curious to learn more, you can go to your favorite used book dealer and look for *The Pinyon Jay: Behavioral Ecology of a Colonial and Cooperative Corvid* by J.M. Marzluff and R. P. Balda (1997).



Click to enlarge



Pinyon Con't

As interest expands in understanding the causes of population decline, multiple efforts to count Pinyon Jays are being initiated within Arizona and neighboring states. While Breeding Bird Survey data can highlight the notable population trend, more data on the current abundance and location of Pinyon Jays within their historic range are needed to help unravel the causes of the decline. Last year, NAZ Audubon volunteers participated in an inaugural effort to conduct surveys for Pinyon Jays in the greater Flagstaff Area. Volunteers field tested survey methods and recorded detections in areas where no eBird detections had been recorded.

As a result of these efforts, other groups like Great Basin Bird Observatory were inspired to expand their citizen science initiative and develop improved tools to assist others in recording Pinyon Jays detections.

In 2022, NAZ Audubon is expecting to continue to assist with these efforts and is teaming with Audubon Southwest and Great Basin Bird Observatory to do so. We will be offering the following opportunities to participate:

- Guided group walks to find Pinyon Jays if you are interested but want to learn more first (keep an eye on the events calendar for more details!)
- Tools to help you focus your independent birding efforts and report where you find Pinyon Jays (or not!)
- Continued testing of improved survey protocol around Flagstaff

Pinyon Jay Data Collection Training

If you are interested in focusing your birding efforts or helping to test the improved survey protocol, the first step is learning how to use the mobile app to collect and submit data. Great Basin Bird Observatory will be providing a training in Flagstaff on Saturday March 19 in how to record data (details TBD). To get updates on this training as details become available and updates on other pinyon jay opportunities, [register here](#).

For more information, you can go to Audubon Southwest's [Pinyon Jay Conservation](#) page.

We are pleased to announce a survey training workshop on Saturday. March 19 from 0830 am to 1230 at the [Flagstaff AZ Game and Fish Department Office](#) . The training is free and will consist of a short classroom session followed by field practice. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today. [Please register here](#)

Questions? Feel free to email Anne Pellegrini at fiddlehopper@gmail.com.



Researchers Identify the Hormone That Tells Migratory Birds to Stop Eating and Keep Moving

According to a new study, the same hormone that signals to humans we've eaten our fill triggers migrating birds to continue their trek.



When does a bird know that it has eaten enough? For that matter, when do we know? Read this article from Audubon to learn that it might be a matter of hormone levels for all of us.

[Read More](#)

One of the birds that had never been reported in Yavapai County that has been expected is Black Vulture. I would bet that if there were any birders in Congress or Black Canyon City there would have been reports in some August timeframe. But on February 18th Tori Marshall, a relatively new member of the Verde Valley birding community, saw and photographed one at Red Rock State Park. This is the 1st Yavapai record! Nanette & I rushed out and scoured the area with no success. The next day we covered a lot of area looking at the sky also with no success. It would seem to be a crazy place in the county and a crazy time of the year. It just shows that birds can be in crazy places at crazy times of the year, and we



Black Vulture by Eric Gofreed Click to enlarge



Click above to learn about or to register for the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival April 21-24, 2022

Also, NAAS will have booth at this fine birding festival and we need a few volunteers to sit in the booth in the shade and represent our chapter. Email nancearmstrong@gmail.com to learn more.

1. A HARRIS' SPARROW is back for about 3rd winter at Dead Horse Ranch State Park at the group camp host which is sort of first camp site on left after entrance.
2. The male RED-BREASTED MERGANSER continues at Dead Horse with Common Mergansers usually in last lagoon.
3. Both MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS & LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCHES continue at Spring Creek Tank (going south on 89a it is a little almost road on right just before Page Springs Rd and in about 1/4 mile on left)
4. LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCHES continue at Dead Horse feeders and quite a few other locations.
5. the BLACK VULTURE seen over Red Rock State Park has unfortunately not been seen again.

By [Rich Armstrong](#)



Flagstaff Birders

Flagstaff, AZ

68 members · Public group

Organized by [Kay Hawlee](#) and 1 other

Share: [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)



Sedona Birders Meetup Group

Sedona, AZ

61 members · Public group

Organized by [Kay Hawlee](#)

Share: [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)



Field Trips in March

Montezuma Well & Picnic Area - Thursday, March 3rd, 8:00 - 10:30 Meet at Montezuma Well parking area. We'll bird the Well with scope views of migrant waterfowl here for the winter. Then we'll head down to the picnic area to walk a large circle around the tree line looking to see if the Common Black Hawk has returned and get views of wintering species. Walking approximately 2 miles total. Bring layers as the day turns from cool to warm, binoculars, hats, sunscreen, water, snacks and/or a picnic lunch to enjoy after the official walk at the picnic tables. Leader: Kay Hawlee: 432-703-0007. Please text or email: khawlee@gmail.com with any questions. No park passes are required.

March 6 (Sunday): Walnut Ponds
Meet at 8:30 AM. 3-hour outing. No facilities. [Meet here at Walnut "Lakes"](#)
Leader: Debbie McMahan
Limited to 12. RSVP text only 928-707-0610
Please, vaccinated only

Huckaby Trail from Munds Wagon Trailhead - March 7th 730-1100. Meet at the large parking lot at the Huckaby Trailhead (from round-a-bouts in center of Sedona go up Schnebly Hill Rd about 1 mile to big parking lot on left just before road turns to dirt). We will walk 1.5 miles through pinions and junipers ending in the riparian habitat along Oak Creek (3 miles roundtrip). This rocky trail can be moderately steep and technical, and water and good shoes are recommended. Contact: Tim Weber (928) 380-0555.

Clear Creek Campground - Camp Verde - Thursday March 10 8/830-11 - If you want to carpool or follow each other meet at Cottonwood Fry's Parking Lot near the entrance to the gas station, we will depart @ 8am, it is about a 30 minute drive, others can meet at the campground entrance at 830. We will bird approximately 2 - 3 hours. Bring binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, water, snacks etc. We will search out birds along the road, the creek and the trails Contact Janie Stewart for any further information 928-451-5794.

Sedona Wetlands Preserve Sunday March 13 8:30-9:45. Meet at the Sedona Wetlands parking lot at 9:30 and we will do a just over an hour walk out to the big pond and back. Great trip for beginners. We hope for ducks and wintering birds. Rich Armstrong will lead. 928-282-3675, richarmstrong47@gmail.com

Clarkdale Water Treatment Plant - Wednesday, March 16, 8:00 - 10:00. Please come meet at the WTP. Directions: Off of South Broadway Road, make the first right past Tuzigoot Road marked 375, 375A. Park on the right just after some gravel hills. There are NO RESTROOMS. We will walk a loop that includes boulders and hills along Deception Gulch, the river corridor, Indian Springs as well as the treatment reservoir itself. Bring binoculars, water, a field guide, snack. Wear sturdy shoes. Call Kristen Rothrock, 928 634 3633, if you have any questions.



Field Trips in March—Con't

Sedona Wetlands Preserve Friday March 18 8:30–9:45. Meet at the Sedona Wetlands parking lot at 9:30 and we will do a just over an hour walk out to the big pond and back. Great trip for beginners. We hope for ducks and wintering birds. Rich Armstrong will lead. 928-282-3675, richarmstrong47@gmail.com

Jail Trail - 1101 N Main St, Cottonwood.

Monday March 21 8:30 - 11:00 - Meet at the Jail Trail parking lot. Bring binoculars, a hat, water, snacks etc. We will bird the trails and riparian corridor along the Verde River. Contact Janie Stewart for any further information 928-451-5794

Bubbling Ponds Preserve - Wednesday

March 23rd 8-11am. Meet at dirt parking lot - no restrooms. We will be trolling around the ponds and walking the Black Hawk Trail loop through mesquite bosque, grasslands and riparian corridor along Oak Creek - approx 1.8mi on easy, mostly flat surface looking for Summer migrants, residents and lingering Winter birds. Hats and sunscreen recommended. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, field guide and a scope if you like. Contact Lisa Grubbs for info 928-592-3684 - grubbs585@gmail.com

Sedona Wetlands Preserve Sunday March

27 8:30–9:45. Meet at the Sedona Wetlands parking lot at 9:30 and we will do a just over an hour walk out to the big pond and back. Great trip for beginners. We hope for ducks and wintering birds. Rich Armstrong will lead. 928-282-3675, richarmstrong47@gmail.com

March 12 (Saturday): Elden Spring Area

Meet at 0730 in the NE corner of the upper parking lot at the Trinity Heights United Methodist Church (at the north end of N Fourth Street).

No facilities are available

Be prepared for up to 3 miles of walking on uneven trail

We will be walking a loop that takes us along the base of Mt. Elden out to Elden Spring, which winds through dense, mature Ponderosa forest and more open areas dominated by Gambel's oak and common shrubs such as Cliff Rose and Mt. Mahogany. We will be looking for early migrants such as White-throated Swift, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Violet-Green Swallow, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, and Chipping Sparrow, along with typical year-round residents such as Mountain Chickadees, Stellar's Jays, and Pygmy Nuthatches.

Contact Anne Pellegrini

(fiddlehopper@gmail.com) with any questions.

Bell Trail #13/ Wet Beaver Creek- Wednesday March 31 rd 730-1100.

Meet at the Bell Trail Parking Lot off of Forest Road 618 (SR 179 turns into FR 618 as it passes east under Highway 17). The Bell Trail parallels Oak and provides riparian habitat and to the uphill

side, steep, rolling grasslands and large patches of prickly pear cactus. If there is time, we can look for sparrows in the flat grasslands of Deadwood Draw just up the road. The trail is mostly flat but exposed; sunscreen and water recommended. Contact Tim Weber: (928)380-0555.



Field Trip Reports



Common Goldeneye
Click to enlarge

I was joined by 12 people on Sunday, February 13th at the Sedona Wetlands and we continued on to the Spring Creek tank.

Highlights were scope looks at male Common Goldeneye, male Cinnamon Teal, male Mountain Bluebirds, and 1 female Lawrence's Goldfinch.

Rich Armstrong

Sixteen of us were a good mix of experience all helping each other know more about the



Neotropic Cormorants by
Toni Hansen
click to enlarge

birds with apps, books, keen observation, and good questions. Great photos were taken and participants started recording the birds they saw on EBird for the first time. Thirty-four species

were identified. We had good looks at less common birds: Lazuli Buntings, Lawrence's Goldfinches, Cedar Waxwings, a Hooded Merganser, a Mountain Chickadee, and three Neotropic Cormorants who sat on the shore with the Mallards. This morning the weather was gorgeous. Feb.19,2020

Kristen Rothrock

A Reminder: Always check the website calendar for current trips and events since some might appear after the publication of this newsletter: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/>

5 people joined me this morning (Feb. 20, 2022) for a 1 hour walk at the Sedona Wetlands. Afterwards we went down to Spring Creek Tank where all had zoomed scope views of a super blue Mountain Bluebird, male & female Lawrence's Goldfinches, and a singing Black-throated Sparrow.



Lawrence's Goldfinch
Click to enlarge

Rich Armstrong

The Prescott Lakes field trip (Feb. 28) did not disappoint the seven of us. We had over 55 species which included many species of



Ferruginous Hawk
Click to enlarge

waterfowl, sparrows and raptors. Rufous-crowned Sparrow was the 2nd bird of the day and it got better from there. The power poles headed into Prescott yielded a great view of Ferruginous Hawk. Participants saw a

Peregrine Falcon buzz the parking area near the boat ramp at Watson Lake. We had great scope views of Redhead and Canvasback ducks and a breeding plumage Double-crested Cormorant. Some participants headed to a couple of the smaller lakes at the tail end of the trip and heard Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned and a Northern Pygmy Owl calling. A great end to a great birding experience.

Kay Hawkle



Greenwood Naturalist Fund



We thought that it would be helpful to provide everyone with an update on the Greenwood Naturalist Fund (GNF) given that NAAS acts as the fiduciary manager of funds monies. Dena Greenwood, a highly respected member of NAAS and the northern Arizona birding community, passed away in 2018. In a tribute to her memory, many friends donated money and her husband Randy Miller asked NAAS to manage it. Currently, the fund has approximately \$7,400 in the NAAS savings account and is separately accounted for in our financial records.

In the beginning, Rita Faruki, Rob Gibbs and Bent Bitz worked with Randy to develop a plan that would focus on natural history education, a subject dear to Dena's heart. In 2019, we launched our initial program in partnership with Yavapai College. The program was considered a success by all involved. Unfortunately, Covid hit in early 2020 and put our efforts in a hiatus.

We are pleased to announce that the program has been reinvigorated thanks to Rita and Patti's leadership. Here is what GNF currently has on its plate:

Yavapai College

From May 7-28, Rita and Patti will be teaching a course called Birdwatching in the Verde Valley. This will be an adult oriented course centered on educational field trips at a variety of locations in the Verde Valley.

Science Vortex

Partnering with Laurie Altringer of the Science Vortex program at the Cottonwood Elementary School, Patti and Rita put on an introduction to birding at the SciTech Festival which was held on Feb.20 at Bubbling Ponds Preserve. This program focused on 4th through 8th grade students.

At this time, our primary limitation is needing more qualified educators to help out. The fund is able to compensate its teachers for their time so if you know anyone who may be interested in helping out, please put them in contact with brentwbitz@gmail.com .

Rita, Rob, Patti and Brent feel that together NAAS and the Greenwood Naturalist Fund are honoring Dena's memory and her legacy. No doubt, there will be more to come.



No Birder is an Island, Especially in the Desert: My 2021 Yavapai Big Year

By; Jonathan Montgomery

Well, looks like I ended up number 1 on the Yavapai County eBird list for 2021, ha... I'm still a little in disbelief, mainly because there are so many better birders than me here, and as recently as 2017, when I first started birding the county, I remember struggling just to find a Lucy's Warbler.



Lucy's Warbler
Click to enlarge



Cassin's Sparrow
Click to enlarge

Although I ended up with 246 species this past year, I don't believe I was the first to see hardly any, at least not any rarities. And I'm well aware of all the birds I missed, some after several failed attempts like the Cassin's Sparrows at Cornville Grasslands in July/August or the Northern Waterthrush at the Wetlands this December. And even some that I got like American Tree Sparrow and Purple Finch took way more effort than it seemed to for others.

What I did have going for me was a once in a century pandemic that allowed me to teach college English remotely in the area instead of in-person in Colorado, and also have the flexibility to chase any bird I needed to. Finally this 40 year old could compete with the retired folks!

And I had an obsessive determination to beat my previous year's mark, which I knew I wouldn't have a full year to accomplish because I'd be going back to teach in-person in the fall. So, especially in the spring, I was out there hustling every day (even had a 57 day streak on eBird!). And while I may not be the most patient birder, I am willing to drive long distances multiple times until I see something. My mom was also an avid supporter and came along on many of my birding adventures.



Click to enlarge and identify "The Paulden Party."

No Birder... con't

But most importantly, I had an abundance of assistance from the generous local birding community...

Top on that list has to be Rich Armstrong, who gave me detailed instructions on how to find any species I asked for. And for his top notch yard which provided both Costa's and Calliope Hummingbirds one April afternoon, the only ones I saw all year.

Kay Hawklee was also a key source of advice. She and I started the year together with a big Camp Verde CBC, and some of her 600 plus big year magic must've rubbed off on me. Although some of *my* bad luck was too much to overcome, like when we scoured the scrublands of southernmost Yavapai in a futile search for Bendire's Thrasher, ha!

Heather Hofling, who ended up number 2, and I worked together all year, sharing info and keeping each other motivated. One fond memory was standing on the back of her SUV, sorting thru the swallows whipping around the Cottonwood waste management pond trying to snap a proof shot of a Vaux's Swift.

Last year's number one Janie Stewart was always helpful as well, like trying to help remember the coordinates to the Northern Goshawk in Prescott (which I didn't end up finding this year). And I'll always remember the day we watched them try to net-catch the injured Loon at Dead Horse this June.



Scarlet Tanager
Click to enlarge

And generally many others in the birding community were supportive too if only with just a welcoming "hey" out at some hot spot.

Truth be told, I'm used to being a bit of a birding outsider at my home in Boulder. Perhaps, even though I've been there for years, I haven't yet been fortunate enough to gain a foothold with the local insiders, or maybe there's something inherently more close-knit and warmer (in more ways than one) about Yavapai/Verde Valley birding. It was almost

family-like at times, like one of my favorite moments of the year when Rich, Nanette, Heather, Janie and I saw the Scarlet Tanager in Paulden and got Dairy Queen (Rich's treat) afterward.

Whatever the case, my birding success is almost entirely a product of this community, and I thank everyone who contributed to my big year and look forward to birding with you in the future!



**New and Renewing Members—
February, 2022**

Jamie	Guyn
Susan	O'Neill
Colleen	Peck
Sammi	Williams
Katherine	HILTON
Jane	Jackson
Barbara	Dickinson
Lars	Haarr
Michael	Ameigh
Sue	Ordway
Vicki & Keith	Hedrick
Michael	Durgain
Elly	Sands
Kristin	Cryer
Kevin	Rand
Jackie Klieger and	Kathy Dunham
Sandra	McCullough
Beverly	Hagerman

There are 2 ways to renew your membership:

- 1. Online (preferred) go to the website and click on "Membership". This allows you to use your credit card.**
- 2. Pay by check. Print and use the form below or include a note to be sure we credit the proper account.**

Join Us!

Northern Arizona Audubon Society

Please enroll me/our household as a member of Northern Arizona Audubon Society (NAAS)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you prefer to join or renew online, please go to our website at <https://www.northernarizonaaudubon.org>

Enclosed:

Individual \$25.00 Check here if this is a change of address

Family \$40.00 Check here if this is a renewal

Supporting \$100.00

Please make checks payable to NAAS and mail to:

Membership Chair, NAAS
P O Box 1496, Sedona AZ 86339

I am interested in Volunteer Opportunities

JAY'S BIRD BARN

TWO GREAT STORES UNDER ONE ROOF!



WE CARRY GIFTS AND PRODUCTS THAT HELP BRING YOU CLOSER TO NATURE, TO YOUR LOVED ONES, AND TO YOUR FAITH.



Jay's Bird Barn Hallmark
1490 S. Riordan Ranch St.
next to Michael's in the
Sprouts shopping center



Open Mon-Sat 9am to 6pm
(928) 774-1110
www.jaysbirdbarn.com
Find us on Facebook

A child was walking with her father, when her father said "look! It's a dead bird! That's so sad!" The child then quickly looked up in the sky and said "Where?"

Editor Note: Last month (February issue) the article "Circling Northern Shovelers" was written by Jenny Barnes. We apologize for omitting her name as the author.