

Wingtips

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Join the Great Backyard Bird Count February 12-15, 2010

Bird watchers coast to coast are invited to take part in the 13th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, Friday, February 12, through Monday, February 15, 2010. Participants in the free event will join tens of thousands of volunteers counting birds in their own backyards, local parks or wildlife refuges.

Each checklist submitted by these “citizen scientists” helps researchers at the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#), the [National Audubon Society](#), and [Bird Studies Canada](#) learn more about how the birds are doing—and how to protect them. Last year, participants turned in more than 93,600 checklists online, creating the continent’s largest instantaneous snapshot of bird populations ever recorded.

“Taking part in the Great Backyard Bird Count is a great way to get outside with family and friends, have fun, and help birds—all at the same time,” said Audubon Education Vice President, Judy Braus. “Even if you can only identify a few species you can provide important information that enables scientists to learn more about how the environment is changing and how that affects our conservation priorities.”

Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from novice bird watchers to experts. Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and report their sightings online at www.birdcount.org. One 2009 participant said, “Thank you for the opportunity to participate in citizen science. I have had my eyes opened to a whole new interest and I love it!”

“The GBBC is a perfect first step towards the sort of intensive monitoring needed to discover how birds are responding to environmental change,” said Janis Dickinson, the director of Citizen Science at the Cornell Lab. “Winter is such a vulnerable period for birds, so winter bird distributions are likely to be very sensitive to change. There is only one way—citizen science—to gather data on private lands where people live and GBBC has been doing this across the continent for many years. GBBC has enormous potential both as an early warning system and in capturing and engaging people in more intensive sampling of birds across the landscape.”

Bird populations are always shifting and changing. For example, 2009 GBBC data highlighted a huge southern invasion of Pine Siskins across much of the eastern United States.

Participants counted 279,469 Pine Siskins on 18,528 checklists, as compared to the previous high of 38,977 birds on 4,069 checklists in 2005. Failure of seed crops farther north caused the siskins to move south to find their favorite food.

On the www.birdcount.org website, participants can explore real-time maps and charts that show what others are reporting during the count.

Please join the PAS field trip on February 12 to kick off this event locally.

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Activities & Announcements

Please contact the individual trip leader to let them know you are going on a particular trip. (This does not apply to bird walks at Highlands Center or Watson Woods.) Poor weather/road conditions may cause cancellations.

February

Throughout Month: Highlands Center Nature Study Classes

See calendar at www.highlandscenter.org

12–8:30 a.m. Great Backyard Bird Count Field Trip

This field trip is designed to contribute to the first day of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Great Backyard Bird Count (which isn't restricted to the backyard).

Meet at the Watson Woods parking lot. We will minimize travel by restricting our birding to the 10-mile radius circle used in Tomoff's *Birds of Prescott*. Teams will be formed to cover this area. You may participate as little or as much as you want—part of the day or all day. Contact Steve Burk (771-0307) if you wish to take part.

12–15 Great Backyard Bird Count

See details in this issue's page 1 article.

13–9:00 a.m. Highlands Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highlands Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert & Nancy McMahon will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

23–8:00 Page Springs Fish Hatchery

Pack a lunch and join us for this ¾ day outing to Page Springs Fish Hatchery, which is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA) located 5 miles north of Cornville.

Meet and carpool from the old Basha's parking lot on Highway 69. Contact Steve Burk (771-0307) if you wish to attend.

25—5:30 PAS Board Meeting

25--7:00 General Meeting

A program given by Helen Howard highlighting birding the Colorado River.

27–9:00 a.m. Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. Steve & Sue Burk will lead this morning only outing to the lake and the woods.

March

4-7 San Diego Birding Festival

10–8:00 Congress and Yarnell

We will carpool from the Waffles & More [Good Will] parking lot on Iron Springs Road for this ¾ day trip. We will bird for desert birds in Congress and a variety of possible species near the Shrine in Yarnell. Pack a lunch and contact Steve Burk (771-0307) if you wish to participate.

10–15 Wings and Wildlife Festival of Southern Nevada

Festival held in Laughlin, NV. See article, page 3 for further details.

13–8:30 Highlands Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highlands Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert & Nancy McMahon will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

23–7:30 Tavasci Marsh and Peck's Lake

Pack a lunch and meet at the Watson Woods/Peavine Trailhead parking lot for this ¾ day outing to these birding locations near Tuzigoot National Monument. Contact Steve Burk (771-0307) if you plan to attend.

25-5:30— PAS Board Meeting

25-7:00 General Meeting

Karen O'Neil will present an update of IBA.

27--8:30 Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. This is a morning only outing to the lake and the woods.

April

3–8:00 Highlands Center Birding Spree Kickoff

See article on page 3 of this Wingtips issue for details.

10–8:00 Highlands Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highlands Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert & Nancy McMahon will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public

15–18 Tucson Audubon Institute of Desert Ecology

See article on page 3 of this issue for details.

15–18 Yuma Birding and Nature Festival

17–7:30 Agua Fria National Monument

Mike Nicosia will lead this ¾ day outing. Pack a lunch and meet at the old Basha's parking lot on Highway 69. If you plan to attend, contact Mike at tuftedear@yahoo.com

22–5:30 PAS Board Meeting

22–7:00 General Meeting

Diane Iverson will present a program entitled "Birds and Art".

22–25 Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival

Online Registration begins Feb. 1. See <http://www.birdyverde.org/>

24–8:00 Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. This is a morning only outing to the lake and the woods.

Prescott Audubon Society's monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, September through May, 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Park Ave. & Copper Basin Rd. (630 Park Ave.), Prescott, Arizona. The Board of Directors now meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the same location, at 5:30 p.m. Audubon members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. The exception is the September board meeting on 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

***** Visit our website at www.prescottaudubon.org *****

40th Annual Institute of Desert Ecology

Do you want to know more about the Sonoran desert? You can join other students and experts during a unique four-day outdoor learning experience starting April 15, 2010. We focus on Sonoran Desert ecosystems, emphasizing the dynamic relationships among birds, other animals, plants, and the physical elements of the desert. The 40th Annual Institute of Desert Ecology takes place at Catalina State Park, in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains near Tucson in southeast Arizona. Classes include birds, herps, mammals, insects, botany, and geology. Evening activities include opportunities to learn about owls, to see nocturnal invertebrates with black lighting, and to explore the night sky, all with expert teachers. Participants and faculty interact in small groups during the first three days then on Sunday tie it all together with a group hike. Prices and info at www.tucsonaudubon.org, or contact Matt Brooks, Institute Director, at 520-622-2230 or mbrooks@tucsonaudubon.org.

Participation in Prescott Audubon Society (PAS) field trips is voluntary; any injury or illness while on an outing is the responsibility of the participant. Food, drink, and other creature comforts are not provided by PAS. Car pooling is done so fewer vehicles are driven. PAS assumes no liability for accidents, injuries, damage to vehicles, or loss of property in vehicles while on the field trip. Compensation for drivers of private vehicles is suggested as follows: 25 cents per mile for roundtrip mileage. This total reimbursement is to be equally divided amongst the passengers. This compensation is meant to cover vehicle depreciation, routine maintenance, as well as gasoline.

Reminders:

Stay behind leader.
Wear neutral clothing.
Bring water, lunch, and sunscreen.
Avoid loud voices and slamming of car doors.
Don't forget binoculars!

Wings and Wildlife Festival of Southern Nevada March 10-15, 2010

The second annual Wings and Wildlife Festival is coming to Laughlin, Nevada, March 10-15.

Guided field trips include the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Big Bend State Recreation Area, Hualapai Mt. Park, Grapevine Canyon, Topock Gorge, the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, and other wildlife viewing areas near Laughlin, NV, and Bullhead City, AZ.

Seminars on such topics as Binoculars, Bird ID, Hummingbirds, Falconry, Big Horn Sheep, Bat Monitoring, Birds of the Colorado River, Petroglyphs: Wings and Wildlife on the Rocks, and Dragonflies and Damselflies will be offered each afternoon.

The festival's Guest Speaker is Ted Floyd, editor of *Birding Magazine*, the flagship publication of the American Birding Association. Sharon Schafer, a wildlife artist and photographer from southern Nevada, will be presenting "Land of Little Rain" Friday evening.

More information is available at www.snbwtp.org or call 702-298-3022.

Upcoming programs for Prescott Audubon Society

February 25

Helen Howard – Birding on the Colorado River

March 25

Karen O'Neil – IBA update

April 22

Diane Iverson – Birds & Art

May 27

Eric Moore – Birding in Africa – One Crazy Birder – 300 New Species!

Birding Spree 2010

The Highlands Center for Natural History, in partnership with the Prescott Audubon Society, is launching its second annual Birding Spree. Participants have the months of April and May to observe at least twenty bird species from a list of thirty-one bird species that are common to the Prescott area that time of the year. The bird check list and entry form can be obtained at either Jay's Bird Barn or the Highlands Center store. When the participants have observed the minimum number of twenty species they have achieved the status of Highlands Center Birder. This entitles them to a unique 2010 Highlands Center Birding Spree pin to add to their collection. This year we have also added an additional list of birds called the Jay's Bird Barn Challenge list just for fun.

Participants may do the bird watching on their own, or they may wish to join one of the Audubon Society guided walks on the dates and locations listed on the brochure. Experienced birders will be conducting the bird walks and will assist beginning birders in getting started in the wonderful hobby of bird watching. All walks are gentle and all ages are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the guided walks.

The Spree will "Kick-Off" with a special event on April 3, at 8:00 AM, at the Highlands Center Kiwanis Amphitheater. The details of the spree will be explained and Eric Moore, owner of Jay's Bird Barn, will give a short presentation on the basics of bird identification. Bird walks will follow the presentation in the Highlands center area.

For more information on the Spree or to sign up for the organized bird walks call the Highlands Center office at 928-776-9550.

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Mohave County Bird Sightings

November & December 2009, January 2010

DeeDee DeLorenzo

American White Pelican, Blue-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck 11/2 Havasu NWR by Jack Allen and Jim Bredy
American Avocet (105) 11/5 Bill Williams Delta by Kathleen Blair
Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Osprey, Semipalmated Plover, Greater Yellowlegs, Dunlin, Vermilion Flycatcher, American Robin, Phainopepla 11/5 HNWR by DeeDee DeLorenzo
Bonaparte's Gull 11/12 BWD by KB
Ring-necked Duck, Wilson's Snipe, Horned Lark, American Pipit, Dark-eyed Junco 11/13 HNWR by Jan Parrott & DD
Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser 11/16 BWD by KB
Red-breasted Merganser, Common Loon, American Avocet (11) 11/17 Mesquite Point, L. Havasu by Lauren Harter
Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Herring Gull, Great Horned Owl, Red-naped Sapsucker, Western Bluebird, Orange-crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Sage Sparrow 11/20 HNWR by Martha Prumers & DD
Yellow Warbler (2) 11/26 Littlefield by Kurt & Cindy Radamaker
Common Loon, Bonaparte's Gull, California Gull, Herring Gull 11/27 L. Havasu by KR, CR
Black-capped Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker 11/27 Colorado City by Paul Lehman & Barbara Carlson
Greater Scaup, Barrow's Goldeneye 11/28 BWD by KR, CR
Canvasback (170), Greater Scaup, Pacific Loon, Horned Grebe, Tree Swallow (95) 11/30 L. Havasu by PL, BC
Common Goldeneye, Peregrine Falcon, American Crow 12/3 HNWR by DD
Ross's Goose, Tundra Swan, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Curve-billed Thrasher, Crissal Thrasher 12/10 HNWR by JP, DD
Lesser Scaup, Forster's Tern, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Brewer's Blackbird 12/17 HNWR by DD
Greater-white-fronted Goose, Golden Eagle 12/28 HNWR by Janine McCable
Tundra Swan (3), Blue-wing Teal, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Clapper Rail (Yuma), Virginia Rail, Sora, Great Horned Owl 12/29 Five-mile Landing, HNWR by Lin Piest
Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl, White-throated Swift, Gilded Flicker, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Brewer's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Western Meadowlark 12/29 south of Courtwright Rd. by JP, Je Anne Branca, & Sharon Bauer
Snow Goose (3049), Ross's Goose, White-faced Ibis, Common Moorhen, Wilson's Snipe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-throated Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird (400) 12/29 in Pintail Slough, HNWR by KB et al.
Black-crowned Night-Heron, Clapper Rail (Yuma), Long-billed Dowitcher, Gila Woodpecker 12/19 n. Topock Marsh, HNWR by Ron & Norma Miller
Common Goldeneye, Merlin, Least Sandpiper, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Bewick's Wren, Northern Mockingbird 12/19 at South Dike/Catfish Paradise, HNWR by Steve & Sue Burk, et al.
Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Osprey (4), Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Lesser Goldfinch 12/29 Golden Shores/Five-mile Landing by Karen O'Neil, Mike Mueller, et al.
Barrow's Goldeneye (6) 1/6 Bill Williams Delta by KB
Red-naped Sapsucker, Rock Wren 1/6 BWR NWR 1/6 KB
Canvasback (140), Horned Grebe (2), Common Yellowthroat 1/7 L. Havasu by John West
Peregrine Falcon, California Gull 1/7 Black Canyon by Helen Howard
Long-eared Owl 1/12 BWR NWR by KB
Green-tailed Towhee 1/13 BWR NWR by KB
Cattle Egret (2), Peregrine Falcon 1/21 Rotary Park, BHC by HH

Report your Bird Sightings to
Dee Dee DeLorenzo at (928)758-2707

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except by the individual reporting them to Dee Dee DeLorenzo.*

Yavapai County Bird Sightings November, December 2009, January 2010

Bob Thomen

<p>Common Goldeneye 11/04 Willow Lake by Bob Thomen</p> <p>Hooded Merganser (6); Common Goldeneye (4) 11/13 Goldwater Lake by Mike Nicosia, Hooded Merganser FOS</p> <p>Bonaparte's Gull (3) 11/16 Willow Lake by MN</p> <p>Herring Gull; Sage Sparrow 11/19 Willow Lake by Steve Burk</p> <p>Greater White-fronted Goose (5) 11/19; two adults by BT</p> <p>Hooded Merganser (4); Spotted Sandpiper 12/5 Watson Lake by SB</p> <p>Loggerhead Shrike 12/9 Willow Lake by BT</p> <p>Ross's Goose 12/13 Willow Lake by BT Accidental</p> <p>Ring-necked Pheasant 12/21 Watson Marsh by Nancy McMahon et. al</p>	<p>Pacific Loon; Hooded Merganser 12/26 Watson Lake by Russell Duerksen, Loon casual</p> <p>Harris' Hawk 1/1 Prescott Country Club by Walt Anderson. First known sighting in Yavapai County.</p> <p>Harlan's Hawk; Dark-morph Red-tailed Hawk 1/1 Watson Woods by MN</p> <p>Bald Eagle (5), 4 sub-adults and one adult, Lewis's Woodpecker 1/9 Micah Riegner et. al</p> <p>White-throated Sparrow; Anna's Hummingbird 1/10 Watson Woods by David Moll</p> <p>Long-eared Owl 1/24 Agua Fria National Monument by MN, Cas-T, W</p> <p>Peregrine Falcon 1/25 Willow Lake by NM et. al</p> <p>Merlin, Ferruginous Hawk 1/27 Prescott Recharge Ponds by SB</p>
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Bob Thomen at 778-1005

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FOS - First of Season
LOS - Last of Season

After an observer's name has once been used, initials are substituted for the name.



Welcome New Members!

Name

Sue Arnold

Virginia Ingram

Carol Thomas

Kind Support Continues

Our PAS members continued their holiday generosity even after the holidays! We have received many wonderful contributions well into the new year and are very much appreciative of their support. Audubon Adventures, Birdseed for the Care Centers and the Scholarship program are among the most popular programs to receive donations, but whatever you chose, including the General Fund, your support helps our chapter to offer these excellent programs and many more. Many thanks to all of you!

Audubon Adventures: Sylvia Neely, Suzzanna McDougal, Janith Gebhard, Karen O'Neil, Beverly Womack
General Fund: Remembering Heidi Haas (Jane Cook), Mary Leeper, Barbara Indra, Halcyon Ward, To honor the work that DeeDee DeLorenzo has contributed to Prescott Audubon Adventures as well as her generous volunteer hours to organize and conduct the Havasu Refuge CBC (Elaine Morrall), Karen O'Neil

TWO GLOBALLY IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS RECOGNIZED IN ARIZONA

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Two Arizona sites have received Global Important Bird Area designations this month: the Chiricahua Mountains in the southeastern corner of the state and Anderson Mesa, nine miles southeast of Flagstaff in the Coconino National Forest. The designation was given by BirdLife International, an alliance of conservation organizations working in more than 100 countries and territories that, together, are the leading authority on the status of birds and their habitats. The Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program is a world-wide effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. Sites qualify for "global" designation because they hold significant numbers of a globally threatened species or other species of global conservation concern.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Tucson Audubon Society, and Audubon Arizona are the IBA partners in Arizona. To date, 37 sites have been identified as state Important Bird Areas. Designation confers no legal requirements; the global recognition is intended to motivate and encourage voluntary conservation actions to assure long term protection of these sites.

An area rich with wetlands, Anderson Mesa was previously nominated as a state Important Bird Area (IBA) for waterfowl and water birds. The area qualified as a global IBA because of its extensive pinyon pine woodlands that support populations of pinyon jay (*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*), a species of global conservation concern and an Audubon Society WatchList species. <http://stateofthebirds.audubon.org/>

Although a familiar sight in pine forests of the American west, the gregarious blue-gray pinyon jay's dependence on pinyon pine seeds as its main food source has put it at risk. Declines in western pinyon pine forests due to drought, bark beetle infestations, fire, and indiscriminate clearing of pinyon and juniper woodlands have caused a dramatic decrease in the population of pinyon jays.

The Chiricahua Mountains are part of a chain of mountains that span from southern Arizona to the Sierra Madre in central Mexico. Within the Coronado National Forest and including Chiricahua National Monument, the IBA extends from the grass and oak woodland at 5,000 feet elevation to the top of Chiricahua Peak, at 9,795 feet. The Chiricahua IBA qualified as a site of global importance because it is habitat for the "Mexican" spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis mexicana*), a threatened species that nests within the deep canyons that incise the face of the rugged mountain range.

Known as a "perch and pounce" predator, the Mexican spotted owl hunts by locating its prey from an elevated perch and then pouncing to capture it with its talons. The species is threatened by loss of old growth forests, its typical habitat. Two other Arizona sites have already received global IBA designation; Marble Canyon for California condor and the lower San Pedro River for Bell's vireo. Recognition of these two Arizona sites brings the total number of global IBAs in the U.S. to 378.

Audubon Arizona is the state office of the non-profit National Audubon Society. For over a century, Audubon has been working to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

Founded in 1949, Tucson Audubon is southern Arizona's leading non-profit engaging people in the conservation of birds and their habitats.

Calling All Bird Brains!!
By Kati Anderson,
Education Committee Member

Bird Brains? Those are people who love birds, would love to share that love with school age children beyond the very popular Audubon Kits and have ideas for other activities that kids might learn from. My intention is to have at least 4 Audubon members and two Elementary School teachers meet and discuss what the club or individuals can do to expand the knowledge in the kits or explore other activities that might engage youngsters and encourage them to become birders or, at least, good stewards for our fine feathered friends. Come join us! Please give me a call at **928-636-2547** or e-mail me at hackamorehouse@yahoo.com.

Request: Please Provide Input on Future Major PAS Field Trips

Russell Duerksen is willing to lead future out-of-state PAS field trips. However, before planning and organizing such trips, Russell requests that you provide input concerning your level of interest in any of the following possible trips:

- 1.) the Platte River (Neb. And CO) in the 3rd & 4th weeks of May [2010 or 2011],
- 2.) Florida (incl. Keys/Dry Tortugas) in late Mar-early Apr 2011,
- 3.) South Texas in late Mar.-early Apr., 2011,
- 4.) Southern California in Jan. 2011,
- 5.) Monterey, CA vicinity in late Aug/ Sep. 2010 or 2011,
- 6.) Nova Scotia in July or early Aug. 2011.

You can expect the 1st five trips to cost \$500 or more, and the sixth to cost \$1100 or more (exclusive of transportation to the birding site).

If you are interested in participating in any of the future major birding trips listed above, please email either Russell (duerksen@msn.com) or Steve Burk (burktsu@cableone.net) and rank your choices from highest to lowest priority. Without sufficient interest expressed these trips, which are PAS fundraisers, will not happen.

David Moll is New *Wingtips*
Editor!
by Sue Burk

It is my pleasure to announce that the new *Wingtips* editor will be David Moll. His responsibility will begin with the April-May edition. Please email your submissions to his email: davidmoll@cableone.net

Willow-Watson Lakes Important Bird Area census, 6 December 2009

by Carl Tomoff

On a brisk, finger-numbing morning with dynamic, dramatic clouds and intriguing lighting, twenty-one observers detected 41 species of birds inhabiting the Willow and Watson Lakes ecosystem. As in previous surveys, Willow Lake supported more species than Watson Lake (38 vs 25) and more than three times as many individuals as at Watson (4,353 vs 1,322). In addition to seventeen species of waterfowl, three types of grebes, a loon, a cormorant, 2 pelicans, 4 kinds of wading birds, three different sandpipers, and two gull species graced the lakes' depths, shallows, and shorelines.

A **Common Loon** noted on November 30 continued foraging in deeper waters near the dam at Willow Lake. Three resident **Greater White-fronted Geese** were first noted on November 4, while two **American White Pelicans** arrived by November 6. More Canada Geese (202) were found than ever before. The most common birds were Northern Shoveler (1479), Ruddy Duck (1096), American Coot (715), Green-winged Teal (413), Northern Pintail (357), Canvasback (332), and American Wigeon (247).

Six **Great Egrets** were the highest number recorded since the project began in December 2005; they had been at Willow Lake throughout October and November along with at least one **Snowy Egret** and a lone Double-crested Cormorant. Scarce shorebirds were late transients that had been resident for several weeks. A single **Herring Gull**, rarely seen in this region, rested with a congregation of Ring-billed Gulls at Willow Lake. A solitary kingfisher hunted at Willow. Only 16 raptors were noted, fewer and less active than in previous years.

Thanks to all who helped. Volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like to participate on February 7 and/or March 7, contact Karen O'Neil at 928-778-3018 or jk_oneil_9@msn.com.

Successful Christmas Bird Counts

Russell Duerksen reports on the Chino Valley Bird Count: An average count, with no notable highs or lows. Bluebirds were enjoyable as always. Total numbers of birds was down, but not statistically significant. Number of species observed was 88. Thanks to all of the participants who participated, and we look forward to seeing you again on December 19, 2010.

DeeDee DeLorenzo reports on the Havasu Christmas Bird Count: 121 species and 43,792 individuals recorded. There were large numbers of American Coot, Snow Geese, Northern Pintail, and Red-winged Blackbirds. Special birds (those not seen on a previous Havasu CBC) were Caspian Tern and Mountain Bluebird. Thank you so much for participating in the 2009 Havasu CBC and I certainly hope to see you again in December.

At the time of the *Wingtips* publication, the analysis for the Prescott Christmas Bird Count has not been completed. We hope to see that report in next month's *Wingtips*. Thanks to all who participated in the Count.

Special Announcement

The Sullivan Birdathon will be held the first weekend of May, 2010. Details in the next issue of *Wingtips*. Please mark your calendar!

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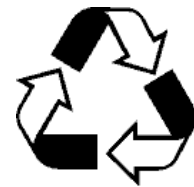
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