

Arizona Field Ornithologists
15th Annual Meeting
September 23-25, 2022



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 * Trip times may vary

6:30 a.m.* Morning Mini-Expeditions
12:00 p.m.* Afternoon Mini-Expeditions
5:30 p.m. Social Hour – JD’s Grill House, Thatcher

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 ** Meals requiring advance registration

8:00 a.m. Registration Open

8:30 a.m. Welcome, **Troy Corman**

8:45 a.m. Gale Monson Research Grants and Grant Recipients, **Troy Corman**
Gale Monson Books

8:55 a.m. Youth Scholarship Award Announcement, **Kerrie Anne Loyd**

9:00 a.m. GETTING TO KNOW THE WILD PURPLE MARTINS, **Jennie MacFarland**

9:20 a.m. BENDIRE’S THRASHER REGIONAL EFFORTS AND PATHWAY PROJECT
PRELIMINARY RESULTS, **Chrissy Kondrat**

9:40 a.m. AZFO in the Field Updates, **Carol Beardmore**

10:00 a.m. Field Expeditions Announcement, **Tracy McCarthey**

10:10 a.m. **BREAK** – time for birding at nearby Nature’s Hideaway

10:40 a.m. Arizona Bird Committee Updates, **Troy Corman**

10:50 a.m. BIRDS AS HOSTS FOR THE AGENTS OF TICK-BORNE RELAPSING FEVER
IN ARIZONA, **Peter Motyka**

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- 11:10 a.m. ADVANCES IN PINYON JAY CONSERVATION SCIENCE AND THE ROLE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY, **Elisabeth Ammon**
- 11:30 a.m. THE SECRET LIVES OF LUCY'S WARBLERS: TUCSON AUDUBON NESTBOX RESEARCH, **Olya Weekley**
- 11:50 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK** – Catered Lunch by Kainoa's Hawaiian Grill ** or on your own
- 1:20 p.m. BIRDS OF THE BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE-WEST, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, **Ryan O' Donnell**
- 1:40 p.m. ADAPTING TO CITY LIFE: PHYSIOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR OF URBAN AND DESERT HOUSE FINCH (*HAEMORHOUS MEXICANUS*), **Sarah Polekoff**
- 2:00 p.m. ASSESSING ARTIFICIAL BURROW IMPROVEMENTS BY EVALUATING SIGNS OF BURROWING OWL OCCUPATION AND AVAILABLE BURROW STATUS, **Jenohn Wrieden**
- 2:20 p.m. Business Updates:
Membership, **Gordon Karre**
Finances/Budget, **Diana Herron**
Revision of Bylaws, **Doug Jenness**
- 2:40 p.m. Election of Officers and Board, **Jennie MacFarland**
- 3:00 p.m. **POSTER SESSION and BREAK** – last chance to buy raffle tickets!
- 3:30 p.m. Photo ID Challenge, **Ryan O'Donnell**
- 4:00 p.m. Birding Quiz & Raffle Drawing, **Diana Herron and Gordon Karre**



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- 4:15 p.m. Field Trip Logistics, **Jennie MacFarland**
Evaluations, Next Meeting Location, Wrap-up, **Troy Corman**
- 4:30 p.m. End of Annual Meeting
Tour of Gila Watershed Partnership Native Plant Greenhouse (optional)
- 5:30 p.m. Social Time at Mt. Graham Golf Club – Bird the Four Ponds or
Socialize at the Bar
- 6:30 p.m. ** Banquet at Mt. Graham Golf Club
Presentation of AZFO Achievement Award
Keynote: **Rick Taylor**
Six Seasons: A Birding Year in the Land of the Apache
Book Signing: Copies of Rick's newest book, *Birds of Arizona*, will be
available for purchase and he will be happy to sign your copy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Some Mini-Expeditions depart from the Best Western Plus while many meet in the field at the birding destination.

See trip descriptions at the sign-up table for exact times and meeting locations.