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TUCSON BIRDING TRAIL MAP: PROMOTING WILDLIFE WATCHING AND CONSERVATION IN GREATER TUCSON

Are you new to bird watching and want to start locally? Do you want to see beautiful wild birds, but don't have time to drive to Madera Canyon or the San Pedro River? Are you in town for a couple days and need a quick birding fix? There is an abundance of places to see wild birds right in the greater Tucson metro area. Over the years, as many as 350 wild bird species have been seen in and around Tucson, and this rich area for bird sightings is right outside your door.

To help you find those birds, the new *Tucson Birding Trail Map* is available starting Saturday, Feb. 13. This free map shows the 45 best locations in and around Tucson for finding wild birds. They include a range of mountain, desert and wetland locations, each with its own suite of species. Tucson parks are featured prominently among these, and one of the 45 sites is likely to be very near your home.

The map will be introduced to the Tucson public at *Tucson Meet Your Birds*, a special event on Saturday, Feb. 13, co-sponsored by Tucson Audubon Society and Tucson Water. All are invited to this free event at Sweetwater Wetlands, 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive. After the event the map will be available at a variety of Tucson Audubon and Tucson Parks and Recreation Department locations.

The Tucson Birding Trail Map was produced by Tucson Parks and Recreation and Tucson Audubon Society, with funding from Arizona Game and Fish Department's Heritage Fund. To view an online version of the map visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parks. For more information about birding in Tucson and the Tucson Audubon Society, visit www.tucsonaudubon.org or contact Kendall Kroesen at 520-209-1806.

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If participants require an accommodation or materials in accessible format or require a foreign language interpreter or materials in a language other than English for any event, please call Tucson Parks and Recreation, 791-4873, at least five business days in advance

TUCSON MEET YOUR BIRDS

FEBRUARY 13, 2016 7 AM-2 PM

COME AND MEET YOUR BIRDS at Sweetwater Wetlands!

2617 W Sweetwater Dr, Tucson, Arizona 85705

We'll make it easy for you! Stroll 20 acres of tree-lined paths and ponds with experts pointing out the birds for you. How many people can we get out to the wetlands this day? Come find out and learn what Tucson Audubon can do for you and the birds!

tucsonaudubon.org/tucsonmeetyourbirds

#TucsonMeetYourBirds #SweetwaterWetlands

Presented by



• **No binoculars needed to participate!**

- Birding experts on hand to show you wild birds!
- Kids and family birding activities
- Come see live hawks and owls
- Food Trucks

Make it more fun!

- Bring a child, friend or neighbor that's new to birding
- Bring a birder that has just moved to Tucson
- Bring someone that has never been to Sweetwater Wetlands
- Bring someone that does not know about Tucson Audubon

Common Yellowthroat, David Quanrud

Red-winged Blackbird, David Quanrud; Great Egret, David Quanrud; Ducks, Lois Manowitz; Young Birders walk, Chrissy Kondrat-Smith; Sweetwater Wetlands Gazebo, Kendall Kroesen