

AWF Newsletter

MARCH 2009

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2009 – 7:30 pm
Manzano Mesa Center (map p8)

PROGRAM: Attracting Birds to Your Backyard
GUEST SPEAKER: Barbara May, Wild Birds Unlimited

Want to attract birds into your yard? Not sure what birds you already have? Wondering what you should feed the birds? Don't know what feeders to use? What about water? How about flowers and plants?

Answers to these questions and more will be shared by our Guest Speaker for March, so come learn about the wonders of backyard birding. Join the millions of others of all ages who delight in the beauty of our feathered friends. Enjoy the tranquility of watching goldfinches at your window as you sip morning tea, thrill in viewing robins delighting in your birdbath, revel in the wonder of a beautiful hummingbird sipping nectar from your flowers. Learn how you can turn your yard into a colorful, fun, exciting bird habitat that will bring endless hours of pleasure to all!

Barbara May is a transplant from Maryland who loves New Mexico's blue skies, beautiful sunrises, extraordinary sunsets, double rainbows and marvelous mountains. A lover of the outdoors, she is a Master Gardener tending to flowering plants in her own space as well as other yards. In addition to being a "backyard bird speaker," Barbara is also a dog lover extraordinaire and owner of four-leggers Wookie, Finbar and Bear.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Hubert's
NOTABLE QUOTE
of the month

"It was the right thing to do. It had to be protected and made available for future generations — and it was worth all the effort."

*— Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan,
Jan 2009, when presented an award
for his efforts to protect the Valle Vidal*

Connectivity...disturbances move through the different parts of a system. What people don't realize about connectivity is that it's not always good. Just as too few connections between units of a system can make it respond too slowly, too much connectivity can be a liability, where sudden catastrophic events can cascade into systemic collapse.

— Thomas Homer-Dixon in an interview for *Seed Magazine*, Feb 2009

This observation by Homer-Dixon in my new favorite magazine started me thinking about action and reaction...the "ripple effect." As residents in a community, a society, an environment, we may sense the complex connectedness of social and ecological systems. But we can't accurately anticipate how these systems will respond to changes in use:

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human beings continually force complex ecosystems to cope with intrusive disturbances. With each intrusion, diversity and sustainability are threatened. We may innocently hope for equilibrium to prevail despite the damage. At best we work to mitigate negative impacts— at worst, we ignore the mayhem that ensues.

With the connectivity that characterizes our world, what we do today may affect a critical habitat tomorrow, nearby or far away...ripples. Just as small missteps can be compounded into catastrophes, so too might individual good works, thoughtful decisions, and rational be-

haviors multiply into successes. Rather than passively awaiting a “systemic collapse,” we can act to engender new life in little, local ways.

This, in part, is how I think of AWF’s projects. The scale may be small, but the intent is huge. We do make a difference, each project contributes—and you can so easily be part of it. I hope that, as members and friends of AWF, we choose our actions not only for ourselves but also for the multitude of interconnected communities which we live within. Think ripples.

— Glenda Muirhead

TEAM UP FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT

CEDRO CREEK — SATURDAY, MARCH 21

THE PLACE: Cedro Creek is one of the major drainages that feed Tijeras Creek, which forms the canyon between the Sandia and Manzano Mountains through which I-40 runs. AWF has been working on restoring Cedro Creek for several years now and our efforts are paying off. More water is staying in the system, wetting meadows and benefiting wildlife instead of running quickly down the channel.

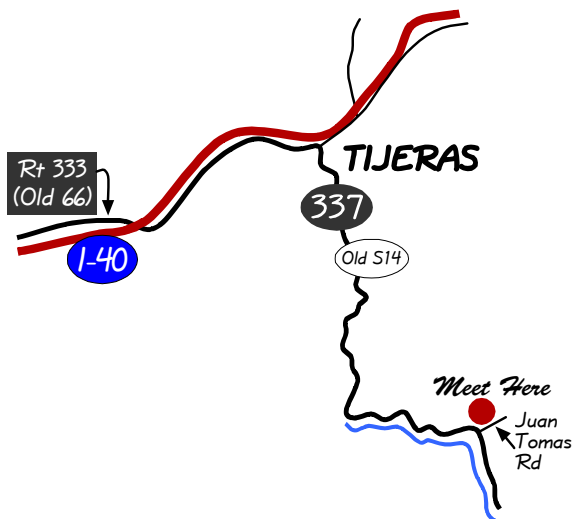
MEET AT: Boundary Reach, same place as last year, about 5 miles south of Tijeras. Park on Juan Thomas at the intersection with Old South 14. We will cross the highway to access the creek.

START TIME: 9:00 am **END TIME:** 3:30 pm

THE PROJECT: We will build 18 rock structures including one rock dams and baffles; plant rooted stock and cuttings; and, with Forest Service assistance, cut and pile invasive elms and junipers. A certified chainsaw operator will do the cutting, and volunteers will do the piling. The planting and piling are good projects for kids. We may also do maintenance on older structures on Cedro Creek and possibly Sabino. Forest Service will provide plant materials and some labor.

MEALS: Volunteers, please bring your own lunch. AWF will have drinks and snacks for participants.

CONTACT: Glenda Muirhead at 505-281-2925 or g.muirhead@usfamily.net to sign up.



2009 AWF PROJECTS

February 21	Los Padillas Wildlife Sanctuary at Los Padillas Elem. School (ABQ South Valley)
March 21	Cedro Creek (East Mountains)
April 17-19	Cebolla Canyon I
May 15-17	Limestone Canyon
June 19-21	Rio de las Vacas
July 18-20	Valle Vidal
August 14-16	Valles Caldera National Preserve
September	Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration at Stewart Meadows—Carson NF
October 16-18	Cebolla Canyon II
November 7	Albuquerque Trails

PLEASE RSVP BY
THURSDAY, MARCH 19

ALDO LEOPOLD FOREST PLANTING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

As part of the Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration, AWF joined Roots & Shoots for the first official tree planting at the **ALDO LEOPOLD FOREST** within the Rio Grande Valley State Park. Ray Powell's R&S group of children and parents numbered over 60, and everyone enjoyed a preliminary educational talk by Open Space's Bill Pentler about Aldo Leopold, as well as tips for safe and effective pole planting.

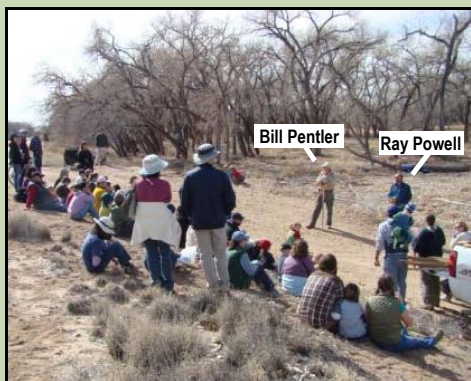
Our thanks to the City of Albuquerque, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and Open Space's Forester Martin Martinez and his crew for their efforts to make the **FOREST** a reality.

A reception at 1:00 pm at the Open Space Visitor Center celebrated the establishment of the **ALDO LEOPOLD FOREST**, and at 3:00 many of the officials and dignitaries in attendance also made their way to the planting site for a dedication ceremony and unveiling of the official signpost along the paved Bosque path.

(Congratulations to Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration Co-coordinators Dara Johnson and Sheryl Russell, as well as committee Co-Chair Tony Anella, for their flawless execution of the reception and dedication ceremony!)

Thank you to these AWF planting participants:

Carol Stoller, Nancy Carrillo and son Ian, Cliff & Joyce Mendel and their daughter Susan Cooley with husband Jim and children Rory, Taran, and Aidan, Linda Patterson, Glenda Muirhead, Gene Tatum, and Pat Hester.



Kids and parents are greeted by Ray Powell, with the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots program, and Bill Pentler, Open Space Division's Educational Coordinator.

TATUM/HESTER



Ian and Nancy Carrillo use a hand auger to reach the water table in a planting hole, as Glenda Muirhead readies a cottonwood pole.

TATUM/HESTER



Below: Enjoying a break for the delicious lunch provided by our hosts at Los Padillas Elementary School (clockwise from left: Ian Carrillo, Nancy Carrillo, Karen Orloff, Bob Tilley, and David Wilson)

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LOS PADILLAS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Fifteen AWF volunteers joined some 20 members of the Los Padillas Elementary School community – staff, students, residents – for a day of clean-up at the Wildlife Sanctuary located adjacent to the school. While many raked and removed debris such as tumbleweeds, AWFers attacked plants identified by Mike Chavez as invasive and non-native, notably perennial pepperweed and spiny aster. For many of us, this was a true learning experience in distinguishing “friend” from “foe.” Thankfully, desirable flowers such as scarlet globemallow were pointed out and saved from zealously-wielded trowels and shovels.

The Sanctuary is impressive in its appearance, use, and goals, and many of the AWF crew are already contemplating future visits.

From an Information Sheet: The Los Padillas Wildlife Sanctuary and Wetlands opened in 1993 and consists of a five-acre natural habitat, an outdoor classroom, and a “constructed wetlands” that processed school wastewater until 2008, when the school was connected to a sewer system and the wetlands was disconnected and disabled.

Active use of the Wildlife Sanctuary by all staff is an essential part of the educational experience at Los Padillas Elementary School and presents a potent opportunity for providing environmental education to students from the school and the area.

A Thank-You from Sara Keeney, Principal

The day of community support for our work was so important to the school and our efforts. The energy and enthusiasm, along with the interest and care that people brought, were inspiring. I hope we can continue to build a strong working relationship. Thanks so much to everyone.

Thank you to these AWF noxious weed battlers:

Michael Scialdone, Ann Ahlander, Jim Wilson, Bob Tilley, Karen Orloff, Laurie Marnell, David Wilson, Mike Chavez, Gene Tatum, Pat Hester, Carl and Marilyn Weik, Glenda Muirhead, and Nancy Carrillo and son Ian.

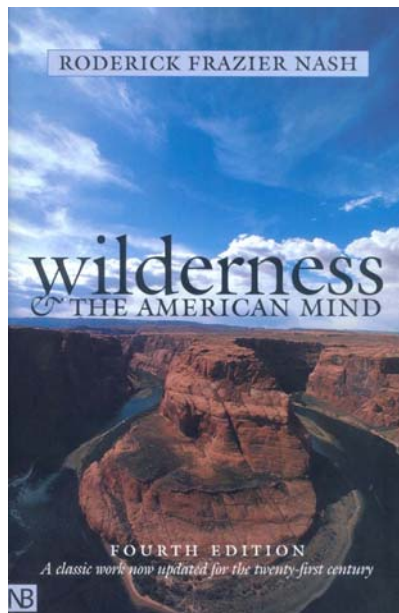


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PHOTOS BY MIKE CHAVEZ

the Aldo Leopold centennial celebration 2009

A Wilderness Conservation Perspective
presented by
Roderick Nash & Dave Foreman
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Budagher Hall, Bosque School

 4000 Learning Road NW, Albuquerque
 (One block south of Coors & Montano intersection)

In 2009 we mark the 100 year anniversary of Aldo Leopold's arrival in the Southwest and the beginning of his career in the USDA Forest Service. The events on March 12 will note Leopold's contribution to wilderness preservation and carry the vital role of wilderness conservation into today's environment.

Roderick Nash is Professor Emeritus of History and Environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Professor Nash is best known for his breakthrough book, ***Wilderness and the American Mind***, in which he argues that wilderness is a basic ingredient of American civilization and has profoundly affected the development of the country and the formation of a national character. Nash integrates the history of the environmental movement with the role of the federal government and pays special tribute to Aldo Leopold who campaigned for a policy of wilderness preservation in the National Forest system.

Nash will be joined by Dave Foreman, conservationist, writer, environmental historian and founder of the Wildlands Project and the Rewilding Institute. Foreman has been involved in wilderness protection since 1971, formulating policy and founding organizations that have laid some of the groundwork for "continental-scale conservation in North America."

For Students 1:45 – 3:15 pm

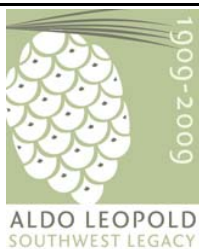
An afternoon of wilderness education and enlightenment for middle and high schools students, as well as college students interested in conservation, wilderness and adventure. Students will have the opportunity to present questions to the speakers. (Teachers, please contact us in advance with group size. For possible Bosque School bus transportation funding contact Kimi Scheerer at ksche@bosqueschool.org.)

For Everyone 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Nash and Foreman for their presentations and discussion regarding the history and future of wilderness protection.

Join us for an extraordinary opportunity to listen to and converse with two of the finest minds in the wilderness conservation movement today!

For additional information: Sheryl Russell, 505-690-9661, srussell@live.com



THE GREEN CONSUMER

By Gene Tatum

Interestingly, some of our behaviors which contribute to the carbon foot print also negatively impact migratory birds. The following is excerpted from an article found at <http://www.nwf.org/NationalWildlife/article.cfm?issueID=126&articleID=1668>. It explains how our demand for fresh fruits and vegetables imported from Central and South America is contributing to declines in migratory song birds.

GREEN CONSUMER

Put a Songbird on Your Shopping List

By Bridget Stutchbur, a biology professor at York University in Toronto, Canada. Her most recent book is **Silence of the Songbirds** (Walker & Company, 2007)

The populations of about a third of the 100 or so species of Neotropical migratory songbirds that breed in North America have plummeted by more than 30 percent over the past 40 years, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Breeding Bird Survey. And sadly, the imported fruits and vegetables many of us buy at this time of year are partly to blame for the declines.

In countries such as Guatemala, Honduras and Ecuador, crops are commonly sprayed with chemicals, rated as Class I toxins by the World Health Organization, are in common use re considered while they are "restricted-use" pesticides or are banned altogether in the United States. A single application of a highly toxic pesticide such as carbofuran can kill as many as 25 songbirds per acre.

Though many of us will never see fields of melons in Guatemala or the bright red berries on coffee plants in Mexico, the thrushes, warblers and swallows that we welcome in our backyards during part of the year experience both worlds. Their lives are impacted by environmental changes on the same huge geographic scale that can affect our own lives, and they reveal environmental threats that most of us cannot see unfolding in faraway countries. That's why songbirds remain at the top of my shopping list, and might belong on your list too.

I would recommend you take the time to read this article. If you do not have time please consider the following **Songbird-Friendly Shopping Tips**:

- To discourage use of dangerous pesticides, avoid fruits and vegetables imported from Latin America unless they are labeled "organic."
- Buy shade-grown coffee that is organic and fair-traded to help increase tropical forest acreage for wildlife and encourage sustainable farming practices. For more, see www.nwf.org/birdsandglobalwarming.
- Promote sustainable logging practices that safeguard habitat by buying wood and paper products made from timber harvested in forests certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. See www.nwf.org/forests.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COLLARS FIRST WILD JAGUAR IN UNITED STATES

News Media — Feb 19, 2009 — Excerpt

Jaguar conservation has just experienced an exciting development with the capture and collaring of the first wild jaguar in Arizona by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The male cat was incidentally captured [February 18] in an area southwest of Tucson during a research study aimed at monitoring habitat connectivity for mountain lions and black bears. While individual jaguars have been photographed sporadically in the borderland area of the state over the past years, the area where this animal was captured was outside of the area where the last known jaguar photograph was taken in January.

The jaguar was fitted with a satellite tracking collar and then released. The collar will provide biologists with location points every three hours. Early tracking indicates that the cat is doing well and has already travelled more than three miles from the capture site.

The data produced by the collar will shed light on a little-studied population segment of this species that uses southern Arizona and New Mexico as the northern extent of its range.

"While we didn't set out to collar a jaguar as part of the mountain lion and bear research project, we took advantage of an important opportunity," says Terry Johnson, endangered species coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "More than 10 years ago, Game and Fish attempted to collar a jaguar with no success. Since then, we've established handling protocols in case we inadvertently captured a jaguar in the course of one of our other wildlife management activities."

The jaguar plan, which was created in consultation with other leading jaguar experts, includes a protocol for capture, sedation and handling in the event a cat was captured.

Biologists are currently working on an identification analysis to determine if the collared jaguar is Macho B, a male cat that has been photographed by trail cameras periodically over the past 13 years.



RENEWED MEMBERS

Beverly deGruyter
Dale Hall
Jim & Margie Hubert
Linda Patterson
Ray Powell
Toby Rosenblatt

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE — FEB 27

Below are brief notes from Brian Gleadle on a few of the bills being tracked by the Department of Game & Fish during this 60-day session which may interest AWF members. A more detailed review of pertinent bills can be made by logging onto <http://www.legis.state.nm.us/>.

HB 11: VALLES CALDERA ELK LICENSES (Wallace)

This amendment will direct the Director of the Department of Game and Fish to issue between 15 to 20 bull elk authorizations each year to the Valles Caldera National Preserve separate from the current lottery system allocation. The Valles Caldera National Preserve board would determine the process in which the authorizations would be issued and all money collected would be retained by the Preserve.

- **1/21/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the Health and Government Affairs Committee.
- **1/27/09** – Bill received a “Do Pass” in Health and Government Affairs and now goes to the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee.
- **2/9/09** – Bill was amended and received a “Do Pass” in House Energy & Natural Resources Committee, now goes to House Floor. Amended version changed the number of bull elk authorizations issued to the Valles Caldera National Preserve to between 15 to 25 PERCENT, instead of a set number.
- **2/11/09** – Passed House (44-22), now goes to the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 143: GAME & FISH PENALTY ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

(Barela) – Amending the Penalty Assessment Statute that will create three new criteria for which a penalty assessment citation can be issued by Game and Fish officers. These include Upland game rule infractions; Waterfowl rule infractions; and Manner and Method infractions. This is a Department sponsored bill.

- **1/21/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee.
- **2/2/09** – Bill received a “Do Pass” in the House Energy & Natural Resources and now goes to the House Judiciary Committee.
- **2/6/09** – Bill received “Do Pass” from House Judiciary and now goes to the house floor.

HB 163: CRIMINAL TRESPASS NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

(Vaughn) – Amending the posting and notice requirements for criminal trespass. Current posting requirements for private property to prevent trespass will be replaced with a requirement for the property owner to provide notice that trespass or entry onto the property is forbidden without permission of the landowner. Under the committee substitute of HB 163 being considered March 3, a single sign at the entrance to a ranch would serve as a no-trespassing notice. An unmarked fence would also serve as a no-trespassing notice.

- **1/22/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee.
- **3/3/09** – Committee substitute Bill being considered by House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee.

HB 604 - STATE GAME COMMISSION MEMBER ELECTIONS

(Tripp) – Changes the selection of State Game Commissioners from an appointed position by the Governor to an elected official determined through the Primary Election process.

- **2/4/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

HB 875 – GAME HUNTING OUTFITTER REQUIREMENTS

(Garcia) – Removes the experience prerequisite that required a person to be a New Mexico registered guide for at least 3 years before becoming a registered outfitter.

- **2/19/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the House Business & Industry Committee.

SB 379: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE REGULATIONS (Griego)

Among other changes to the Off-highway Vehicle Act, the significant amendment would move the responsible agency designation for oversight of the OHV Act from the Department of Tourism to the Department of Game and Fish.

- **2/26/09** – Bill received a “Do Not Pass” as written. The Senate Judiciary committee substituted a new version that retained the transfer of oversight to the Department of Game and Fish; the changes included increasing the cost of the permit and removing reference to a parent or guardian who allows a child to operate an OHV.

SB 391 – LANDOWNER TAKINGS OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

(M. Sanchez) – Amending the Depredation Statute to provide for landowner takings of covered species or predators that threaten human life or property; establish process for handling depredation complaints; and establish new alternatives for resolving damage complaints, including compensation.

- **1/30/09** – Bill introduced and assigned to the Senate Public Affairs Committee.
- **2/17/09** – Bill was amended and received a “Do Pass” from Senate Public Affairs. The amendment reduced the number of hours a landowner has to contact the Department after killing a protected species from twenty-four to four and added requirements that if the species taken can be used for human consumption, then the landowner must take appropriate steps to field dress the animal. The bill now goes to Senate Judiciary.

SM 32 – VALLES CALDERA MANAGEMENT HEARINGS

(Eichenberg) – (Same as SJM 49) Urges congress to hold hearings as soon as possible on the establishment of a new management system for the Valles Caldera national preserve, in which the United States forest service, the national park service or the United States fish and wildlife service provide management to improve responsible public access, expand hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities for the public and place the Valles Caldera national preserve on firm financial footing so that present and future generations can enjoy and experience this spectacular place and benefits to the economy can be fully realized.

- **2/19/09** – Memorial introduced and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

NEW MEXICO'S 60-DAY 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS AT NOON ON MARCH 21.



What Do You Do If You See A Coyote?

Don't panic. Most coyotes will leave an area once they realize you are there. In some cases coyotes will have lost their fear of humans and may not readily leave an area. If this occurs, make it known that the coyote is not welcome. Make loud noises (shouting, clapping hands, etc.) or throw rocks in the direction of the coyote to scare it away. If a coyote approaches you—**do not run**. Maintain eye contact and make yourself appear larger. Try to move to an area with more activity.

Coyotes in Albuquerque

Enjoy Albuquerque's coyotes at a distance. Most coyote attacks and bites occur when people try to feed wild coyotes or treat them like domestic animals. The following are some steps you can take to reduce human/coyote conflict.

- **DO NOT FEED COYOTES!** Most incidents of coyotes biting or attacking humans have resulted from the coyote being fed.
- Albuquerque is a dry climate. Eliminate any water sources coyotes may use.
- Bird feeders should be placed in areas inaccessible to coyotes. Coyotes will not only eat the seed, but they will also be attracted to the birds and small mammals that come to the feeders.
- Do not discard garbage in areas accessible to coyotes. Keep garbage in secure containers, and do not move trash to the curb until the morning of your scheduled pickup day.
- Feed pets indoors if possible. If feeding outdoors, pick up any leftovers. Store pet food in areas inaccessible to coyotes.
- Do not allow small pets to run free. Keep large dogs indoors at night.
- Walk your pets on a leash. Avoid brushy or overgrown areas where coyotes may be hidden.
- Spay/neuter your dogs. Keep your pets current on vaccinations.
- Do not leave small children unattended in areas coyotes are known to frequent. Teach children that coyotes are not domestic dogs and should be observed from a distance. Tell children to tell an adult if they see a coyote.
- If you see coyotes in your area, discourage them from visiting. Scare them away by shouting, making loud noises, or throwing rocks.
- Fencing may help keep coyotes from visiting your yard. A fence should be more than six feet high, with the bottom extending below the ground. Coyotes are excellent jumpers and diggers. Remember, no fence is necessarily coyote proof.

— City of Albuquerque website / "Urban Wildlife"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community / Citizen Watershed Group Meeting — Albuquerque, March 26

Please join us for a meeting focused on Citizen Watershed Groups in New Mexico on March 26, 2009, from 10-3:30, at the Albuquerque BLM office, 435 Montano Road NE. After the New Mexico Watershed Forum last year, feedback indicated a need for a meeting of New Mexico community watershed groups. Please bring a lunch and fresh ideas for collaboration! Some limited funds are available for those who travel more than 200 miles round trip.

The meeting gives community-based watershed groups a chance to collaborate around their specific needs and identify common goals. The meeting will explore issues such as (1) what are the two hot topics for your group this year?, and (2) what are some tangible goals that community watershed groups can address together?

We hope you can join us! Please RSVP by March 20 to Richard Schrader at rich@riversource.net to reserve your place. (The meeting size will be limited, and participation may be limited to one staff person per organization – attendance is based on a first come, first served basis).

— The Watershed Forum Committee

CITY OPEN SPACE — VISITOR CENTER

505-897-8831 | openspace@cabq.gov | www.cabq.gov/openspace

Coyote Talk

March 14 | 10 am – 11:30 am

Mike Bochnia's personal experience as a tracker has led him to an appreciation for all creatures including coyote. Mike will speak about the coyote's role in the web of life. He will consider both coyote's dietary needs as an omnivore, and how coyote plays into the cultural heritage of the Southwest.

Adult Beginning Birding, Part I — Overview

March 7th | 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Adult Beginning Birding, Part II — Field

March 8th | 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Please call ahead to register.

Biologist, naturalist and birder Elsa Bumstead will teach you to identify birds by sight and sound, to use a field guide, and to recognize the different habitats where they can be found.

Amateur Bird Hike

March 28th & 29th | 8:30 am - 10:30 am

10 years old and above

The bird hike is for individuals who already have a general knowledge of birding but are still in the learning phase. Continue your learning from the March 7th & 8th workshops or meet us for a refresher course! Nancy Kassner will guide you into the bosque and help you to expand your birding experience. Please bring binoculars, favorite birding field guide, and water.

Nancy Kassner has birded around the world for many years and is passionate about sharing her love and knowledge of our local species.

Guided Bosque Nature Walk

Now is the time to reserve for April 5th

7:30 – 9:00 AM FREE

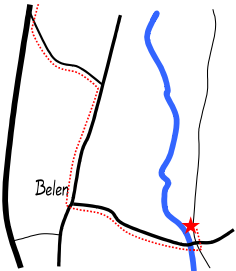
Join our naturalists *the first Sunday of every month* for a walk into the riverside forest that so many of us pass on our way through the city. Come away with a new perspective on an interurban treasure. Please call to reserve a spot – the walks fill quickly and are limited to 20 people, age 7 and older. Sunflower Market hosts the walk with coffee and refreshments.

WHITFIELD WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA PLANTING DAY — SATURDAY, MARCH 7

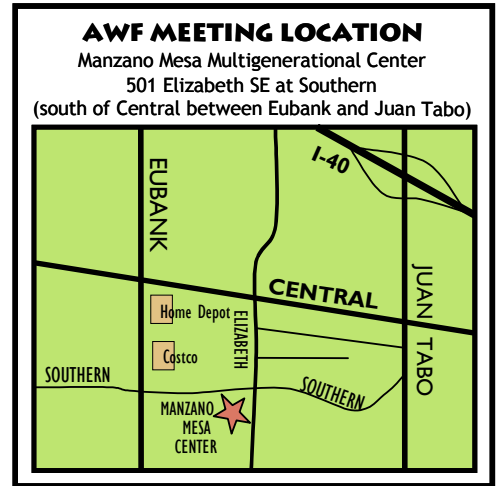
Charlie Sanchez, Chairman of the Valencia County Soil & Water Conservation Board, invites everyone to a Day of Planting at Whitfield Wildlife Area near Belen. They've got 250+ plants of 30 different species to get into the ground at the Arboretum, plus grasses and forbs. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring along a shovel and 5-gallon bucket if you can.

Charlie and a large group of dedicated volunteers have already planted more than 3,000 trees in the area along the bosque. They've dug a pond, begun a list of birds and other animals they've observed and laid a foundation for what they expect will be a major educational and conservation facility in the state.

DIRECTIONS: From I-25 south take first Belen exit and go ~2 miles on I-25 Bypass Road which merges with N. Main St. just after Walmart. Take N. Main St. through Belen. Just past McDonald's get into left turning lanes for next traffic light at Reinken Rd. Turn left and head east on Reinken/River Road, go to light after bridge across the Rio Grande and be ready in left hand lane to turn left on Hwy 47. After turning, go ~1 mile to WWCA entrance on left or west side of road and enter through first set of green gates. Call 505-310-1470 for info.



LET ME KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO!
Glenda Muirhead — 505-281-2925 — g.muirhead@usfamily.net



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS	
APRIL 9	"Let's Talk Turkeys": Calling, Hunting, Biology — New Mexico Style • Bill Zeedyk, Zeedyk Ecological Consulting & AWF Board Member
MAY 14	"Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve – A Wildlife Photo Adventure" • Kirk Gadzia, Resource Management Services & Tamara Gadzia, Quivira Coalition
JUNE 11	Rio Grande Community Farm —Enjoy a tour and program • Susan Smith, Education and Outreach Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION, PO BOX 1234, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103

An affiliate of New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Please choose between **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** or **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP**. **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** does **not** include membership in NMWF. **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** includes **one** voting membership in NMWF. For Family Membership, if a second person* desires NMWF voting rights, an additional \$10 payment is required.

➔ **PLEASE ✓ ONE :** **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** ↴

Designate NMWF member(s*) _____

name(s) _____

address _____

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phone _____ email _____

Gift membership from: _____

✓ MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Student [under 18]..... \$10	← [AWF Membership Only]
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual..... \$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family..... \$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining..... \$50-\$99	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron..... \$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime..... \$500	← [One-time Payment]

Dues \$ _____
 *Second NMWF Member \$10 _____
 Contribution \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____