



Hawks Aloft Member Tour Birding Southern Arizona

May 22-27, 2022

With **Felipe Guerrero**, Arizona Birding Tours
And **Gail Garber**, Hawks Aloft, Inc.

\$1350 per person, all inclusive from Tucson or Patagonia, AZ*

**Trip is Available only to Red-tailed Hawk
or higher membership levels!**

Trip is limited to 5 guests only!

Depart Tucson the afternoon of May 22, and travel by van to Patagonia, Arizona, where we will be based at the Spirit Tree Inn (<https://www.spiritreeinn.com/>). The Inn sits on 52 private acres along one of Southern Arizona's high desert creeks in the heart of the Coronado National Forest, outside of the small town of Patagonia. Breakfast is included every day along with one special gourmet barbeque dinner night prepared by our hosts. Snacks and bottled water will be provided.

The famous Madrean Sky Islands – where Sonora meets Arizona and isolated mountains harboring woodlands and forests tower above desert valleys like an island archipelago reaching north from the Mexican highlands. This region is the northern limit of dozens of specialty birds more common in Mexico and further south. We'll look for range restricted specialties like Buff-collared Nightjar, Blue-throated Mountain Gem, Lucifer Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Gray Hawk, Short-tailed Hawk, Whiskered Screech-Owl, Elegant Trogon, Rose-throated Becard, Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Buff-breasted Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Thick-billed Kingbird, Botteri's Sparrow, Five-striped Sparrow, Yellow-eyed Junco, and Rufous-capped Warbler. Other southwestern specialties include Montezuma Quail, Green Kingfisher and Varied Bunting. Rarities include Eared Quetzal, Least Grebe, Plain-capped Starthroat, Berylline Hummingbird, White-eared Hummingbird, Gray-collared Becard, Tufted Flycatcher, Yellow-green Vireo, Sinaloa Wren, Blue Mockingbird, Aztec Thrush, Rufous-backed Robin, Streak-backed Oriole, Crescent-chested Warbler, Tropical Parula, Fan-tailed Warbler, Slate-throated Redstart, Flame-colored Tanager, and Yellow Grosbeak.



Each ½ day outing will depend on the expertise and knowledge of specialty bird locations by Felipe Guerrero, our private guide for this small, exclusive group outing. <http://arizonabirdingtours.com>

Possible locations include:

Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

Huachuca Mountains

Sonoita Creek

Patagonia Lake State Park

Patagonia Mountains

San Rafael Valley

Santa Rita Mountains

Santa Cruz River (Tubac)

Spend your afternoons on the verdant acreage of the Spirit Tree Inn, wandering their expansive grounds, photographing local birds, meeting the resident horses, or just watching hummingbirds at the many feeders on site.



Felipe began birding in Arizona 15 years ago as a bright-eyed college student studying natural history and ecology in Prescott, AZ. He was fortunate to have the guidance of a professor madly in love with the natural world and especially birds. The more he learned about birds the more he discovered about himself and his passion for exploring the amazing world around us and sharing that experience with others. Through years of field work, graduate school, non-profit adventures, and what has been a particularly wonderful 5 years of poking around the most remote and under-birded corners of the state, Arizona Birding Tours was born in 2018. Felipe loves birds and sharing the excitement and good times of birding with his clients. Birding with Felipe isn't just about seeking Arizona's specialty birds, it's about celebrating the astonishingly diverse biological treasure that is Arizona.

Felipe is currently a member of the Arizona Bird Committee, and an eBird reviewer for Yavapai, Navajo, and Apache Counties. In the past he has served as Field Expeditions Chair and board member for Arizona Field Ornithologists, as well as board member for Prescott Audubon Society.

Gail Garber, Executive Director discovered her passion for birds over 30 years ago. She has dedicated her life to avian studies, education, and other aspects of Hawks Aloft., has traveled much of the U.S. as well as Canada, Venezuela, Honduras, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, and Tanzania. She has lead birding tours to New Zealand, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Peru, and Guatemala. Garber is a popular speaker for adult programs at birding festivals in New Mexico and Colorado where she regularly leads raptor tours, sharing her love of birding and conservation.



Traveler notes: Transportation is in vans and this is a moderate activity level tour. You will be hiking, walking, and standing in uneven terrain. Wear comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing; bring water, sun protection, binoculars, camera, and anything you need to be comfortable such as trekking poles, etc.

***Pricing:** Cost includes meals at local restaurants, accommodations, and itinerary activities. Does not include airfare, tips, alcoholic beverages, or incidental expenditures (e.g. souvenirs). Cost based on double occupancy: \$1350.00. Deposit: \$400 (due at registration). **Please visit <http://hawkaloft.org/member-events/> for registration and more information.**

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