

Kathe Anderson Birding Seminars At Casa de San Pedro

Sept 8-10, 2023: What's in a Bird's Name?/Migration To and Fro

This is a full weekend program focusing on birds morning and evening, with afternoons free to relax at la Casa or explore the many natural and cultural resources of the area.

On the first evening, we'll answer the question *What's in a name?* At least, what's in some bird names – with a random selection of well-named, poorly-named and people-named species, with some nicknames and historical names. On Saturday, we'll look at bird migration generally, with some emphasis on the fall phenomena, which can be quite different from spring migration. Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

Friday, Sept 8:

- **5-5:30pm** – *Early Bird Bonus!* Feeder watch (meet in the dining room).
- **6-7pm** – dinner on your own or bring dinner and eat with Kathe and other participants in the dining room.
- **7pm – What's in a Bird's Name?** In an interactive presentation, we'll explore the wide variety of bird names, and some little-known biographies of the people whose names are part of our bird lexicon. We'll briefly broach changing names for some thoughtful ideas: what might a bird call itself?

Saturday, Sept 9:

- **6:15-7:30am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander around la Casa to see what's showing up at the feeders and immediate environs.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!)** – approximately 3+ hour field trip wandering Brown Canyon Ranch and the lower parts of Carr and Miller Canyons, just to see what we can find – hopefully reflecting some of the names discussed Friday evening.
- **5:15pm** – Depending on Covid concerns, optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- **7pm – Migration To and Fro.** In this interactive class, we'll talk about the remarkable journey of migration and the challenges it presents. We'll consider the differences between the rush north and the more leisurely journey south, plus some observations about the effects of climate change.

Sunday, Sept 10:

- **6:30-7:30am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander in the area around la Casa to look for whatever shows up.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3+ hour field trip: we'll head to Fairbank, AZ (about 50 min. away) to wander the shady trails there on a different section of the San Pedro River. We can hope to add to our list of birds, taking note of their names as well as whether they indicate native or migratory species.

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with overview of bird names and migration.

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