

Kathe Anderson's Birding Seminars at

Casa de San Pedro B&B

Nov 11-13, 2022: Ducks/Not Ducks; Waders Big and Small

This is a full weekend program focusing on birds in mornings and evenings, 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 separate waterfowl into two main categories – Ducks and Not Ducks, what makes them different, with a focus on the common varieties found in Arizona in the winter. In class the second evening, we'll look two other groups of birds that frequent Arizona's ponds and marshes: waders (herons and egrets) and shorebirds. Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

Friday, Nov 11:

- **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 – Ducks/Not Ducks.** With a PowerPoint to help point out structural and plumage difference for better species identification, we'll review common waterfowl that are arriving from the north to winter in Arizona.

Saturday, Nov 12:

- **7:15-8am** - *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 to Whitewater Draw, about an hour away where we hope to see a variety of waterfowl discussed in Friday evening's class, as well as Sandhill Cranes, raptors, a variety of songbirds and possibly owls.
- **5:15pm** – Depending on Covid concerns, optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- **7pm – Waders Big and Small.** In this interactive class, we'll talk about egrets, herons, ibis and bitterns, with a few common shorebirds thrown in, for good measure. These species are in Arizona year-round, but more easily seen in winter.

Sunday, Nov 13:

- **7:15-8am** - *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 4+ hour field trip: we'll head to Willcox, AZ (about 90 min. away) and the lakes near the golf course there, as our best chance to see waders and shorebirds mentioned in class. We should also reinforce Friday evening's class on waterfowl, as well as get a possible sighting of Scaled Quail, plus songbirds and Northern Harriers.

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with overview of wintering water birds of many families.