

Kathe Anderson Birding Seminars
At Casa de San Pedro B&B

Oct 8-10, 2021: Woodpeckers and Wrens/Roadrunners and Cuckoos

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 take a close look at woodpeckers and wrens – how they are similar, how they are different, with a focus on 5 common species in Arizona of each family. In class the second evening, we'll learn about the odd bird family that includes roadrunners, cuckoos and anis. Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

Friday, Oct 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 – Woodpeckers and Wrens.** Noisy and conspicuous, woodpeckers and wrens are taken for granted, but they are really remarkable birds. This interactive program will introduce both families of birds and offer some uncommon facts about some AZ species of woodpeckers and wrens.

Saturday, Oct 9:

- **6:45-7:45am** - *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: we'll explore the lower area of Coronado National Memorial which has good habitat for both woodpeckers and wrens. From there, we'll head to Ash Canyon and hope the woodpeckers and wrens will come to us!
- **5:15pm – Optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.**
- **7pm – Roadrunners and Cuckoos:** These species play a significant role in human culture for good reasons—they exhibit extraordinary behavior. With an emphasis on Arizona species, and a peek into this odd family worldwide, this interactive class will explore some unusual anatomy of these birds, what they eat, how they behave, and threats to their populations.

Sunday, Oct 10:

- **7-7:45am** - *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 2.5+ hour field trip: we'll wander the area around the San

Pedro House – a Riparian National Conservation Area. Donations very much appreciated. It's too late for cuckoos, who have a very short nesting season in Arizona, but we can still enjoy whatever might show up.

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with an appreciation of remarkable lives of some birds.