

## **Kathe Anderson Birding Seminars**

### **Casa de San Pedro Programs 2021**

***Plans are subject to change as a result of the pandemic.***

#### **June 11-13, 2021: Red Birds and AZ Specialty Birds**

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. Hummingbird banding may be available to enjoy on Friday, from 4-6pm.

On the first evening, class will highlight ten bird species whose range is generally limited to the far southeast of Arizona – targets of avid birders. We'll talk about the elegant trogon, Arizona woodpecker, dusky-capped and sulfur-bellied flycatchers, rufous-winged and Botteri's sparrows, among others. Some of these species are difficult to identify and difficult to find. Get tips to do both! On the second evening, the focus is on red birds – a romp through some of the most colorful birds on the planet. For birds found in Arizona, we'll probe a little deeper into their natural history. Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

#### **Friday, June 11:**

- **5:30-6pm** – *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 – Southeast AZ Specialty Species.** This interactive class features some must-see birds of the area, many of which can't be seen elsewhere in the United States. We'll talk a bit about their backstory and some little-known facts to enhance our appreciation of these species.

#### **Saturday, June 12:**

- **6-7:30am** - *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 2+ hour field trip to nearby Brown Canyon Ranch (short stop) and Ramsey Canyon (\$5 for Nature Conservancy members, \$8 for others). These visits will allow us to explore two different habitats— the transition zone of Brown Canyon Ranch and lush Ramsey canyon with towering trees. We should see some of the species featured in the evening program.
- **5:15pm – Optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.**
- **7pm – Red Birds.** With a PowerPoint that can't help but be colorful, we'll take a look at birds where red (or scarlet or vermilion) is the unifying theme. Birds living in or visiting Arizona will be the focus, and additional species from around the country and the world will also be featured.

#### **Sunday, June 13:**

- **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!):** An indulgent, relaxing visit to Ash Canyon (\$10), which should be fairly active while we are there. For those who want to walk a bit, we'll continue to Lower Carr Canyon for a short walk there before wrapping up.

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, and an appreciation of the variety of the avian treasures in the San Pedro area.